



THE POWER OF MAKING DISCIPLES

Stay Focused on the Mission

HARVEST BIBLE CHAPEL WEEK 7

Acts 19:21-20:6

In the sermon on Sunday, we learned 3 resolutions that keep us on mission:

- 1. I am determined to make disciples.
2. I am determined to endure opposition.
3. I am determined to encourage believers.

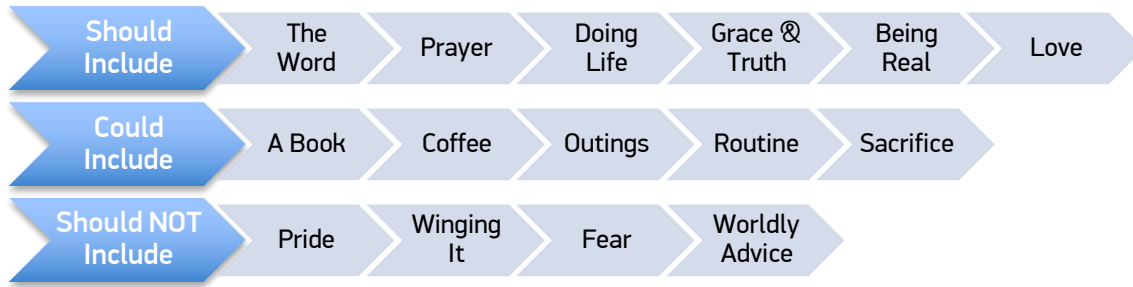
From the passage in Acts we see that Paul remained resolute in his mission in making disciples! The intense and fierce opposition of the riot that Paul and his followers faced did not deter him from the mission. What are some oppositions you have faced in this series as we have learned the power of making disciples? Paul's heart to see other believers stay on mission is evident as he sought to encourage them in person. In what ways can you encourage your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to remain focused on the mission?

Last week we started learning HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES! Remember this is part of our 10-year vision. Harvest desires that all who attend our church would pursue being a quality disciple of Christ. One way to do this is to encourage everyone to intentionally disciple someone for six to twelve months. This will benefit and bless you and the other person spiritually. Step 1: Cast a Compelling Vision and Step 2: Collaborate on Expectations were included in the Pulpit Curriculum last week and we will move on to steps 3 and 4 now.

Step 3: Commit to an Intentional Plan

There are numerous ways a person can go about discipleship, if the focus remains growing into more and deeper spiritual maturity. This happens in so many ways in the Bible. Here is a short list of possibilities (read each passage and describe how discipleship was taking place):

- Titus 2:3-4 - Acts 16:1-5 -
Deut. 6:5-7 - Acts 18:24-26-



Other questions to consider when developing your plan for discipleship: When are we going to meet? How often? Where? How do I need to grow spiritually? What is their next spiritual step? Is this a Paul, Barnabas, or Timothy relationship? Have we taken enough time to pray and seek the Lord about our plan? How are all the "shoulds" (above) incorporated? Which of the "coulds" are going to be included? How can we keep the vision and end goal in mind? Is our plan too allusive or too rigid? Will the plan be refreshing or a burden?

Step 4: Continue to be a Disciple-Maker

2 Timothy 2:2, "And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." The goal is not to strive the next 6 to 12 months, but to thrive in your walk with Christ. As result, both you and them should continue to be disciples, that will make more disciples, who will make disciples, who will make disciples...

Make sure at the end of your discipleship, you take time for rejoicing (what did God do in and through me), reflect (what did God teach me), and recommit to make more disciples (who is next). What makes you most excited about starting a discipleship relationship?