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DISCIPLES **SHIP** **vs.** **DISCIPLE-MAKING:**

Transforming Lives Through a Lifestyle and Not a Program



INTRODUCTION

How to Change the World— Become an Everyday Disciple-Maker

It's a dangerous business, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no telling where you might be swept off to.

Bilbo Baggins said in The Hobbit

Discipleship is a lot like the Hobbit's adventure.

The Goal – A Different Lens for Going Out Your Door

Learn the Mindset, Priority, and Life Approach of Jesus, the Disciple-Maker, who changed the world.

What is Discipleship?

- It starts with Jesus.
- It's commanded by Jesus.

Simple definition: Discipleship is one Christ follower pouring his or her life into others for the growth of the church and the glory of God.

What Discipleship is NOT?

- It is not a part of church ministry.
- It is not a program.
- It is not a completed workbook.
- It is not for just a few Christians.
- It is not about just being involved in church activities.

What are the Principles of the Discipleship Journey? RIPE

- **R**elational
- **I**ntentional
- **P**rogressive
- **E**xperiential

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A Discipleship Course is Different

Not a course to be completed, but a life to live. This course is designed to give you the tools to be a disciple-making as you go out your door every day.

The Art of Disciple-Making



The Skills



The Phases



The Content



The Masterpiece

"As the resurrection is to the Christian faith, so discipleship is to the mission of the church. Without either we labor in vain."

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#1 The Goal of Disciple-Making: The Masterpiece

Reflected the Likeness of Christ

- Acts 2:36-39 - They spoke the words of Christ
- Acts 5:12-16 - They did the works of Christ
- Acts 4:13 - They had the boldness of Christ

Demonstrated wholehearted obedience

- Acts 4:19-22, 5:29 - Obey God rather than man
- Acts 10:9-33 - Cornelius—Overcame tradition

Chose Costly Sacrifice

- Acts 5:41 - Worthy to suffer for Christ
- Acts 12:1-5 - James is martyred

Lived a Passionate, Missional Life

- Acts 1:8 - Christ's charge
- Acts 8:1 - Dispersed throughout the regions

#2 The Skills of Disciple-Making: Learning to use the tools effectively

Skill #1: Change a disciple's worldview

Skill #2: Transfer truth from your life to a disciple's life

How do you instill truth in a young disciple?
Where their Head (Thinks differently), Heart
(Desires to follow), and Will (Choose obedience)

- Modeling
- Instruction
- Teachable Moments

Skill #3: Intentionally move a disciple towards maturity.

Phases: Transition Encounters

- John 4:1-2 – Disciples were baptizing
- Mark 1:16-17 – Drop your nets
- Mark 3:13-19 – Calling the Apostles
- Matt 28:19-20 – Mission of the Church

Skill #4: Live a life that draws them to the gospel.

How to set yourself apart

#3 The Phases of Disciple-Making: Intentional Movement

There were Four Phases (My labels)

- Inviting Phase – 4-6 months
- Modeling Phase – 9 months
- Releasing Phase – 22 months
- Reproducing Phase – The rest of their lives

Each Phase demonstrates growth in...

- Their understanding of Christ and the gospel
- Their commitment to follow him
- Their involvement in ministry

Movement was essential



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There were different purposes for each Phase

Inviting Phase

Turn one's head and heart towards Christ

Modeling Phase

Gives a picture, experience, and hope for fruitful ministry

Releasing Phase

Becomes grounded, equipped, and confident

Reproducing Phase

Stands on their own

As you go... Out your door... Each day...

With eyes open to God's leading...

Change the world!

Pray God will bring someone into your world.

Be courageous, ask them to join you on a discipleship journey.

Be committed and diligent to be used of God.

In the lives of others.

The Content of Disciple-Making: The Gospel

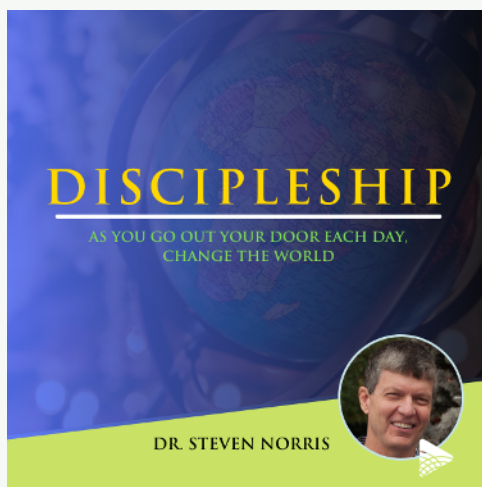
- **A New Relationship**
- **A New Obedience**
- **A New Conflict**
- **A New Assurance**
- **A New Mission**
- **A New Community**

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Discipleship — As You Go Out Your Door Each Day, Change the World

Do you desire to be a more effective disciple-maker? In this course, you will extract discipleship principles from Jesus' mindset, priority, and life approach. In establishing this transformative foundation, you will be equipped with a game plan on making a difference in the world—one life at a time.

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OUR VISION

Developing spiritual leaders in every nation who can teach others about the love of Christ, a love that cannot be earned and cannot be lost.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Having been discipled as a young Christian, **Dr. Steve Norris** experienced first-hand its life-changing difference. Because of this, he has committed to helping other Christ-followers learn to disciple others as his life's passion. He has been a participant, leader, and pastor for over thirty years in the discipleship ministry. His experience spans from the church to the academic setting both in the United States and abroad.

Married to Barb, his best friend and partner-in-life for forty-two years, they have an awesome family together—twin sons, two daughters-in-law, and seven grandchildren. In his free time, Steve enjoys being with his family, reading, watching college football, seeing good movies, and doing underwater photography.

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