

BEYOND CONVERSION: THE CALL TO MAKE DISCIPLES

When Jesus spoke those final words to His disciples on the mountainside, He didn't say, "Go and get people to pray a prayer." He said something far more challenging and beautiful: "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19-20). There's a world of difference between these two approaches. While conversion marks the beginning of someone's journey with Christ, discipleship represents the lifelong adventure of transformation. Yet somehow, in our modern church culture, we've often confused the starting line with the finish line. The truth is, missionaries around the globe understand what many of us are just beginning to rediscover—that real Kingdom work happens in the patient, relational, everyday investment in people's spiritual growth.

The Challenge of Long-Term Commitment

Making disciples isn't glamorous work. It doesn't produce instant statistics or dramatic altar-call moments that fill our social media feeds. Instead, it requires what missionaries have been doing for generations: showing up day after day, year after year, walking alongside people through their doubts, failures, and slow-burning victories. Missionaries in remote villages don't just preach and move on—they learn languages, build relationships, and invest decades helping new believers develop roots that go deep. They face the exhaustion of repeating basic truths, the heartbreak of watching people stumble, and the patience required to see spiritual maturity unfold at God's pace, not ours. This kind of ministry demands everything, and it rarely comes with applause.

The Missionary's Contribution to Lasting Transformation

What missionaries bring to communities goes far beyond initial evangelism. They establish discipleship frameworks that continue producing spiritual fruit long after they're gone. They train local leaders, develop Bible study materials in native languages, and create mentoring relationships that multiply across generations. When a missionary invests five years helping a village elder understand Scripture deeply, that elder then disciples ten others, who each disciple ten more. This is the exponential mathematics of the Great Commission. Missionaries model what it means to pour your life into others without counting the cost, demonstrating that discipleship isn't a program to complete but a lifestyle to embrace. Their contribution isn't measured in conversion numbers but in the depth of spiritual maturity they help cultivate.

How Discipleship Transforms Communities from the Inside Out

When true discipleship takes root, entire communities change. It's not just about individual salvation—it's about Kingdom values permeating families, neighborhoods, and cultures. Disciplined believers don't just attend church; they become agents of reconciliation in broken relationships, voices for justice in corrupt systems, and bearers of hope in desperate situations. Missionaries witness this transformation firsthand: the former gang member who now mentors at-risk youth, the woman who once felt worthless now leading a thriving women's ministry, the community once torn by tribal conflict now unified in Christ. This is what happens when we move beyond decisions to discipleship. These changes don't happen overnight, but they do happen—when someone commits to the long, faithful work of helping others grow.

Your Role in the Mission of Making Disciples

The Great Commission wasn't given only to missionaries or pastors—it was given to all of us. As you reflect on this call to make disciples, consider how your own community needs this long-term, relational investment. Are there new believers in your church who need mentoring? Are there mission fields, both near and far, where patient discipleship work is transforming lives but desperately needs support? Global One80 connects believers like you with missionaries who are doing exactly this work—the unsexy, essential, long-term labor of making disciples who make disciples. Visit GlobalOne80.org today to discover the stories of these faithful servants, learn how their discipleship ministries are changing communities, and prayerfully consider how your financial partnership can help sustain this vital Kingdom work. Because conversion may happen in a moment, but discipleship is the work of a lifetime—and it's a work we're all called to support.



MATTHEW 28:19 (NIV)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

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Exponential Leaders



Rob is a gifted communicator, Bible teacher, author, and playwright. He has been faithfully serving the 12-step recovery community since 2009. Rob's love for Christ, compassion, and enthusiasm to reach and serve the recovery community have led him to impact people in South Africa, the United Kingdom, Puerto Rico, and around the United States. Now, they have accepted God's call to start Christ & Recovery Ministries in NYC. Their focus will be to reach and serve people affected by addiction to Christ while creating programs and services that change lives and transform communities.

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Álar Victoria Mendoza has been a pastor, missionary, teacher, and counselor since 2006. She is part of the Council of the Church of God in the Dominican Republic. Her vision is based on the promotion of cross-cultural and local missions and inner healing. She is also part of Simply Mobilizing as a member of the New Nations team for Equatorial Guinea. In addition, she currently serves as a YWAM teacher in the Discipleship Training and Discipleship Schools and Counseling Schools, and as a pastor.

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Church Planter



Juan Pablo and Asbel Sanchez are a young family focused on planting a church in the North of Saltillo and helping it grow into a mature and faithful congregation. Their ministry is especially directed toward young professionals and their families, a demographic with many spiritual needs and great potential for Gospel impact.

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