

The Disciple-Making Process
Part 4 – Teaching Obedience to All of Christ’s Commands
Matt 28:18-20

Introduction:

- The strategy of teaching Christ’s commands
 1. Is the responsibility of e_____ believer.
 2. No one is to be selective as to w_____ commands to teach. We are to teach a_____ of them.
- Objection – *I am not a teacher. Teaching is not my spiritual gift.*
 1. G_____ is a spiritual gift (Rom 12:8), but that does not mean that those without this gift don’t have to give.
 2. Showing m_____ is a spiritual gift (Rom 12:8), but that does not mean that if we don’t have this gift we don’t ever have to show mercy.
 3. All believers in Christ are called to r_____ to situations that demand a response.
- Teaching all of Christ’s commands completes the three part strategy of making disciples of all the nations. What does this require from you?

Requires Us to Learn Christ’s Commands – to be taught

- The word “disciple” literally means “l_____”
 1. How long are you a disciple of Christ? _____
 2. Therefore we must devote our lifetime to l_____ by being taught.
- Formal learning – hearing God’s word in a church setting (Mk 4:9,23; 7:16; Rev 2:7,11,17,29).
 1. Teacher’s part – to bring disciples face-to-face with God’s w_____
 2. Holy Spirit’s part – to l_____ disciples in lining up their life with God’s word.
 3. Student’s part – to respond in o_____ to the Holy Spirit’s work and God’s word.
- Informal learning – discussing God’s word with others (Col 3:16)
 1. Bible Hour, Wednesday nights – discussion format
 2. Outside of meetings – after church, restaurants, at home, etc
 3. V_____ing God’s word helps us to internalize it.

Requires Us to Live Christ’s Commands – to teach by example

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. – James 1:22

- Christian parents must be role models for their children
 1. Values are c_____ rather than taught
 - a. The philosophy, *Do as I say, not as I do*, is a formula for f_____
 - b. Children are more apt to do as you do, rather than as you say, when your actions and words contradict.
 2. You cannot protect your children from temptation, but you can p_____ them to resist it.
- Believers must model Christ’s commands to each other
 1. C_____ is inevitable in a church family (I Cor 3:3,11,12)
 2. Jesus said in John 13:34 – *By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have l_____ for one another.*
 - a. The Greek word is agape, a love that is uns_____, that always seeks the good of others, that puts other’s good before your own.
 - b. How do we handle conflict, friction, etc within the church family in a loving way?
 - 1) If we are wrong will we r_____?
 - 2) If we are wronged will we f_____?
 - 3) If there is division will we seek to reconcile?

3. How believers act and interact is vital in making disciples – people are watching!

Requires Us to Give Christ's Commands – to teach by explaining

●The commands of Jesus are not for unbelievers, but believers

1. We must give unbelievers the g_____ of Christ
2. We must give believers the c_____ of Christ.

●Teaching the commands of Jesus

1. Does not refer to teaching t_____ (doctrine of God, etc.)
2. Does refer to the words of Jesus that requires a response of o_____
 - a. The commands in the g_____
 - b. The commands in the rest of the New Testament are the words of Jesus preserved by His a_____ and prophets through the Holy Spirit's power (Jn 14:26).
3. The principle behind all the commands of Jesus are:
 - a. To love God f_____ (Matt 22:37-40)
 - b. To love others un_____ as Christ loved us, which goes beyond loving your neighbor as yourself (Jn 13:34)
 - 1) Loving others as yourself still has self in the picture
 - 2) Loving others unselfishly as Christ loved us removes self completely from the picture and puts Christ in it.
4. Teach the commands to believers in violation of those commands.
 - a. Many may be ignorant of Jesus commands and may think what they are doing is fine.
 - 1) Pre-marital sex (Heb 13:4)
 - 2) Fudging on income tax (Matt 22:17-21; Rom 13:7)
 - b. You have an obligation to show them the scriptures (this may require personal research, or for you to ask where the information is)
 - 1) Do not be s_____ in what commands to teach (e.g. avoid uncomfortable subjects)
 - 2) You are to teach _____ His commands
5. Encourage believers to a_____ a Bible-based church
 - a. There are many believers who are not going to church because of a b_____ experience (if everyone ran from conflict, where would the church be?)
 - b. There are many believers who think that as long as they are praying, reading the Bible, and witnessing they don't need a church (If everyone did this, where would the church be?)
 - c. Heb 10:24,25 states that staying away from church is not an option – believers must g_____ together for mutual encouragement.

Conclusion - Are you learning Christ's commands? Are you living them? Are you giving His commands to fellow believers? If you and I do this, it will result in the making of more disciples.