

“DISCIPLES GIVE THEMSELVES AWAY”

Being and Making Disciples

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Jesus brought into CLEAR focus what LOVE looks like.

“FOR GOD SO...LOVED THE WORLD that He **GAVE**!” John 3:16

- When love is self-contained it is not love!
- Being and Making Disciples is only possible when I give my life away to others

JESUS GIVES AWAY WHAT THE FATHER GIVES HIM!

- Jesus gives away what He is receiving from the His Father.

“I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.”
John 15:15 (NKJV)

- Jesus gives his disciples the thoughts / WORD of God

“For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them,
...and they have believed You have sent Me.” “I have given them your word...” John 17:8,14

- Jesus gives his disciples his PRESENCE / HOLY SPIRIT

“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, **I am sending you.**” And with that **he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven;”**
John 20:21-23 (NIV)

I. AS A DISCIPLE / DISCIPLER I’M NOT KEEPING A LAW BUT RESPONDING TO A LOVE

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. John 15:12-15 (NIV)

- Who can I **lay my life down** for this week? _____

II. AS A DISCIPLE / DISCIPLER :JESUS SETS THE EXAMPLE FOR ME AND I SET THE EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS

- Jesus denied Himself pleasures in this world and served others.

“If anyone would come after me, he must **deny himself** and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory Luke 9:23-26 (NIV)

I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, **you will be blessed if you do them.** John 13:15-17 (NIV)

- When was the last time I denied myself?
- Who can I lay down my life for? _____

III. AS A DISCIPLE / DISCIPLER MY GIVING PREACHES THE CLEAREST

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

***By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* John 13:34-35 NIV**

Freely you have received, freely give. Matt 10:8-9 (NIV)

Disciples give themselves away in selfless devotion to those who the Father loves and for those who their Master died!

*I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and **that I myself may be in them.**" John 17:26 (NIV)*

I am never more like Jesus then when I am giving!

How's my giving?_____

IV. AS A DISCIPLE / DISCIPLER IF IT IS 'UP TO ME' IT WILL NEVER BE

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. John 6:53-55 (NIV)

***The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing.* The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe."**

He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him." John 6:63-65 (NIV)

- **I must depend on the HOLY SPIRIT!**

*Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, '**You must be born again.**'*

*The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. **So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.**" John 3:5-8 (NIV)*

"THE WAY IN IS THE WAY ON"