



moving from **TRAVELER** to *guide*

God plans to spread His message to the ends of the earth through His followers, like me. He ordains the ordinary!

As a disciple, I have the privilege and responsibility to influence the growth of others. Not as an expert or “clergy”, but as a guide, always pointing the way to Jesus.

The further I move on this journey, the more I realize my role in God’s work is not about me, but about others.

I was made to reproduce.

Read Matthew 28:16-20 then answer the questions below.

Describe the crowd that gathered at the mountain to meet Jesus?

Jesus said "Go". What does the typical church say to people? Can you explain why?

Jesus' command to "make disciples" is often considered the most overlooked of all of His commands. Why do you think this is?

Do you think Jesus commands us to "make disciples" or to "make disciple making disciples"? Explain your answer.

Fertility follows health. We all know the heartache of couples who struggle to get pregnant. The quest to understand what's wrong is filled with self-doubt and tension. It is natural for a couple to reproduce and when that doesn't happen, most couples suffer terribly.

Jesus gave his "Church", you and I, a command that is reminiscent of the command to Noah and his children. "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth." On the Mount of Olives Jesus said, "As you go into the world, make disciples, spiritually reproduce." As we have seen the sorry state of the church in the western world, God's heart must be terribly crushed at the lack of reproduction. It is the lack of reproduction that prompted Dallas Willard to write the book, "The Great Omission, Reclaiming Jesus' Essential Teachings on Discipleship".

When you think of God's expectation of you reproducing your spiritual journey in the lives of others, what are your primary emotions?

The Bible doesn't leave us in the dark about what reproduction looks like. 2 Timothy 2:2 describes four generations of reproduction. See if you can find all four. Circle them in the verse below.

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. (NIV)

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Paul was a “great-grandfather”. Four generations are accounted for in this verse. The certainty of reproduction is found in your children having children. Just as there is great joy in being a grandparent in the physical world, there is just as much joy connecting with God’s purposes in this world by having grandchildren in the spiritual sense.

Take a look at the verse again. What did Paul ask Timothy to pass on?

Paul says it another way in 1 Thessalonians 2:8,

We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. (NIV)

So reproduction involves sharing _____ and _____.

Paul asks Timothy to do what was done to/for him. Paul shared the truth of the gospel and his life with Timothy and Timothy did the same with others. Moving from traveler to guide is a simple process of doing unto others what was done to us. Taking the truth about Jesus and sharing it in the context of our lives.

Reflect on the people you live, learn, work, and play with. Pray about who you could invite into a discipling relationship. Write your prayer below.

Read Matthew 9:37-38 then complete the 3-part interactive Bible study.

1. Copy the passage "word for word" from your Bible.

2. Write the passage in “your own words” as if you’re telling a friend about it.

3a. Write down what you will do/stop doing as an act of obedience to God’s word.

“ I will...”

3b. Share with a friend or family member (preferably someone who might not have a personal relationship with Jesus) how this specific passage is impacting you. Or, share what God is doing in your life in general. Write their name below.

Continue your exploration...

Engage and obey Bible passages from the Traveler to Guide Reading Plan.

- ☐ Matthew 28:16-20
- ☐ Luke 14:25-33
- ☐ 2 Timothy 2:1-7
- ☐ John 15:1-8
- ☐ Matthew 5:3-12
- ☐ 2 Corinthians 5:16-20
- ☐ Hebrews 5:11-14
- ☐ Matthew 7:21-27

Read “Contagious Disciple Making” by David Watson & Paul Watson.

