



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC The Call to Disciplemaking

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Building on last week's message on discipleship, SP spoke on the call to disciple-making rooted in God's Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20. He reminded us that BBTC'S approach to obeying this commandment lies at the heart of our mission to be a disciple-making church. To live this out, we have to focus on three key areas: Evangelising, Nurturing and Discipling (E.N.D).

THE CALL TO DISCIPLE-MAKING

Jesus's command is for every believer to make disciples, baptise them in the name of the Father and teach them to obey all that Jesus has commanded. God's presence accompanies us as we obey this call, and He has given us the Holy Spirit as our Helper to guide and empower us (John 14:26). From Jesus' example in Mark 3:14-15, we learn two broad principles of disciple-making:

Principle 1: Be With Him (Mark 3:14)

Disciple-making begins with Immersive Discipleship - spending time with God and His Word. Just as the disciples withdrew with Jesus to gain deeper understanding and clarity about God's Kingdom (Mark 4:10), we are also called to create intentional space to be alone with God. In these moments, allow the Holy Spirit to teach, correct and transforms us into Christ's likeness (2 Cor 3:18).

A practical expression of this is participating in the Read40 initiative, reading the Bible together as a community to cultivate consistent time in God's Word.

Principle 2: Be Sent Out (Mark 6:7-13)

Disciples are meant to be doers of the Word and not just hearers. Just like the first disciples who were sent out to preach the Word, we are also sent to do the same. Preaching is not limited to the pulpit – it can be as simple as showing how Jesus has worked in our lives or building genuine relationships that open doors to the gospel. We are called to serve and minister to those around us just like how the disciples were sent to minister to people's needs.

SP also highlighted practical paths for us to step into this "sent out" posture as a church. These include the Leaders Retreat in March 2026, where leaders will be equipped through learning journeys with Christian-owned companies – offering opportunities to witness faith in action in the marketplace; and

missions training for those sensing a call to serve beyond Singapore. These are tangible ways to move from hearing the call to actively participating in the harvest.

These two principles belong together like two sides of the same coin. As we abide in Christ, we grow and mature in Him. As we mature in Him, we will be able to share Him with others. This is also reflected in BBTC's mission: To share Christ as we mature in Him.

CONCLUSION

Our obedience to the call of disciple-making must be motivated by our love for God and sustained by His strength. Jesus reminds us of the urgency of this mission when He says "*The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few*" (Matthew 9:37). As the Lord calls us to arise, abide in Him and be sent out to make disciples, the question remains: Will we heed the call?

QUESTIONS

1. What currently helps or hinders your consistency in spending time with God and His Word? What steps can you take for things that hinder your consistency in spending time with Him?

2. How do you see the balance between “abiding in Christ” (Be With Him) and “sharing Christ” (Be Sent Out) in your spiritual journey? Which side needs strengthening now?

3. Who is God prompting you to reach out to? What are some steps you can take with them this week and regularly?

