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New Message Series: Disciples Who Make Disciples, Pt. 1
Friendship's Purpose: To God by making <u>disciples</u> that represent <u>the gospel</u> to <u>every</u> man, woman, and child.
Matthew 4:19 "Come, follow Me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men."
#1. What Is A Disciple?
A. "Come, Follow Me" - means we recognize and accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and
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Matthew 28:19, 20 " go and make disciples And surely I am with you always"
B. "And I Will Make You" - this is the process of transformation.
2 Corinthians 3:18 "And we, all reflecting the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness"
This Transformation: is at the <u>deepest level</u> of our <u>understanding</u> , <u>affection</u> and <u>will</u> by the <u>Holy Spirit</u> , thru the <u>Word of God</u> , and in <u>relationship</u> with the <u>people of God</u> .
C. "Fishers of Men" - as our acceptance of Jesus begins in the <u>head</u> , and extends to the <u>heart</u> , it leads to a <u>change</u> in <u>what we do</u> with our <u>hands</u> .
<u>2 Corinthians 5:15</u> "He died for all, that those who live might <u>no longer live</u> for themselves, <u>but for Him</u> who <u>for their sake</u> died and was raised."
A True Disciple: Follows Jesus Is Transformed by Jesus Jesus on His Mission
#2. Make Your Move—Where To Start?
A. It's A Process: <u>3 Parts</u> :
* My Part—thing I can do to help a person on their spiritual journey.
* Their Part—there must be a desire and hunger for change.
* <u>God's Part</u> —Resting and learning to be in <u>God's plan</u> and <u>timing</u> and <u>alert</u> and <u>available</u> to opportunities God provides.
B. The 5 Stages of Spiritual Growth:
Level 1: Spiritually Dead—Ephesians 2:1 " dead in your transgressions and sins"
Level 2: <u>Infant</u> — <u>1 Peter 2:2</u> "Like newborn babies, <u>crave</u> pure <u>spiritual milk</u> <u>grow up</u> "
Level 3: Child—1 Thessalonians 2:11 " we dealt with each of you as a father deals with <u>his own</u> children"
Level 4: Young Adult—1 John 2:13 " I write to you young men because you have <u>overcome</u> the <u>evil</u> <u>one</u> "

Level 5: Parent—2 Timothy 2:2 "... entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."

How To Start: Evaluate Yourself—Circle One: Level #1 #2 #3 #4 #5

Colossians 1:28, 29