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# misconceptions about making disciples – 10/31/21

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Misconception #1 **– A disciple maker must have extensive Biblical knowledge.**

You probably have often heard the phrase, “Only a disciple can make a disciple.” This is true according to Scripture, the practice of Jesus and the life of the disciples. The Apostles led others to Christ and discipled them. This is easily perceived in the Book of Acts. Likewise, Paul did the same with those he converted. Others joined in making disciples with Paul such as Apollos, Silas, Timothy, and Titus.

Paul was very knowledgeable of Scripture. Jesus’ disciples were not. Yet, both Paul and the disciples of Jesus have something in common. Obviously, they both were attached to Jesus! It was *who* they knew not what they knew that counted. Everyone who is a follower of Jesus should be active in doing what Jesus did … making disciples. Followers of Jesus are the only ones who can. Like I said, only a disciple can make a disciple.

Jesus did not choose any of His disciples from the elite religious educated classes. He chose His disciples from traditional blue collar Jewish fishing communities like Bethsaida, Chorazin and Capernaum on the northern shore of the sea of Galilee. None of the disciples were chosen due to their extensive Biblical knowledge nor did they even show promise in the area of scholarship.

So, what’s the truth? A disciple maker must be attached to Jesus. You do not have to have extensive Biblical knowledge in order to make disciples. You must be a follower of Christ and invest in making followers of Christ. Acts 4:13 highlights what is important for a disciple maker. ***“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”*** These men had been attached to Jesus and that made all the difference!

Jesus even tells us that abiding in Him is vital in John 15. He is the Vine and we are the branches. If we do not remain attached, we will produce no fruit and we will shrivel and die. In the Gospel of Mark, the author highlights this truth in his record of Jesus calling the twelve. “And **He** went up on the mountain and summoned [to Himself] those whom **He** **Himself** wanted, and they came to **Him**. And **He** appointed twelve, so that they would be with **Him** and that **He** could send them out to preach, and have authority to cast out the demons. And **He** appointed the twelve …” (Mark 3:13-16). Jesus and being attached to Him is what matters most. Knowledge will come later through the relationship. So, what matters most is *who* you know and your relationship with Him, not what you know. So, don’t wait until you “know enough” to make disciples. If you are attached to Jesus, get at it!