

THE TRAINING PRINCIPLE

Jesus used the **S.T.A.R.T** model to train his disciples. We can do the same.

S SHOW - To make disciples we must first be one. A disciple has a **supreme love** for God above all else - **Matthew 16:21-29, Luke 14:25-35**. Jesus displayed kingdom attitudes and actions at all times. He was a humble obedient servant who lived in submission to God and walked in truth, love, power, peace and authority. He **calmed storms** and was **calm in a storm!** - **Mark 8:35-41**. He displayed the goodness and compassion of God. - **Matt.4:23-25, John 2:1-11**

T TEACH Jesus' first taught about kingdom character (**Beatitudes Matt.5:1-12**) which I call the Declaration of Dependence. The Sermon on the Mount (Kingdom Constitution - **Matt.5-7**) and the Parables (Secrets of the Kingdom) are for disciples to live by. Jesus calls us world changers...we are **salt** and **light** in the world! Disciples must **obey** Jesus - **John 8:31-32**. Matthew 28:20. Obedience helps us to **prove** God's will (Romans 12:1-2) and to know God and to experience His love and joy more fully! - **John 14:21-23; 15:9-11; 17:6-7**

A ALLOW Jesus gave his disciples **authority** to practice preaching, healing and casting out evil spirits. -**Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6**. He later gave them kingdom keys (keys give access to open and close doors / to forbid and permit entry) - **Matthew 16:19**. **** **To operate with God's authority, we must remain under God's authority**. Peter learned that lesson! **Matt.16:22-23**. On their first mission, they can't take food or money, but must learn to trust God! - **Luke 9:1-6**.

R REPORT Jesus delegated tasks for the disciples, now they and their work must be **REST** examined - **Mark 6:30-31** God wants excellence over mediocrity, maturity over **RETREAT** carnality, faith over fear, humility over pride - **Luke 10:17-21**. **Personal retreats** alone with Jesus and other times with a few disciples are refreshing! We need reminders that we are not to work for God but to **work with Him!**

T TRUST Jesus had prepared His disciples well. He knows them and knows they know Him. - **John 17:6-7**. Now he is ready to **turn them loose** into the world. - **Matt.28:16-20, Mark 16:15-20; Luke 21:46-48; John 21:15-17; Acts 1:8-9**. They are excited and ready! Jesus then says **WAIT**.....don't go until you receive **POWER** from on high.

Recommended Disciple Resources:

discipleshiplibrary.com (Dawson Trotman is the grandfather of the modern disciple movement)

*Dawson Trotman /Believing God, Born to Reproduce, The Big Dipper, Call Unto Me, Need of the Hour

* David Platt / Making Disciples (He has other messages on You Tube)

thenarrowpath.com Steve Gregg goes into great detail in his teachings. under topical lectures, go to his 8 part series on **Genuinely Following Jesus**
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