



MAKING DISCIPLES

THIS IS WHAT WE DO

November 12, 2017

SERIES BIG IDEA:

We are a gathering on Jesus' mission to expand His kingdom by loving Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and sharing Jesus with people far from God.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

We are becoming the disciples we lead others to be.

TEACHING SUMMARY:

Being a disciple of Jesus starts with letting go of the control of our lives and deciding to follow Jesus; it means following the teachings of Jesus found in the Bible. A disciple's life is characterized by love and is lived in grace while doing good works. Being a disciple of Jesus means that we make disciples of others; beginning with telling what we have seen and heard about Jesus. The power to be a witness for Jesus comes from the Holy Spirit. As we do this, we join Jesus' mission to expand His kingdom.

TALK IT OVER (DISCUSS ONE OR MORE):

What might hinder someone from choosing to follow Jesus' words: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" Matthew 16:24 (NIV). What does it mean to 'deny' ourselves? Take up our cross? How have these words changed your life?

Why is it essential to know what Jesus' teachings are? How do you recognize false teachings?

Respond to the statement: A disciples' life is characterized by love.

Why is the Holy Spirit important in the life of Jesus' followers? Can someone be a disciple without the power of the Holy Spirit? What would you attempt for God's glory if you knew the Holy Spirit would enable you to do it?

What does this mean to you: To make disciples, we must be disciples.

OTHER SCRIPTURES TO READ:

Luke 18:29-30

James 1:25

John 16:13

Galatians 5:22-23

Ephesians 2:10