

Sermon: How to disciple someone.

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Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:13-14, 2:1-2

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I have been doing a small group Bible study for several weeks called The Universal Disciple. What we did was traced the pattern for making disciples in the book of 1st Peter mainly and other places in the bible.

Well, some of you have not been able to attend our small group Bible study on Sunday mornings. And some of you asked if I would do this as a sermon. I've done this before, 2 years ago. But many of you weren't even here 2 years ago. Some review would be good for us anyway.

Let me begin by asking you a question:

If a friend of yours became a Christian tonight and asked you to teach them how to be a follower of Jesus, would you know what to do?

I mean, would you have a plan?

Where would you start?

What would you do?

Invite them to church or tell them to go to a church?

Well, Jesus commanded us to make disciples so we better know how to do it. I want to help us do that today.

This is going to be fast and furious, so you'll need to do a few things:

1. Keep your Bible handy.
2. Listen closely.
3. Make sure you repeat the words and hand motions.

Here we go. We start with **1 Peter 1:3-5**

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

What does it mean to be a Christian?
Here’s what it means.

1. “You’ve been given **NEW BIRTH.**”

1st Peter says God, according to his mercy CAUSED us to be born again by his Spirit.

John 6:44- no one is able without God’s drawing

John 6:65- no one is able unless God grants

Ephesians 2:8- it is a gift from him.

Titus 3:5- it’s by his mercy

John 3:3,5-8 says, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. ... unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again. The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

If you have been given NEW BIRTH it is because He has been gracious to you.

He did it. He changes us. He transfers us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. Enjoy it. Delight in it. Thank him for it.

Give praise to God for your NEW BIRTH.

Have you been given NEW BIRTH?

2. So,....live a **NEW LIFE.**

We can't live our old way anymore. We've been born again. We are different now. And there's a special requirement on us to live in a way that reflects our Father.

1 Peter 1:13-16 says, Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former

ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

Ephesians 4:1- Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

Colossians 1:10- Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him.

Philippians 1:27- Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Literally: behave as citizens worthy of the gospel of Christ)

1 Thessalonians 2:12- Walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 4:1- Walk to please God.

Ephesians 4:24- Put on the new self created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (put off the old & put on the new)

Romans 12:1-2- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

So, we are to live a **NEW LIFE** of holiness.

And this is crucial to the new believer...making sure they understand that....

You've been given NEW BIRTH

So, live a NEW LIFE.

Well, how do you live the new life?

3. By drinking the **WORD OF GOD.**

1 Peter 2:2 says, **“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.”**

You want to grow in this New Life?

You want to grow as a Christian?

How are you gonna do that?

By drinking. Guzzling. Consuming the Bible.

How much do infants drink? They drink a lot.

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4)

You want to grow? Drink.

You want to live? Drink.

You've been given NEW BIRTH

So,.....live a NEW LIFE.

How?

By drinking the WORD OF GOD.

4. With the sacrifices of **PRAYER, PRAISE & GOOD WORKS.**

What else are we to do in this NEW LIFE as well as drinking the WORD OF GOD?

Look at **1 Peter 2:5**. “**You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**”

What? I am priest now?

And I am to offer up sacrifices to God?

What does he mean by spiritual sacrifices?

Am I supposed to offer lambs and bulls on the altar?

Notice these are ‘*spiritual*’ sacrifices not physical.

As part of God’s priesthood we have responsibilities.

We stand between people and God in a way.

What are we to offer?

Look at **Hebrews 13:15-16**

“Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

If we dig around in scripture to find what these ‘spiritual’ sacrifices are, we find that PRAISE is one of them.

We are to 'Declare his glory among the nations'.

Here in Hebrews it says we are to 'offer up a sacrifice of praise to God'.

PRAYER is also referred to in scripture as incense going up before God as part of our worship.

Psalm 141:2 says, **“Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”**

Prayer is also referred to as incense in Revelation.

Furthermore, did you know that the scriptures say that our GOOD WORKS are a sacrifice we offer up to God?

Hebrews 13 says, **“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”**

Philippians 4:6-8 tells us that the gifts that the church in Philippi sent to Paul were like this. **“The gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.”**

So, you've been given NEW BIRTH
now...live a NEW LIFE.

By...drinking the WORD OF GOD

With the sacrifices of PRAYER, PRAISE & GOOD WORKS.

5. In the **FELLOWSHIP** of God's people.

There's no such thing as an individual Christian.
We belong to a family.

Notice in **1 Peter 2:9** all of the plural words.

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,”

Wherever we are in the world, we find those who also have this New Birth and live life alongside of them. This is called Fellowship.

But many of us stop there in our new life.

We've been born again and we try to live better and pray.

We try to read our Bibles and go to church.

But that's not all.

We are to do all of these things...

6. While **WITNESSING** to those around us.

1 Peter 2:9 says that we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession....**that we may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.”
“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the Earth.”

Christian...

You've been given **NEW BIRTH**.

So, live a **NEW LIFE**.

With the sacrifices of **PRAYER, PRAISE & GOOD WORKS**.

In the **FELLOWSHIP** of God's people.

While...**WITNESSING** to those around you.

7. With Jesus as your example of **SUFFERING**.

If we do number 6, we will experience number 7.

If we don't do number 6, we probably won't experience much **SUFFERING**.

1 Peter 2:21 says, **“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.”**

1 Peter 4:1 says, **“Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking.”**

Jesus said it would be like this. He said, **“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher and the servant like his master. If they called the master of**

the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.”

This is what it means to be a Christian & these 7 stones or 7 steps are a pattern by which you can disciple someone.

Let's practice this together.

- You've been given **NEW BIRTH**.
- So, live a **NEW LIFE**.
- By drinking the **WORD OF GOD**.
- With the sacrifices of **PRAYER, PRAISE & GOOD WORKS**.
- In the **FELLOWSHIP** of God's people.
- While **WITNESSING** to those around you.
- With Jesus as your example of **SUFFERING**.

- NEW BIRTH
- NEW LIFESTYLE
- NEW FOOD
- NEW JOB
- NEW ETHNICITY
- NEW MESSAGE
- NEW JOY