

The importance of disciple-making

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Make Disciples

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,
“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them
to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you
always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

Matthew 28:19-20

Activities related to the Great Commission of making disciples

Matthew 28:19-20 - going, baptizing, teaching

Mark 16:15-16 - preaching

Luke 24:47-48 - witnessing

John 20:21-23 - sending and forgiving sins

Acts 1:8 - geographic scope

Isaiah 6:8-9 - personal invitation

Genesis 12:1-3 - blessed to bless others

Making Disciples

Making disciples is a continuous process by which a person becomes a disciple of Jesus Christ, matures as His disciple, and makes more disciples. Baptism is an essential part of the discipleship process, but it is not the end result of that process.

Seventh-day Adventists accept with honor and humility the command of Jesus contained in the Gospel Commission to “go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” (Matt. 28:19). We are to obey this Commission, as we live in these last days, within the context of the Three Angels’ Messages (Rev. 14:6-12).

The Gospel Commission’s main emphasis to “make disciples” contains three parts:

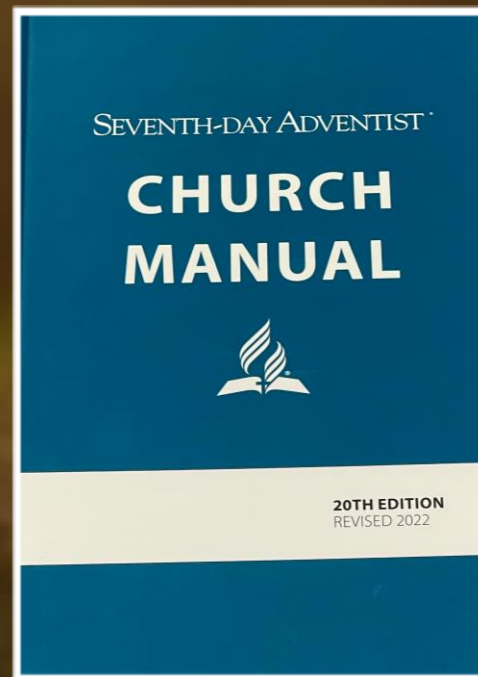
1. “Go therefore and make disciples” is Jesus’ command to fulfill the mission. Thus, making disciples should be our way of life. We are to go and make disciples in our homes, our work, our schools, and in our everyday interactions with others. We are to make disciples of every nation, tribe, language, and people. The goal of witnessing and evangelism is disciple-making (Matt. 10:25, Matt. 28:19, 20).

2. “Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” is not the end goal but an important part in the process of discipleship as people acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, become part of His church, and commit to making more disciples. Disciples are baptized into Christ’s body, the church. Their commitment to obey Christ in making disciples should be demonstrated before baptism.

3. “Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you,” indicates that teaching is a vital and ongoing experience of maturing in the experience of discipleship. “Teaching” should take place before and after baptism.

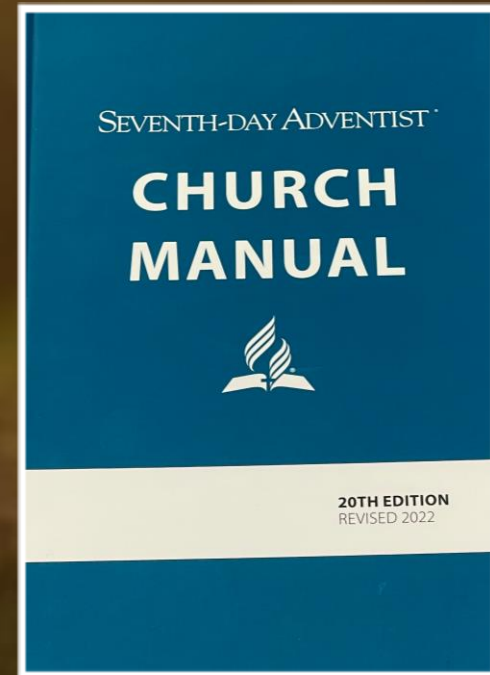
Making disciples is a continuous process with its purpose being grown “in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18) into Christian maturity and multiplication of disciples.

Growing as a disciple and making disciples to prepare them for the second coming of Jesus, is not optional; it is the essence of our last-day commission as Seventh-day Adventists. Genuine discipleship only happens as a result of the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. We can take comfort that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him, and He promises to be with us to the end of the world (Matt. 28:18, 20). Further, He promises us



Chapter 6 - Making Disciples

- What is a Disciple?
- Growth of a Disciple
- Practical Steps
- Love, The Defining Mark



Membership Loss is Related to Faulty Discipleship



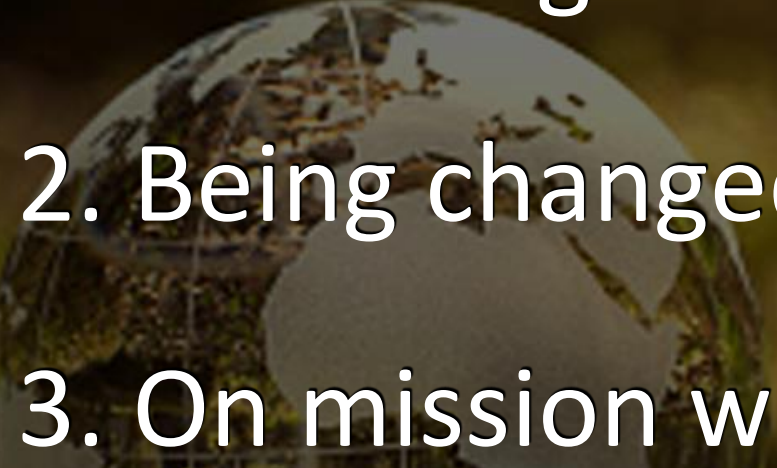
DISCIPLE-MAKING PROCESS

Matthew 4:19

“Come and follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”



DISCIPLE-MAKING PROCESS

1. Following Jesus (Come and follow)
 2. Being changed by Jesus (I will make you)
 3. On mission with Jesus (Fishers of men)
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DISCIPLE-MAKING PROCESS

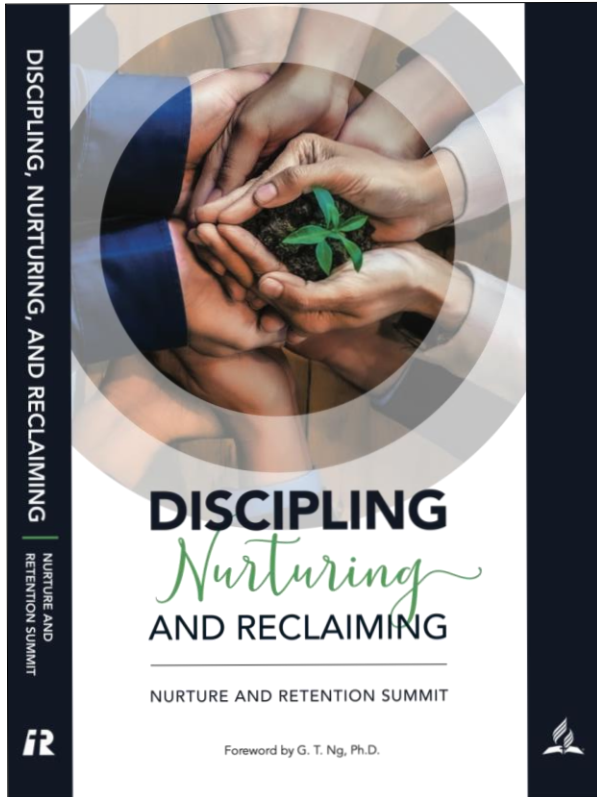
1. Following Jesus (Come and follow) **THE CALL**

2. Being changed by Jesus (I will make you) **THE JOURNEY**

3. On mission with Jesus (Fishers of men) **THE MISSION**

Disciple-Making Resources

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to reach
the unreached**



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The purpose of this website is to serve the Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide by providing resources and materials aimed at making disciples. Our goal is to empower local churches and enhance the membership experience through the three main areas in our scope.

On this website, you can navigate these three main areas and find plenty of materials to support your church and ministry.



DISCIPLE-MAKING PROCESS

Questions to Ponder

1. Do you have a disciple-making process in your church?

2. Is it working?

3. How do you know? Tell me the story.

