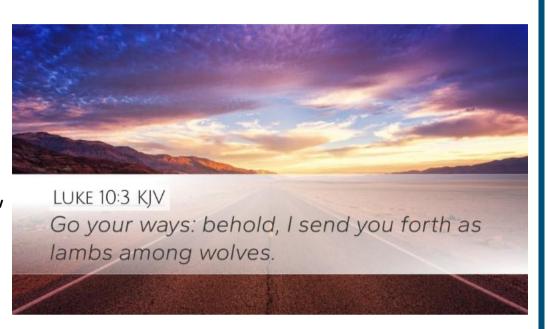


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<u>"Go *your ways*…"</u>

When Jesus sent out His disciples in Luke 10 to reach the lost, He told them to first pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out more labourers into His harvest field (cf. Luke 10:2). And then He said to them: "Go your ways..." (Luke 10:3). More and more I am privileged to experience what He truly meant by this. That

wherever we go on a daily basis, the Lord of the harvest will be sending us into His harvest-field.

Not just when you go on short or long term mission trips, but <u>as you go your ways</u> each day, the Lord will let your paths cross with those He has prepared for you in advance. Those <u>prepared people of peace</u> who in turn, will also open up new groups of people to the Gospel.

A short while ago I found someone working at a petrol station, who was willing to enter into a process of doing Bible Study with me. When I went to his workplace the next evening to start with the Bible Study, there were four *very loud* ladies sitting in the same place where we wanted to do our Bible Study. Rather than seeking another place to sit, the man asked the ladies if they

want to do Bible Study with us. All of them said yes and this was the start of something so special, that I want to cry every time I think of it. Relationally all of these ladies where very far from the church, **yet so close to the Kingdom**!

As we are studying the Word of God each week and they respond in obedience, God is revealing Himself to them in numerous ways as they are experiencing His transforming power in their lives and relationships. One of the ladies said last week that she had a drinking problem and could not sleep during the night, but since we started with the Bible Study and she started responding in obedience, she is not drinking anymore and getting a good night's rest. "It feels like I was reborn…", she said. And it's not only her life that is being changed for the good. No, the lord is already using her to have a good influence in the people's lives, for whom she works for on a daily basis. What a privilege it is to see what the Lord is capable of doing, according to His power, that is at work within us (Ef. 3:20).

So let us keep on <u>going our ways</u> each day, in <u>great faith and great expectation</u> that wherever we go, the Lord of the harvest might be sending us into His *ripe* and *plentiful* harvest-field.

(Gideon Van der Merwe – Co-ordinator, Disciples Go Ministries)

Tshwane Kingdom Indaba

The previous weekend *Disciples Go Ministries* formed part of the Tshwane

Kingdom Indaba, where organizations and individuals who exists to *seek His Kingdom*, rallied together to share and learn from each other. We experienced how the Lord was at work as we shared our vision for His kingdom and see how people get excited about *making disciple-making* the main thing.



Many enlisted to become more involved in this work and to give us an opportunity to train them in fulfilling the great commission.

One renowned businessman who wants to see God's Kingdom come in his workplace, told us that until this weekend he did not realize that "teaching them to obey everything that I (Jesus) has commanded us", was actually part of the great commission (cf. Mat. 28:20).

He now realizes that the only way to help his workers move from being "<u>SLAVES</u> (to sin) to becoming <u>SONS</u> (of the Most High)", is through a disciple-making process, which he invited us to be a part of.

It was also a joy to see how many other missionary organizations and Kingdom-initiatives are starting to realize that the only way we will **see His Kingdom**, is by *making disciples who make disciples*. One such a missionary organization's slogan resonated with us as it says: "Until everyone knows someone who is a true follower of Christ".

To which we say "Amen"!



Mobilizing more labourers

During the month of February we started training a group of people from Rapotokwane (Limpopo province) to become disciple-makers. It was a joy to see them get excited about discipling the nations in this peaceful way.

They immediately started formulating plans on how to *engage* with the lost in their community, in order to *identify* those *people of peace* who are ready to be discipled.

We are looking forward to going back in the month of March to give further training and receive feedback on what the Lord has already started doing through their obedience.

May His Kingdom also come in that place!

The impact it had on her life

We feel very privileged to be part of what the Lord is doing in and through Mutereri Eugenie in that <u>small</u> African country, which has had such a <u>BIG</u> influence on our world, called Rwanda.





Eugenie is a passionate and fruitful disciple-maker who has seen God do miraculous things as she is giving her life to advance His Kingdom by making disciples, who make disciples.

This is her testimony of what <u>Disciple-Making Movement</u> have done to her life and ministry: "DMM and Making Disciples have been transformative in my life and in furthering God's kingdom.

I now have a profound understanding of the kingdom of God and my purpose within it. Learning to be an intentional disciple maker, emphasizing multiplication, coaching, and mentoring has been invaluable. Through intentional disciple making, believers in Rwanda have been empowered to share the gospel, fostering church growth and expanding God's kingdom. The ripple effect of disciples making more disciples has visibly impacted communities, leading more individuals to know and follow Jesus, fulfilling the Great Commission.

Investing in disciple making not only has deepened believers' faith but also aligns them with God's mission of reconciliation. DMM and disciple making movements are pivotal in advancing God's kingdom, spreading His love and truth. Discovery Bible Study has significantly aided in my leadership development, team relationship building, and guiding others to discover the truth. Since 2019 when God revealed to me this hidden treasure (DMM), more than 30 groups have been born and we are in the third generation of disciples making disciples".

Eugenie Muteteri

Discipling Nations for His Return.



Bible-project for new Disciples in South-Asia

During the month of February, *Disciples Go Ministries* launched a fundraising initiative to buy

Bibles for *new disciples* from a certain area in *South-Asia* (exact countries and locations cannot be mentioned because of threat of persecution).

We are truly thankful to the Lord for all our partners in ministry who have donated *R7000* in total, for this initiative. We believe that this will go a long way in helping our new found brothers

and sisters in the faith, to grow in Christ and to make more disciples of Jesus.

May God bless each one of them and their efforts to advance His Kingdom under the most dangerous and difficult circumstances.

May we keep on Praying for them (Eph. 6:19)!

Some Sad with the Good

With all the good there is also the *sad* which we feel urged to share with you.

A while ago, a man who lives in a rural town in South-Africa, seemed to have come to repentance, while spending time in prison. When he got out of prison he went back to his family and there were some really good signs that he now has new direction and purpose in life.



On Wednesday however, we received the sad news that he has fallen back into his old sinful ways and has left his wife and three small children.

When I heard about the news I was shocked and in my utter weakness I started questioning the Lord, asking Him: "Why would You let this happen?" To which His still small voice responded: "Can you see why it is so important to do what I tell you? To go and make <u>disciples</u>, not just <u>converts</u>?"

This very same man has seemingly come to conversion on numerous previous occasions, but no one has ever been willing to put in the time and effort to also "teach him to <u>obey everything</u> that <u>Jesus</u> has commanded us" (Mat. 28:20).

- In order for Him to submit himself to God, <u>resist the devil</u> and make him flee from him (James 4:7).

Never has any brother in Christ been willing to give him this opportunity and after confessing my own sin and failure in this, I am even more convinced and motivated to go and make disciples, because *nothing less will do!*

The question is: Why is there so few Christians today who is willing to *go* and walk this extra mile with others? Why is there so few who are willing to *obey*?

"We know that Jesus had a timetable for His public ministry. He had just three years to prepare people to *launch a movement* that was planned before the foundation of the world. So He chose *disciple making* as *His strategy*, the most *time-consuming strategy* that one could imagine. But within *seventy years*, the cadre of people around Jesus had taken His good news into *every corner of the Roman world*. *Do we have better efficiencies in mind?*"

(Jerry Trousdale, Miraculous Movements)

If you would like to make a **Kingdom investment** by donating to this organization so that we can *make more disciples who will multiply* and *support true New Testament disciple-makers* in their ministry, here is the Banking details:

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