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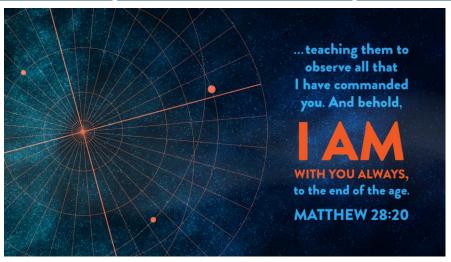
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Why Disciplemaking?!

"What will it take to see Your Kingdom?"

We at DGM has also made that our prayer for this new year. And as we pray this prayer, we realize even more that *disciple-making* is the only way we will see this happen. That is why making *disciples* is the great commission, not to only make people come to *conversion* or come to *church*.

According to Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commanded His disciples, to do more than that, because we are to also "teach them (those who repent) to observe/obey everything that He has commanded us" (Matthew 28:20).

Don't just *teach* them, He says, but *teach them* to *obey* everything... Why is this so critical?

Because that is what disciples do, they **obey**! And because <u>information</u> only lead to <u>understanding</u>, but <u>obedience and application</u> leads to <u>Transformation</u>. Only as people start <u>obeying</u> Jesus, they open up their lives to Him and to <u>His transforming power</u>.

Then and only then there will be real change in people's lives, conduct and relationships which in turn will lead to transformed families and communities.

No Transformation without Application, that is what it takes and that is why *disciple-making* will always be the only way we will see *His Kingdom come*.

So the question can be asked:

If disciple-making is not the goal of all we do in ministry then why do we do it?

What real and lasting difference does it make? So we pray that *discipling the nations* will become the focus of His Church here on earth.

"Lord help us..."

Giepie Van der Merwe

(Co-Ordinator for Disciples Go Ministries)

Making <u>disciple-making</u> the main thing



Pastor Bafana and his wife.

My name is Bafana Amos Khumalo, I am pastoring a Church in Olievenhoutbosch, South Africa.

In 2022 I felt so empty and discouraged in my spirit for quite some time, until I received an invitation to attend one of DGM's Disciple-Making trainings and that's where the Lord instilled this passion in me to start making disciples in this way.

Towards the end of last year I again had a heavy burden about the work of the Lord and I asked myself, what it is that is troubling my spirit.

Only to realize that the Lord is pushing the "discipleship" word in my spirit again.

On the 30th of December last year I had a vision seeing myself walking in the street and while I was walking I saw a Church building full of congregants who seemed to be quarreling and shouting at each other.

As I drew closer, one church member called me in and asked me to speak a word to them. What word I did not know. Something/Someone inside me said: "Discipleship".

As I left the Church the Holy Spirit said: "Look back". As I looked back, I saw a writing on the wall that said: "Rebuilding the wall".

Then I woke up knowing what the message is: That we must make *disciple-making* the main thing.

Too much time is spent in Church politics rather then winning souls for the Kingdom.

Amazing Partnership

In His providence the Lord has opened a door for us to *mobilize more disciple-makers*, in partnership with another Kingdom-minded organization called "*Amazing Graces*".

Amazing Graces is truly a remarkable organization working tirelessly to reach out into various communities with the love of Christ, in order to gain access into people's lives, so that God can come and change their lives through His Word and His Spirit.

We at DGM are privileged to be partnering with them in this Kingdom-initiative by going to all of these communities and training the people to become disciple-makers for Jesus! We thank the Lord for the fruit upon this labour that we are able to see in the form of *new labourers for His harvest* and we thank Him for this *amazing* group of people at Amazig Graces!

(If you would like to know more about *Amazing Graces* you are welcome to go to their website at amazing-graces.co.za)



Amazing Graces-team, Giepie (DGM Coordinator) at the back, second from the left.

Disciples Go in Malawi



Chimwemwe (or Chimsi as we know him) is a disciple-maker in Malawi, working with Disciples Go Ministries to mobilize more disciple-makers, especially amongst the students at the University of Malawi.

Through the grace of God, he already mobilized 24 disciple-

makers amongst these students, who he is now busy developing as disciple-making leaders and each of these students already has a group of four students who they are discipling.

Rather than just spending time with the family over the festive season, Chimsi made the best use of the opportunity he still has with these students, by organizing a Disciplemaking Summit with the help of DGM, in order for him to give further training in making disciples who will make disciples.

It is truly a joy for DGM to be partnering with disciple-makers such as our brother Chimsi, who is willing to make the necessary sacrifices all for the sake of *His* Kingdom.

"Let the little children come to Me..."





Discovery Bible Study with some of the children in the community.

The children drawings on how they will obey what they have learned during their Bible Study.

Zanelle is a disciple-maker working with Disciples Go Ministries in Luckau, just outside of Groblersdal in South-Afirca. While being unemployed and a single parent with three children of her own, she does not let that stop her from *going* and making disciples of all nations.

It is staggering to see how much God is doing through this obedient disciple of His.

While discipling numerous adults in her community, she and her disciple-making teammate is also steering a big children ministry where they are conducting Bible- lessons at various schools and nurseries in the community on a weekly basis.

From a very young age these children get the opportunity to present the Bible lessons and to facilitate the Discovery Bible studies themselves.

Zanelle's aim is to not just impart her own knowledge to these little children, but to give them, like the adults, the opportunity to discover truth for themselves, so that they can also come to personal obedience and experience the transformative power of Jesus Christ in their lives.

And by doing this they are seeing how God is drawing these little children to Jesus and how they are becoming agents of transformation in their families and community.

(If you would like more info on how to disciple children by using the Discovery Bible Study, you are welcome to e-mail me at gideon.vandermerwe@disciplesgo.co.za)

At a prison near Pretoria we are busy training brothers *inside*, to become *inside* leaders in disciple-making.

At a previous meeting one of these brothers said in response to Jesus' commands, that he will go and make peace with another person in prison.

When we arrived the next time this brother couldn't wait to share with us what happened as a result of his obedience.

He shared with us how he and this other brother, who was previously his enemy, are now becoming best friends, because of his willingness to go and make peace in obedience to Jesus' command.

What a joy it was for this brother inside to see how Jesus has the power to not only transform our lives, but even our relationships as well.

May God use these brothers inside to be agents of transformation.

As they start to follow Jesus in this way, may He make them fishers of men, where we can't fish!

Brothers inside becoming inside leaders:



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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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?

(Taken from Miraculous Movements by Jerry Trousdale)