

## EVERY DISCIPLE MAKING DISCIPLES

### What is Our Mission?

Our mission is to “make disciples” of all peoples through the Spirit-empowered speaking of the Word of God (the gospel) – Matt. 28:18-20

- “disciple-making” involves speaking God’s word for conversion AND for spiritual growth
- “disciple-making” is the mission and priority of every disciple of Jesus

Part Three: *How do we engage in this mission?*

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### How Do We Make Disciples?

- Essence: *“speaking the truth of God to other people in dependence on the Holy Spirit”*

*(Trellis and the Vine, p. 49)*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:12

### How Do We Make Disciples?

#### 1. Speaking God’s Word

##### A. For conversion

- Spirit-empowered proclamation of the gospel is God’s means of making disciples of Jesus
- “evangelism” is the privilege and expectation of every disciple (cf. Col. 4:5-6)

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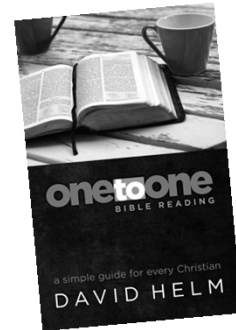
##### B. For growth

- teaching, exhorting, encouraging, admonishing, speaking, singing, preaching the Word of God is the means of spiritual growth
- this disciple-making function is the work of every member of the body (“one another”) in a multitude of different ways and contexts

## How Do We Make Disciples?

### 1. Speaking God's Word

- *variety of ways and contexts*
  - home, community, congregation
  - one-to-one, small group, large group
  - formal and informal ministry



## How Do We Make Disciples?

### 2. Sharing One's Life

- *disciple-making is inescapably relational*
  - it involves modeling and imitation
  - it forms not only beliefs but also character and lifestyle

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### ➤ *Implications*

- 1) A conscious shift away from running programs and maintaining structures towards growing people who are disciple-making disciples of Christ
- 2) The need to equip, resource, mobilize and encourage disciples to be disciple-makers