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Welcome

Welcome to living a naturally supernatural lifestyle!

Culture surrounds us in many known and unknown ways. Culture is the environment we grew up in, the music we listen to, the style of clothes we wear, the entertainment we choose, and the people we hang out with. Culture can be defined as the behaviors and beliefs characteristic of a particular social, ethnic, or age group.

Beyond the cultures of this earth, is an entirely different culture—a supernatural culture. Supernatural culture is squarely set within a spiritual realm. This is a culture you cannot see with human eyes, hear with human ears, or touch with human hands—it is wholly spiritual. Just as human cultures have influenced the way you live your life, spiritual culture has influenced your perception and understanding of supernatural things.

Human and supernatural cultures collide the moment the Kingdom of Heaven is made manifest in the Kingdom of Man. Jesus taught us to pray, “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10). Essentially, Jesus was teaching us to pray that a supernatural culture would invade natural culture and bring the benefits of heaven. This journey is about that supernatural culture, and how to operate in its power and benefit.

Let the journey begin!

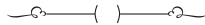
HOW TO BECOME A DISCIPLE- MAKER

The “Living a Naturally Supernatural Lifestyle” book series has been adapted from the C4 Discipleship Pathway curriculum (c4discipleship.com). In this book you will walk through the following points. Keep in mind this series was originally written to be used in a group setting. I encourage you to partner up with someone who you would consider a mentor, and experience supernatural life together!

- How to become a disciple-maker
- A disciple-maker’s code
- 3 practical ways to begin discipleship
- 4 demands of discipleship

the Big Idea

Jesus gives us authority, and commissions us to make disciples of all nations. If you are not making disciples, you are not living in obedience to Jesus' command.



How to Become a Disciple-Maker

First, some terminology needs to be clarified. When talking about being a “disciple-maker” understand that we do not “make” anyone; Jesus does. Jesus is the perfecter and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). Jesus molds us and shapes our life as we surrender to His creative hands. That being said, Jesus chooses to work through the hands of faithful servants — that is you and I.

Just before Jesus left the earth He called His disciples to a mountaintop gathering. Once there, Jesus gave them authority and commissioned them to “*Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age*” (Matthew 28:18-20).

Often titled, “The Great Commission,” I this text challenges all believers to become disciple-makers through baptism and teaching. How then does one become a disciple-maker?

No Formulas: I do not buy into formulas for spiritual success, but there are some basic principles to follow. As someone who is Spirit-filled, it is of paramount importance that you are lead more by the Spirit than by formulas.

The Follow Me Principle: When Jesus called those who would become His disciples he simply said, “come follow me.” This was not an invitation to a seminar, workshop, or discipleship model, it was an invitation to live life with Him. If you are to be a disciple-maker, you will learn to invite people to follow you as you follow Christ. This will be a difficult demand upon your busy calendar, but if you truly desire to give away what Jesus has given you, you must do it through relationship that takes you beyond a Sunday morning, or weekday bible study.

I recently watched a home improvement show where there was a team of individuals who worked together to find, renovate, and sell houses. My wife Shelly made an interesting observation, she said, “It would be amazing if churches operated that way.” What she was referring to was life lived in community. This team of “house flippers” played sports together, solved problems together, ate meals together, and even traveled on vacation together. No doubt there was tension, but there was also laughter, camaraderie, and a common destination. Relationship for this team was real and not surface, as our Sunday mornings often are.

In beautiful prose, the prophet Isaiah foreshadows the Messiah, “*The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple*” (Isaiah 50:4).

A Disciple-Maker’s Code (From Isaiah 50:4)

Three needs of the disciple-maker:

- 1). Source: Notice the teacher’s source is God. It is God who has given him the tongue of a teacher. All disciple-makers know it is all about God, and not about them. Your direction, wisdom, and example, all originate from the heart of God. It is God who has redeemed you, changed you, gifted you, and given you wisdom — all glory is His.
- 2). Sustenance: “*That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word.*” Through the unction of the Holy Spirit you learn to give a timely word — one that quenches the thirst of a dry and weary heart. As a disciple-maker you need to be ready in the moment to teach, direct, and

provide advice. Those you disciple need to know they can rely on you to be there for them. You are not perfect, nor do you claim to have all the answers, but you need to be ready and willing with a listening ear and a sustaining word.

3.) Supply: Notice Isaiah says that, “*morning by morning he awakens my ear to listen as a disciple.*” Your supply must be met daily. Your barrel must be filled to overflowing regularly. As a disciple you too must have an open ear. You should never rely upon yesterday’s manna. You should never stop learning, and you must learn to walk with God daily. The degree to which you have supply, is in proportion to the degree you go to *the* source.

Four Demands of Discipleship:

#1. Love: Jesus calls you to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love your neighbor as you love yourself. The degree to which you are so totally given over to God, is demonstratively seen in the words of Jesus, “*If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple*” (Luke 14:26).

“FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE, AS I FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST.”

~ the Apostle Paul,
1 Cor. 11:1

Does this scripture teach you to hate your family? Of course not. You must grow in your love and passion for Jesus so much so that it would seem measured to this degree.

#2. Forsake: I have spoken with people who are considering becoming Christians, and one question I have heard — and one that is often unspoken — is, “Do I have to give up_____?” you fill in the blank. “Do I have to give up drinking with my buddies?” “Do I have to give up what I own?” “Do I have to give up my friends?” I believe God is gracious and meets people where they are at. He invites them on a journey, and along that journey He will ask people to surrender certain areas of their life. Keep in mind, where you are today, is not where you started. The truth is, at some point, you have to surrender everything to Jesus. The idea of surrender is to give up claim to what is yours. Everything you own belongs to Christ. All you have belongs to Him, and is now a part of His Kingdom.

Often the “stuff” of life demands we serve the stuff of life. In other words, our stuff can become our gods. We have to work extra hard to get more toys. We need to have that new outfit for the conference. We need our house to look better than the neighbors. If the things of this world take the number one place in our mind and checkbook, there is no room for Jesus. This is why we must learn to surrender everything to

FACEBOOK FRIENDS GIVE THEIR DEFINITION OF A “DISCIPLE.”

“Obedience to follow Christ in all areas of ones life in any circumstance.” - Chris Curry, Missionary

“One who understands they are a carrier of His presence and says I only do what you tell me to do. Only say what you tell me to say. I live to honor you.” - Ross Lanphere

“Will handle with confidence, stands with bravery and humble leadership who then sheds honor, truth and light to the unknowing.”
- Cassandra Berube

“My personal favorite from a Lift (Women’s) meeting this year has to be a”minion”!!! Completely dependent on a person (Jesus) in higher power doing only their will!!! Love it!!!” - Shannon Naftzger

Him. The encouraging word from Jesus is that if we seek His Kingdom first then “*all these things will be added to us*” (Mtt. 6:33).

#3. Count: In addition to forsaking all, you must count the cost. Moving forward requires you understand that denying the system of this world will incur persecution. Surrendering to Jesus will require you to count the cost.

#4. Reproduce: Finally, discipleship must be reproducible. Those you lead must be able to lead in turn — this not only refines them, it refines you. Is the life you share something they can follow and share with another (1 Corinthians 11:1)? Jesus’ plan to touch the world began with twelve disciples whose intent was to make more disciples who would make more disciples and so on. What a joy it is to be a disciple-maker!

Three Practical Ways to Begin Discipleship:

#1. Invite. Jesus simply extended an invitation to those the Father directed Him to. This implies He was listening and looking. He was listening to the Father, because there was nothing He did that He did not see the Father doing (John 5:19). Your first step is to invite someone into your life.

#2. Gather. Set a regular time for community. This could be coffee on Wednesday morning, or bowling Thursday night. Hang out together and share life. Discipleship does not always have to include deep theologizing or study of scripture — although that should be pursued as well. Next decide where to gather.

#3. Commit. If you come across as partially committed, flake out on regular meeting times, or do not show up at planned community get-togethers, people will begin to think you do not genuinely care, and you will lose not only credibility. You may lose a friend. On the other hand, if you commit to relationship by being available, consistent, and authentic, you will personally grow as you lead someone else in growth.

Have you ever disciplined someone? Maybe you have never thought of it this way, but if you have a relationship with someone who you are sharing your story with, you are probably disciplining them at some level.

TAKE ACTION, LISTEN, LOOK, INVITE, COMMIT

Become a Disciple-Maker Today.

Step 1: Listen and Look — this is what Jesus did. Begin to pray and ask the Father to reveal someone in your world who you could invite to follow you as you follow Christ.

I realize we may balk at being described as a disciple-maker, as if you are the grand guru of life. This idea may conjure up memories of cult leaders whose disciples handed over their brains and became automatic fools. You may not even want to use this kind of terminology, but the truth is, if you are a leader it means people are following you. No followership, no leadership. The same can be said of a disciple-maker. No disciples, no discipleship. Would you rather deflect the idea that people are following you? I get it, they are ultimately following Jesus, but they learn *from* you and in relationship *with* you. So, you are probably not going to say, “Hey would you become my disciple?” But you might say something like, “Would you have time for coffee, I’d love to get to know you.” This is where step two comes in.

Step 2: Invite. After your initial connection, and as the Holy Spirit leads, invite them to meet with you regularly for fellowship. I would suggest letting them know the Holy Spirit prompted you to make this connection, and you would love to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus. You might say something like, “You know, I just felt the Holy Spirit nudge me to get to know you better. I believe God loves you and cares for you, and He desires that you grow in Him. I’d love to be a part of helping you grow closer to Jesus.”

Step 3: Commit. At the appropriate time, commit to a scheduled time to meet and exchange life. This should be designed with the goal of mentoring/discipling, and teaching them how to live in Christ. Be sure to plan some of your times to be fun. Go four-wheeling, fishing, shopping, barbecuing etc. Be consistent, and be committed — become a disciple-maker today.

On the next page I have provided a place for you to pray and strategize about who the Holy Spirit is leading you to connect with.

PEOPLE TO PRAY ABOUT INVITING:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

THOSE WHO HAVE ACCEPTED THE INVITATION:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

OUR AGREED UPON TIME TO MEET:

Day of the wk: _____

Day of the wk: _____

Time: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

Location: _____

Day of the wk: _____

Day of the wk: _____

Time: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

Location: _____

ASSIGNMENT

Scripture Memory:

This week memorize the following verses.

Matthew 28:16-20

John 8:31-32

Luke 9:23

Ephesians 5:1-2

2 Timothy 2:2

Luke 9:24-25

Culture Connection (Connecting Jesus with your culture):

This week apply what you have learned as the Lord leads you to others in your life.

- **Pray** each morning that the Holy Spirit would begin to open doors for discipleship.
- **Listen** and look for openings in conversations. Recognize when others may be ready to strike up a deeper friendship/mentor relationship.
- **Share** with your connections your personal story and how God has made a difference in your life.



FOLLOW UP NOTES:

At the end of the week, take a moment and jot down your experiences.

- Were particular battles revealed?
- Did you use any of the scripture you memorized.
- Did you do battle on behalf of someone else this week?
- Write down any questions you may have for your teacher.
- Write down battles won and give testimony!

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21 DAY DEVOTIONAL

Welcome to taking your walk with the Holy Spirit deeper. Over the next 21 days I encourage you to carve out a special time of your day to spend in reading, listening, and prayer. Remember the enemy of your life will attempt to discourage you, and more strategically he will try to distract you. You must make the choice today to aggressively resist his tactics, and guard your time. I suggest making your devotional time an “appointment” on your calendar. If you miss a day, don’t beat yourself up, simply get back to it and keep seeking and listening.

Here are some simple instructions on how to use your devo time effectively.

- Create a sacred place to have your devotion.
- Pray to the Holy Spirit—invite Him into the everyday moments of your life, and into your time of devotional reading and prayer.
- Exercise your heavenly language, or continue to pursue it.
- Practice the lost art of listening.
- Finally, recording what you heard and how you will respond. I have provided a blank area so you can write, or draw your take-a-way.

Day 1

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Matthew 28:16-20

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Title:

Day 2

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

John 8:31-32

“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”

Title:

Day 3

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Matthew 4:19-20

“Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!’ And they left their nets at once and followed him.”

Title:

Day 4

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

2 Timothy 2:2

“You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.”

Title:

Day 5

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Luke 9:23

“Then he said to them all: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me...’”

Title:

Day 6

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Luke 9:24-25

“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?”

Title:

Day 7

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Ephesians 5:1-2

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.”

Title:

Day 8

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Romans 14:7-8

“For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.”

Title:

Day 9

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

1 John 2:4-6

“Whoever says ‘I know him’ but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”

Title:

Day 10

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

Scripture:

John 13:12-17

“So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am.’ If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.”

Title: _____

Day 11

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Luke 9:59-60

“And He said to another, ‘Follow Me.’ But he said, ‘Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.’ But He said to him, ‘Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.’”

Title:

Day 12

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Matthew 16:24-25

“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.’”

Title:

Day 13

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Mark 8:34-35

“And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.’”

Title:

Day 14

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

1 Peter 1:12

“It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven— things into which angels long to look.”

Title:

Day 15

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

1 Peter 1:13-16

“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. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’”

Title:

Day 16

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Isaiah 50:4

The Lord God has given
Me the tongue of disciples,
That I may know how to
sustain the weary one with
a word. He awakens Me
morning by morning, He
awakens My ear to listen as
a disciple.”

Title:

Day 17

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Matthew 5:13

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.”

Title:

Day 18

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Matthew 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

Title:

Day 19

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Matthew 10:1

“Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.”

Title:

Day 20

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Matthew 10:40-42

“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”

Title:

Day 21

DATE:

TIME:

Scripture:

Acts 14:21-22

“After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, “Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.””

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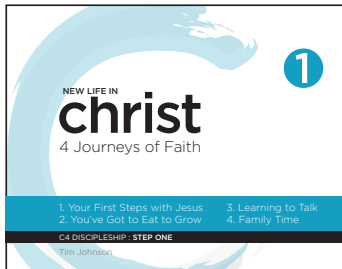
My thoughts

Take a moment and journal about your experience over the past 21 days. What was significant? What changed in your heart? What emotions did you process? What are you going to do now to maintain what you have begun, and how are you going to share your experience?

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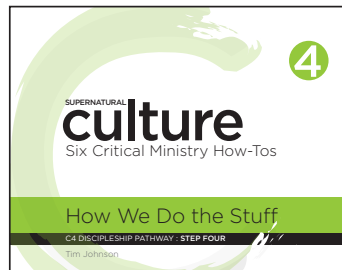
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- Obedience: Personal standards
- Relevance: A church connected
- Environment: Church culture and atmosphere



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- How experiences shape our lives
- Unique relational style makes a difference
- Spiritual gift assessment
- How to fit into the world and culture



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2. How to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit
3. How to pray for healing
4. How to hear from God
5. How to wage war in the Spirit
6. How to become a disciple maker

INTERACTIVE FEATURES



Bird pecking:
A chance to “dig deeper!”



Bird chirping:
Take time to chat about it.



Bird with worm
Additional scriptures or info-links to further your study



Look it up now:
Stop and look up these key verses.

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