

“Disciples Who Make Other Disciples”

Matthew 4:12-22

Sermon Series: “This Is Us”

Introduction: Our mission at True Life is “to meet people where they are and help them become fully devoted followers of Christ.” In other words, we are to follow Jesus and help others become His followers as well. We are to be His disciples, which is what those who follow Him are. The words, “disciple,” and “Christian,” are actually synonymous in Scripture (see Acts 11:26).

Main Idea: We are called to be disciples who make other disciples.

1. We are disciples. What does it mean to follow Jesus for us today in the 21st century? Based on His call of His first disciples, I would say it at least means:

A. Genuine Trust. “Me” may be the key word in this passage. Jesus is trustworthy and worthy of our lives because of who He is.

B. Personal Attachment. We have a relationship with Him. It is not just following religious rules or principles.

C. Ongoing Repentance. We do a “u-turn” from living for self to following Jesus.

D. A Surrendered Life. Jesus is our Lord, and we are called to obey Him (Luke 6:46). We die to self and lay down our lives for Him.

2. We are disciples who make other disciples. Jesus said, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” At least in part, this means:

A. People make disciples-not programs.

B. Every disciple of Jesus is expected to make other disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). This is the normal Christian life as evidenced by the book of Acts.

C. If we are really following, then we are fishing.

D. If we are not fishing, we are not following.

E. This is our mission whatever our vocation is. We can use our vocations to accomplish our mission.

Conclusion: -Are you a follower of Jesus? Do you trust and live for Him through His grace?

-Are you living for Him today?

-Have you publicly confessed Him through believer’s baptism by immersion?

-Are you helping others become fully devoted followers of Jesus?