

September 15

DMT-20/20 Vision, a bird's eye view of discipleship

Let's look at the word:

What is the gospel outlines that we take people through?

- God
- Man
- Christ
- Response

What is God doing? What is His big picture?

- Restoring creation
- Saving and sanctifying
- Making worshippers
- 1 Peter 2:9
- Titus 2:8-9, 14
- *Redeeming a people for himself*

How is God redeeming people?

- Jesus
 - Son of God
 - Son of Man
 - Redeeming us by his blood

Who are the people he is redeeming?

- People from everywhere, who repent
- God is revealing his Glory

When is he done redeeming?

- Never-work in progress until we die
- It's a Trick- you are justified and sanctified continuously. You are saved, being saved and will be saved. Redemption doesn't stop once you believe

How does God do this?

- Holy Spirit
- The Word
- Other believers.

God uses people to bring other people to himself.

- Noah
- Joseph
- Abraham
- David

The ultimate person God used to bring people to himself was Jesus. All these other people were pictures of the one person who would restore people to God. That is why we have the spirit of Jesus in us. We don't have David's spirit, but Jesus'. (Mark 1:14-17, 3:14)

What is it that we proclaim?

- Matthew 28:18-20- we are to proclaim the commands to others

- We are to proclaim Christ and pass on to others. We are to personally invest Christ into another person's life
- 2 Timothy 2:2- four generations who passed on Christ: Paul->Timothy->faithful men->other people

The reason we

- John 15:5- You have heard Jesus' word and have believed. Keep this faith and give it to others. If we keep this faith and don't pass it on, it is in vain.
- Philippians 1:21-26

How is your abundant life in Christ? How are you growing? How are you rejoicing? Boasting?

- What did God do to help these people to grow? -he sent Paul
- Seek someone to disciple you, disciple others. Everyone needs a Paul, Timothy and Barnabas. Paul invested, Barnabas encouraged and Timothy received investment. You don't need to make a seed you just need to give them the gospel.
- Colossians 1:28-29- it is that we do this ourselves. We are empowered by the spirit.

Practical Disciple Questions and Tips

Why don't people disciple other people?

- They don't think they know enough
- Fear
- People don't realize that Jesus said discipleship is a command, it's not an option

Why one-on-one?

- More time spent with fewer people leads to greater impact
- Dig deeper than just teaching a group of people
- Creates accountability
- Best way to correct and encourage in *specific* ways
- Jesus taught many, but disciplined few
- Colossians 2:6-7

How do you initiate a discipleship relationship?

- Flows out of a relationship. Start getting to know them. Invite them to hang with you. You will probably get a sense that you should invest in them.
- Look for people who aren't like you
- You don't want to reproduce yourself, you want to reproduce Christ
- It isn't up to you, the spirit will empower you to move towards people

Three things that help make discipleship successful and clear

- Being consistent-showing up and making it happen
- Making sure your disciples are reading the word
- Be transparent, honest and open about your life