

II. Building a Biblical Definition of Discipleship

INTRODUCTION

- ▲ The difficulty in defining discipleship...

- ▲ Getting our bearings on where to look for a definition...
 - The ministry of the _____.
 - The ministry of the _____.
*We must look at both their _____ and their _____.

- ▲ The importance of identifying a particular definition...
 - Hab.2:2 - "..._____ the vision, make it _____ upon tables, that he may _____ that readeth it."

A. The Three Basic _____ of Discipleship.

1. **Component #1: _____ MEN.**
 - II Pet. 3:9 -

 - I Tim. 2:2-3 -

 - Evangelism and Discipleship are not _____ things.

 - Discipleship _____ with _____.

 - Evangelism is a _____ of the discipling process.

 - Understanding the place of "soul-winning" in the Great Commission...

 - A grammatical understanding of the Great Commission (Matt.28:19-20)
"Go...baptize...teaching" are all _____, and derive their force from one controlling verb: "_____ all nations."
("Teach all nations" = make _____ of all nations)

 - Our commission is to _____! Winning someone to Christ is the _____ and _____ step of that process.

 - "Soul-winning" is where discipleship _____. A person cannot be made disciple of Jesus Christ without first being _____ to Him!

2. **Component #2:** _____ **MEN.**

- Once a person has become a believer in Jesus Christ, God's desire for him is that he grow to spiritual _____... Or, that he be _____.

* I John 2:12-14 -

* Eph. 4:12-14 -

* Eph. 6:4 -

* Gal. 4:19 -

* Rom. 8:29 -

3. **Component #3:** _____ **MEN.**

- To God, _____ and _____ are not enough. His third desire is that men become spiritual _____.

- If our job in COMPONENT #1 is to _____ men...
And our job in COMPONENT #2 is to _____ men...
Then our job in COMPONENT #3 is to _____ men so they can be _____ to _____ themselves in others.

- A look at the "WORK" our Lord came to "FINISH" ...
* John 4:34 -

* Is John 19:30 the answer???

* And the real answer is ... _____!

* How do we know that's the "WORK"???
By the three things He specifically tells us He did in the remainder of the _____!

1) "I have _____ thy _____" (v.6)... _____.

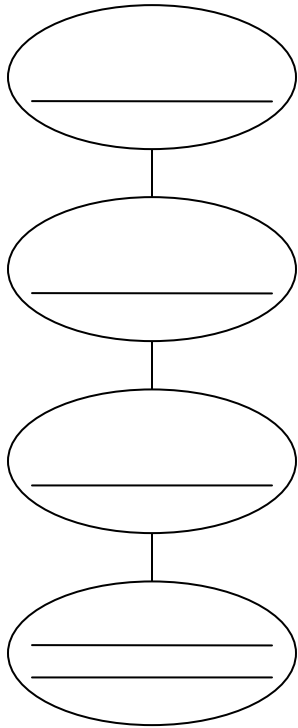
2) "I have given unto them the _____" (v.8)... _____.

3) "I also _____ them into the _____" (v.18)... _____.

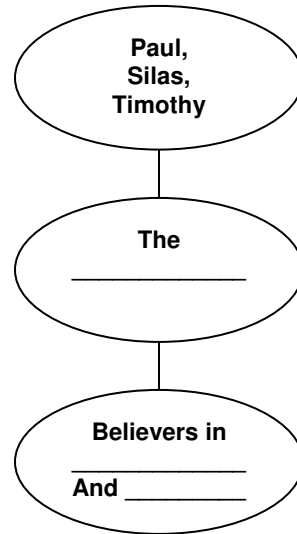
- Jesus came to this planet because He _____ the whole world, and wanted to _____ the whole world, yet He came and invested His entire ministry in just a _____!
- Why?
So that when He _____, they could _____ the work that He had _____!
*Acts 1:1 -
The Apostles were the _____ of His _____ and _____!
- Jesus did not approach ministry the way He did because He was simply trying to do the best that He could do with _____
_____. No! Multiplying _____ was His _____ to reach the world! He left us a record of it because He was establishing a _____ for _____ that He intended every believer to _____!
- If the Lord tarries another 2000 years, you will never _____ on His _____!
- Re-evaluating our traditional methodology...
- The decision we are making is between what "well-meaning men" have _____ for us and _____ to us, and what the Lord Jesus Christ Himself came to this earth and not only _____ for us, but specifically _____ us to do!
- Put another way, we are really deciding between whether we are going to be spiritual " _____ ", or spiritual " _____ ".
- Most Christians have understood their responsibility to _____ spiritual fruit, but have not understood that their responsibility is actually to _____ spiritual fruit.
- Multiplying is when _____ has become a reality in our lives.

PICTURES OF MULTIPLICATION

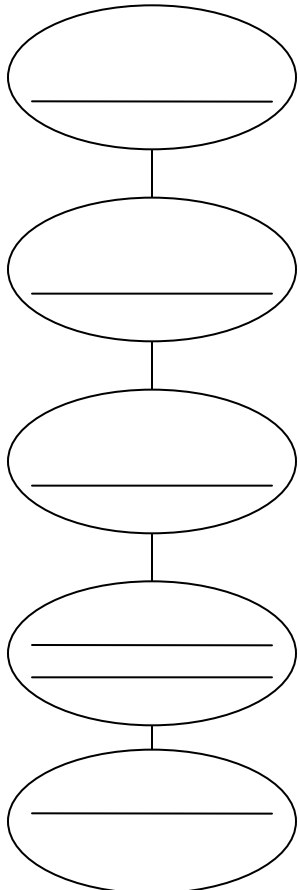
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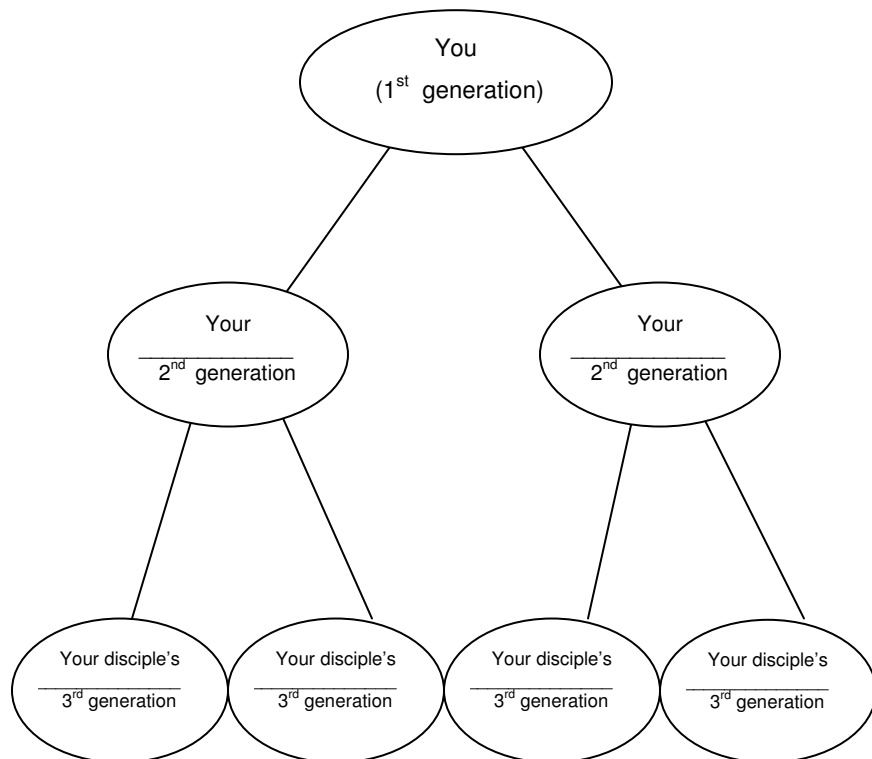
A PICTURE OF I THESSALONIANS 1:6-8



A PICTURE OF MATTHEW 28:18-20 AND ACTS 8:26-39



A PICTURE OF YOUR DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



ILLUSTRATIONS OF MULTIPLICATION

- Suppose a father offers his two sons the choice of taking either one dollar per week for 52 weeks, or one cent the first week and an amount each week for the next 51 weeks that is double the previous week's amount. Which of the two should the sons choose?

UNDERSTANDING TWO TYPES OF GROWTH

*LINEAR GROWTH -

*EXPONENTIAL GROWTH -

The Accumulated Allowance for the "Dollar-a-week" Choice...

\$ _____

The Accumulated Allowance for the "Penny-a-week-doubled" Choice...

\$ _____

- Suppose you start with a piece of paper $\frac{1}{1000}$ inch thick, tear it in half, and then stack the halves one on top of the other. At the end of one tearing, the thickness of the stack would make the thickness $\frac{2}{1000}$ inch. The next tear would make the thickness $\frac{4}{1000}$ inch. How high would the stack of paper be if it is torn just 50 times?

- Suppose a person starts with a checkerboard of 64 squares. On the first square is placed one grain of wheat. On the second are placed two grains, and on the third square are placed four grains. How much wheat would it take to complete the checkerboard if the number of grains is doubled on each succeeding square?

- Suppose a soul-winner won 1000 people to Christ every day. At the end of the first year there would be 365,000 new believers! Suppose another person in one year led one person to Christ and spent that year building, teaching, and training that individual to grow to maturity and to give witness of his faith and build up others. At the end of the first year, those engaged in a discipling ministry would number two. If this process were to continue indefinitely, with the soul-winner "adding" and the discipler "multiplying" each year, the total number of converts when compared at later dates would reveal the following:

| Years | Soul-Winner | Discipler |
|-------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | 365,000 | 2 |
| 2 | 730,000 | 4 |
| 10 | 3,650,000 | _____ |
| 19 | 6,935,000 | _____ |
| 20 | 7,300,000 | _____ |
| 25 | 9,125,000 | _____ |
| 26 | 9,490,000 | _____ |
| 27 | 9,855,000 | _____ |
| 33 | 10,220,000 | _____ |
| 184 | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |