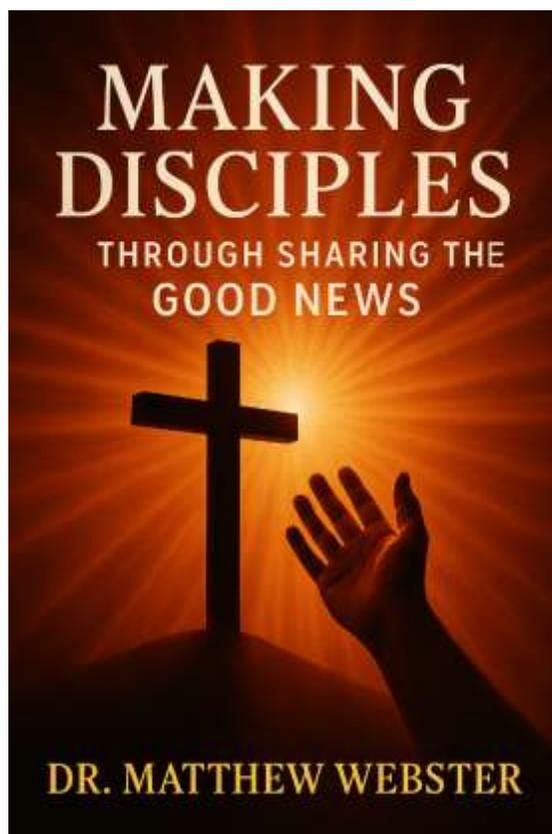


Making Disciples Through Sharing the Good News

10-week journey into grace-filled Gospel sharing,
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How to Use This Course

Making Disciples Through Sharing the Good News

A 9-week journey into grace-filled Gospel sharing,
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This 9-week journey is designed to help you not only understand what it means to make disciples but to **be actively involved in making disciples**, rooted in grace, fueled by the Gospel, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Whether you are going through this personally, with a friend, or leading a group, this course will help you:

- Clarify what disciple-making truly is (and what it's not)
- Overcome the most common barriers to making disciples
- Learn to hear God's voice, discern relationships, and take action
- Reflect, pray, and practice in real-time — not just absorb content

Structure of the Course

Each of the **9 weeks** includes:

Theme + Teaching

Every session opens with a deep, Gospel-centered theme that sets the spiritual tone for the week.

Book Chapter Reading

Each week connects with a chapter from *Making Disciples Through Sharing the Good News* by Dr. Matthew Webster. The reading reinforces the week's theme with theological insight and practical wisdom.

Key Scriptures

Hand-selected passages guide your biblical exploration. You'll meditate, pray, and apply them throughout the week.

Learning Objectives

Clear goals help you understand what you're aiming for by the end of the session — spiritually, practically, and relationally.

✦ Reflection Questions (*for journaling or discussion*)

These heart-level questions help you apply what you're learning to your personal life and context. Ideal for quiet time, mentoring, or group dialogue.

🙏 Prayer Prompt

A short but rich written prayer that centers your spirit and connects the theme with your relationship to God.

📖 Memory Verse

Scripture to meditate on and memorize throughout the week. Let the Word dwell in you richly (Colossians 3:16).

💬 Group Discussion Questions

For group settings or 1-on-1 discipleship, these questions spark conversation and invite honest, vulnerable processing.

⚡ Practical Application Challenge

This is where the theory becomes reality. Each week includes a *creative*, *specific*, and *bold* next step you can take to actually live out the week's theme.

💡 Weekly Reflection Prompts

Guiding questions to carry with you and revisit throughout the week — in prayer, thought, or conversation.

🙌 Final Encouragement

Each week closes with a grace-filled exhortation that lifts your eyes from what you can do to what God is doing through you.

💡 Ways to Use This Course

✅ Individual Devotional Journey

Work through each week on your own, using the reflection questions and challenges during your daily quiet time. Journal your responses, write out prayers, and set weekly goals.

One-on-One Mentoring or Discipleship

Meet weekly with someone you're discipling (or being disciplined by). Use the teaching, reflection, and practical tools to guide your conversations and prayer together.

Small Group or House Church Setting

Go through each week as a group. Assign the reading ahead of time, and gather to:

- Read a Scripture aloud
- Answer discussion questions
- Share what God's doing
- Close in prayer and commit to the challenge

Leadership Training Tool

Use this course to train your leaders — small group hosts, youth leaders, church planters, or staff. It's a reproducible, grace-filled pathway for equipping everyday disciple-makers.

Tips for the Journey

- **Don't rush.** This course is built to be walked through *week by week*. Transformation takes time — give yourself grace.
- **Be honest.** You'll grow the most when you tell the truth to yourself, to God, and the people walking with you.
- **Stay open.** The person God is calling you to disciple (or be disciplined by) might not be who you expect.
- **Practice, not perfection.** Every week has a real-life challenge. Try it. Mess it up. Try again. God grows you through time with Him, not performance.
- **Invite the Spirit.** Pray before you begin each week. The Spirit is your greatest Teacher.

Remember: This Is a Gospel Journey

Disciple-making doesn't begin with pressure. It begins with presence. Not your perfection, but **Christ in you** — the hope of glory.

Let's go make disciples!

♥ Week 1: Gospel Identity – Why the Gospel Is the Starting Point for All Discipleship

☀ Theme: Not Just Saved – Being Transformed by the Good News

"The Gospel is not just the diving board; it's the pool. You don't graduate from grace — you grow deeper into it."

This week, we begin our journey of disciple-making not by looking outward, but inward. Before we can effectively share Jesus with others, we must first be grounded in what the Gospel actually is — not just as a message to be preached, but as the power that changes lives. If we misunderstand the Gospel, we will either drift into performance-based religion or passive apathy. Both keep us from making healthy, fruitful disciples.

So let's begin where Jesus did — with the "euangelion." The good news. The glad tidings of salvation. Not just a future promise of Heaven, but a present invitation into wholeness (sozo). Healing. Freedom. Restoration. Identity. Power.

Before you can disciple others into this reality, you must receive it for yourself, fully.

📖 Chapter Reading:

Making Disciples, Chapter 1:

Why Is the Gospel the Only Way to Make Christian Disciples?

📍 Pages 4–13 of *Making Disciples*

In this chapter, Dr. Webster explores the original language behind the words "Gospel" and "salvation" and how Jesus' message brings complete transformation, not just for the lost, but for the found. We must become fluent in the Gospel if we want to multiply disciples. You cannot give what you haven't received.

📖 Key Scriptures:

- **Mark 16:15-16** – "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel..."
- **Romans 1:16** – "The Gospel... is the power of God for salvation..."
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** – "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us..."

- **Isaiah 52:7** – “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news...”
- **Galatians 1:6-7a** – “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— which is really no gospel at all.”

 **Learning Objectives:**

By the end of this week, you will:

- Understand the biblical definition of “Gospel” and “salvation”.
- Recognize the centrality of the Gospel in all disciple-making.
- Reflect on how the Gospel is working in your life *right now*, not just at conversion.
- Begin to identify how grace-based disciple-making differs from legalistic or performance-driven approaches.

 **Reflection Questions (Personal Journal):**

1. **How have I personally experienced the Gospel as “good news” in my life lately?**

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2. **What areas of my life still feel like they operate on “earning” or “proving” instead of grace?** (*How does this affect how I disciple others?*)

3. **What emotions come up when I hear the word “disciple-making”?** (*Excitement? Guilt? Fear? Why do I feel this way?*)

4. **What do I believe God wants to heal in me so that I can be a healthier disciple-maker?**

 **Prayer Prompt:**

“Jesus, You are the Good News. You are salvation in every way — healing, forgiveness, identity, purpose. Let me not settle for a distorted version of the Gospel that is powerless to bring salvation. I want to live in the full reality of what You’ve done. Teach me to disciple others not from pressure, but from Your presence. Begin the work of transformation in me so I might effectively disciple others. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.”

 **Memory Verse:**

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...”

4. Dr. Webster says, "The Gospel should ignite an urgency to share."
What holds you back from sharing it?

5. What would it look like to disciple someone from the overflow of your own transformation, rather than trying to fix them?

✂ **Practical Application:** 🔍 **"Gospel Encounter" Exercise**

This week, choose **one of the four Gospels** (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) and read **just one chapter each day**. But don't read it like a textbook. Read it like you're looking for *Jesus* — the One whose grace changed everything.

Each day:

- Ask: "What about Jesus in this chapter is good news for me today?"
- Write down a **single phrase or moment** that reveals who He is.
- Share it with a friend, family member, or disciple. Just a sentence.

At the end of the week, reflect:

- What surprised you about Jesus?
- How is He still "good news" to you, personally?

 **Weekly Reflection Prompts:**

- Where am I tempted to disciple others through performance rather than presence?

- How would my relationship with Jesus change if I saw Him as my continual source of healing and wholeness (sozo)?

- Who in my life needs to hear *the Gospel of Grace*, full of power, grace, and transformation?

 **Final Encouragement:**

You don't need to be a preacher to preach the Gospel.

You don't need to be perfect to make disciples.

You just need to receive what's already been given.

The Gospel is the power of God for salvation, past, present, and future.

This is where disciple-making begins: not with a strategy, but with a Savior.

♥ Week 2: The Mission You Were Made For — Why Disciple-Making Is the Most Important Mission in the World

☀ Theme: You Were Saved *For* Something — Not Just *From* Something

"The Gospel doesn't just save us from death — it calls us into a mission bigger than life."

Last week, we rooted ourselves in the transforming power of the Gospel. Now, we take the next step: understanding that every disciple is also a disciple-maker. Whether you're a student, a parent, a retiree, or in full-time ministry, you have a mission, and it's not optional.

Jesus didn't suggest we make disciples. He commanded it.

In the same way, secret agents are activated with a specific assignment; you've already been given yours: go into the world and make disciples. This isn't just a general goal. It's a personal calling, tailored to your gifting, your relationships, and your life story.

You have a part to play. And you're not doing it alone.

📖 Chapter Reading: Chapter 2 – *What Is the Most Important Mission in the World?*

📍 Pages 14-36 of *Making Disciples*

Dr. Webster frames disciple-making as more than religious effort — it's participation in the will of God. Through the Word and the Spirit, we discover that the will of God isn't hidden. It's revealed. Your mission is not unclear — it's been spelled out by Jesus Himself.

📖 Key Scriptures:

- **Matthew 28:18-20** – The Great Commission
 - **1 John 5:14** – Confidence in asking according to God's will
 - **Romans 12:2** – Renew your mind to understand God's will
 - **Mark 16:20** – God confirmed His Word through those He sent
 - **Ephesians 2:10** – You were created for good works in Christ
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3. Why do you think many Christians wait for a “special call” to make disciples when Jesus already gave a general command?

4. Jesus promised to be “with you always” in disciple-making. How does that promise give you confidence?

5. If someone asked you, “What is God’s will for my life?” — how would you answer that question now?

✂ Practical Application:

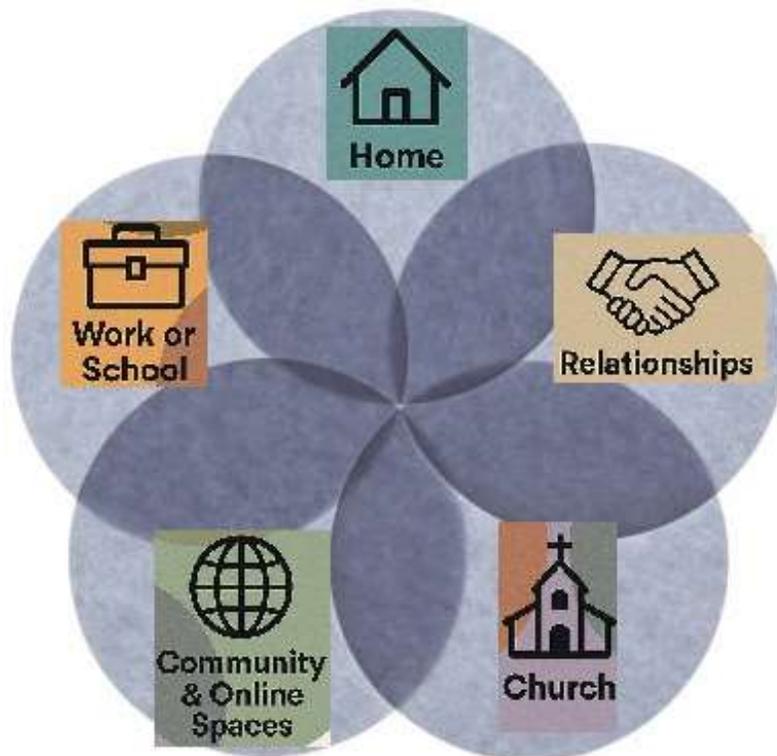
✂ “Mission Field Mapping” Exercise

Goal: To see your everyday world as your mission field — and identify where God is already at work.

What to Do:

1. Take out a blank sheet of paper and draw five overlapping circles:

- 🏠 **Home**
- 🤝 **Relationships** (friends, family, neighbors)
- 📁 **Work or School**
- 🏛️ **Church**
- 🌐 **Community & Online Spaces**



2. In each circle, write the names or initials of people you interact with regularly. Include those who:
- Are not following Jesus
 - May be new in their faith
 - Need encouragement to grow
3. Ask God:
- "Who are you calling me to disciple?"
4. Pick **one name** from any circle and reach out to them this week — start a conversation, ask a question, or invite them into a deeper connection.

♥ Week 3: Your Next Disciple Might Surprise You

☀ Theme: Grace Goes Further Than You'd Expect

"Disciple-making is not reserved for only church leaders — it's powered by the Gospel. And the people God sends your way may surprise you, stretch you, and bless you."

Jesus chose fishermen, a tax collector, a zealot, and many unexpected people to become world-changing disciples. He didn't look for polished resumes — He looked for willing hearts. This week is about releasing control over who we think we're supposed to disciple and learning to trust the Holy Spirit's leading.

Disciple-making doesn't begin with finding people who "fit" our mold. Often, the most impactful relationships are with people we never imagined. This is true in both directions — sometimes you will disciple people who surprise you, and sometimes, you'll be discipled by someone who doesn't look the part. That's grace in motion.

Chapter Reading:

Chapter 3 – *Your Next Disciple Might Surprise You* (pp. 34–67)

📍 Pages 37–72 of *Making Disciples*

Dr. Webster challenges the idea that there's a standard formula for who you're called to disciple. He reminds us that God brings people into our lives at just the right time, not based on preference, but divine appointment. The call is to be faithful, not selective.

Key Scriptures:

- **Luke 5:27-32** – Jesus calls Levi, the tax collector
 - **John 4:4-26** – The woman at the well becomes a witness
 - **Acts 9:10-17** – Ananias is told to disciple Saul
 - **1 Samuel 16:7** – "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."
 - **Matthew 28:19** – All nations. All people.
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4. **Who has God placed in my life recently that might be a potential disciple? Have I been paying attention?**

 **Prayer Prompt:**

"Jesus, break my boxes. Remove the limits I've placed on who I'm willing to disciple and who I'm willing to be disciplined by. Give me Your eyes to see people with grace, not judgment. Prepare me to receive whoever You send — and send me to whoever is ready. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

 **Memory Verse:**

1 Samuel 16:7

"People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Post this verse somewhere visible to remind you that your mission field may look very different from what you expect.

 **Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do we tend to gravitate toward people who look, think, or act like us when it comes to disciple-making?

2. What surprises you about the kinds of people Jesus disciplined or called into His Kingdom?

- Are going through a major life shift
- Have opened up emotionally or relationally to you
- 2. Circle one name that **surprises you the most** — someone outside your usual circle or comfort zone.
- 3. Do one of the following this week:
 - Invite them to coffee or a meal
 - Text them something encouraging
 - Ask a spiritually intentional question like:
"Have you ever felt like God was trying to get your attention?" or
"Can I pray for you about anything this week?"
- 4. Ask the Holy Spirit:
 - *"Is this someone You want me to invest in?"*

Questions to Carry Into the Week:

- Am I open to discipling someone very different from me?

- What prejudices or assumptions might be limiting who I think is "disciple material"?

- Who in my life might be waiting for an invitation to grow in faith?

Final Encouragement:

The disciples Jesus called didn't look like spiritual superstars. They weren't the most educated. They weren't the most "put together." But they said yes.

Who is God nudging you toward right now?
Don't overthink it. Just obey the next small invitation.

You never know what God will do and who He might bring into your life.

♥ Week 4: The Power Within — The Secret to Disciple-Making Is Already in You

☀ Theme: You're Not Lacking — You're Empowered

"God doesn't call the equipped — He equips the called. And He already placed His Spirit in you for this very mission."

This week, we confront one of the most common barriers to disciple-making: the feeling of inadequacy. So many believers disqualify themselves by thinking, *"I don't know enough... I'm not trained... I'm not gifted enough."* But the truth is far more powerful — if you're in Christ, the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you (Romans 8:11), and He is fully able to disciple others *through* you.

We aren't called to make disciples in our own strength. Jesus gave the Great Commission — then immediately promised His presence: *"And surely I am with you always..."* (Matthew 28:20). That promise wasn't symbolic. It was literal. The Holy Spirit is the indwelling presence of Jesus, empowering you to walk boldly, speak freely, love radically, and lead faithfully.

📖 Chapter Reading:

Chapter 4 – *The Secret to Making Disciples Is In You*

📍 Pages 73-89 of *Making Disciples*

Dr. Webster reveals that disciple-making isn't reserved for the spiritually elite. It flows through ordinary people filled with extraordinary power — the Holy Spirit. This chapter unpacks how the Spirit enables, teaches, corrects, comforts, and empowers us to participate in God's mission.

📖 Key Scriptures:

- **John 14:26** – The Holy Spirit will teach you all things
 - **Acts 1:8** – You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes
 - **2 Corinthians 4:7** – "Treasure in jars of clay"
 - **Romans 8:11** – The Spirit gives life to your mortal body
 - **Philippians 2:13** – God works in you to will and to act
 - **1 John 2:27** – The anointing teaches you
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 **Prayer Prompt:**

"Heavenly Father, thank You for giving me Your Holy Spirit to live in me. I surrender my need to perform, impress, or control. Teach me to listen. Empower me to act. Let disciple-making flow from Your life in me, not my effort. You are enough, and You are with me, guiding me and giving me wisdom. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

 **Memory Verse:**

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."

Post this verse somewhere visible. Repeat it when you feel weak, inadequate, or afraid.

 **Group Discussion Questions:**

1. What fears or insecurities have kept you from stepping into disciple-making?

2. How does understanding the Holy Spirit as your helper change your view of what it means to lead others spiritually?

3. What is the difference between being "available" and being "qualified"? Which do you think God prioritizes?

4. Share a time when the Holy Spirit gave you words, boldness, or insight that you didn't have on your own.

5. How can we support each other in learning to walk more confidently in the Spirit's power?

✂ Practical Application:

🔥 "Power Moments" Journal

Goal: To develop spiritual awareness of the Spirit's activity in your everyday life.

What to Do:

1. **Each day this week**, create space to ask this question:

"Holy Spirit, where did You guide me today?"

2. At the end of each day, write down one moment where you:

- Felt led to say something encouraging
- Remembered Scripture at the right time
- Had peace or clarity in a hard moment
- Helped someone beyond your natural ability
- Felt a prompting to reach out, pray, or give

3. After 7 days, reflect:
 - What patterns do you notice?
 - How was the Spirit already empowering you?
 4. Bonus: Share one of these “power moments” with someone else — it may encourage them to see the Spirit in their life too.
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🌟 Questions to Carry Into the Week:

- What would I do differently if I believed the Holy Spirit is truly with me?

- Where is God asking me to rely more on His power and less on my plan?

- Who in my life needs to know that disciple-making is possible *because* of God’s presence?

👉 Final Encouragement:

You are not underpowered. You are not unqualified.
You are not doing this alone.

The same Spirit who empowered Peter to preach, Paul to plant churches, and everyday believers to turn the world upside down — **lives in you.**

Disciple-making doesn’t begin with confidence in yourself.
It begins with confidence in the Spirit who never leaves.

You already have everything you need. Now go.

💜 Week 5: Prayer Produces — How Intercession Fuels the Discipleship Journey

☀️ Theme: If You Want to See Fruit, Start with Prayer

"Prayer is not preparation for the work. Prayer is the work."
– Oswald Chambers

You cannot make disciples effectively if you're not praying intentionally. Disciple-making is not a strategy first — it is **a spiritual work birthed and sustained through prayer**. If we try to influence others for Jesus without bringing them before Jesus, we will burn out, become frustrated, or fall into self-reliance.

This week is about shifting from casual to **intentional intercession**. Jesus prayed before selecting the twelve (Luke 6:12). Paul constantly prayed for those he discipled (Philippians 1:3-6). We're invited to do the same — not just praying *about* people but learning to pray *with* and *for* them regularly, specifically, and powerfully.

📖 Chapter Reading:

Chapter 5 – *Prayer Produces*

📍 Pages 90–116 of *Making Disciples*

Dr. Webster emphasizes that prayer is not a backup plan when disciple-making feels hard — it's the **engine**. He unpacks how to pray with expectancy, how intercession aligns us with the will of God, and why you don't need perfect words — just a posture of faith.

📖 Key Scriptures:

- **Luke 6:12-13** – Jesus prayed all night before choosing His disciples
 - **Colossians 1:9-10** – Paul prays for spiritual wisdom and growth
 - **James 5:16** – The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective
 - **Ephesians 6:18-19** – Pray in the Spirit on all occasions
 - **Romans 8:26** – The Spirit helps us in our weakness to pray
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4. How can we create spiritual habits of praying for others without it becoming routine or ritualistic?
5. What's one story of a time prayer made a clear impact in your life or in someone you were discipling?

✂ Practical Application:

Disciple Prayer Cards — A Weekly Intercession Practice

Goal: To intentionally and consistently pray for the people God has placed on your heart to disciple — and to track how prayer shapes your love and leadership.

What to Do:

1. Grab 3–5 index cards (or use your phone's notes app).
2. Write the **name** of someone you are discipling, or someone you sense God calling you to invest in.
3. On each card, write 3 things:
 - A specific area of growth or need (emotional, spiritual, relational)
 - A Scripture you want to pray over them
 - One short prayer (example: "God, increase [Name]'s hunger for Your Word.")
4. Keep the cards in your Bible or journal.
Choose a set time daily or a few times a week to pray over them.
5. Each week, reflect:
 - Did anything shift?
 - Did I sense the Spirit leading me differently?
 - Do I need to reach out to encourage them?

 **Questions to Carry Into the Week:**

- What does my current prayer life say about how much I believe God wants to move through me?

- If I prayed more, how might my confidence in disciple-making change?

- Who in my life do I need to start interceding for daily, not just casually?

 **Final Encouragement:**

You don't have to know what to say.
You don't have to pray fancy words.
You just have to show up in faith.

Prayer is how we partner with Heaven.
It's how disciples are born.
And it's how hearts are transformed.

So, before you plan your next strategy, set your alarm to **pray**.
Your prayers are doing more than you think.

♥ Week 6: You Are Not Called to Disciple Everyone — Learning to Focus, Not Burn Out

☀ Theme: Faithfulness Over Franticness

"You are not the Savior. You are a seed-planter, waterer, encourager — but only God brings the growth."

Disciple-making is a call, not a burden. But without wisdom, it becomes overwhelming. One of the most freeing truths in the life of a disciple-maker is this: **you are not called to disciple everyone**. Not every person is your assignment. Jesus didn't heal every person in Israel. He didn't disciple every follower. And neither should we.

This week is about **holy focus** — saying yes to the people God has placed in front of you and *no* to the pressure to try and disciple everyone. It's also about learning to release others to disciple as you multiply your efforts.

God isn't calling you to do everything. He's calling you to be faithful with the few.

📖 Chapter Reading:

Chapter 6 – *You Are Not Called to Disciple Everyone*

📍 Pages 117-149 of *Making Disciples*

Dr. Webster breaks down the myth that disciple-makers must try to meet every need. He shows us how Jesus modeled intentional investment in the few, how we can discern our limits with wisdom, and how to delegate or release others without guilt. The goal isn't *quantity* of relationships — it's *quality* and fruitfulness.

📖 Key Scriptures:

- **Luke 10:1-2** – Jesus sends the seventy-two two-by-two
- **2 Timothy 2:2** – Entrust what you've learned to faithful people
- **Mark 1:35-38** – Jesus leaves the crowds to focus on His mission
- **John 5:19** – Jesus only did what He saw the Father doing
- **1 Corinthians 3:6-7** – "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this week, you will:

- Release the pressure to disciple “everyone” and learn how to say yes *strategically*.
- Understand that having a focus in disciple-making is not selfish — it’s faithful.
- Learn to recognize burnout signs and embrace Spirit-led rhythms.
- Reflect on who you’re called to invest in now, and who you may be called to release or refer.

Reflection Questions (Personal Journal):

1. **Do I feel pressure to disciple too many people? Where is that pressure coming from?**
2. **Am I saying yes to people God never assigned to me? What is that costing me?**
3. **Who are the “faithful few” God is clearly calling me to invest in right now?**
4. **How do I respond when I need to say no to someone? How can I grow in doing that with grace?**

Prayer Prompt:

“Lord, teach me to be faithful, not frantic. Help me invest deeply in the people You’ve assigned to me and let go of the pressure to disciple everyone. Fill me with wisdom, peace, and discernment. Show me where to say yes and where to say no.” In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.”

 **Memory Verse:**

2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV)

"And the things you have heard me say... entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

 **Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do you think many disciple-makers feel guilty about setting boundaries?
2. What is the difference between **compassion** and **calling** when it comes to who we disciple?
3. Jesus invested deeply in a few. What can we learn from His example?
4. How can we discern when it's time to step back from a discipling relationship?

5. In what ways have you seen God multiply your influence through delegation or release?

✂ Practical Application:

"Focus Circle" Exercise — Clarifying Your Current Disciple-Making Capacity

Goal: To gain clarity on who you're called to disciple *right now* and to prayerfully release the rest to God's timing or someone else's care.

What to Do:

1. Draw three concentric circles labeled:
 - **Core (Deep Investment):** 1–3 people you're discipling most directly.
 - **Mid-Circle (Emerging Relationship):** People you're building toward deeper investment.
 - **Outer Circle (Relational Encouragement):** People you're praying for or encouraging from a distance.
2. Place names in each layer — be honest. Then ask:
 - "Do I need to move anyone inward?"
 - "Do I need to release anyone outward — or completely — for this season?"
3. Highlight your **Core** circle.
 - Ask God for *strategies, prayers, and specific actions* for these individuals this week.
 - Ask: "What's one way I can pour into each of these people this week with purpose?"
4. Now, thank God for everyone in the Mid and Outer circles. Release them to His care.

🌟 Questions to Carry Into the Week:

- What would shift in my peace and energy if I believed I wasn't called to disciple everyone?
- Am I trying to disciple based on **need**, or based on **calling**?
- How does Jesus' model of focus inspire and challenge me?

👉 Final Encouragement:

Jesus said no.

He walked away from the crowd.

He focused on the twelve — and even more intentionally on the three.

If the Savior of the world wasn't trying to reach everyone at once, you don't have to either.

Disciple-making is not about running faster — it's about walking in rhythm with the Spirit.

Your "no" to one thing makes space for a deeper "yes" to someone God's already prepared.

♥ Week 7: Know Something of Me — Why Relationship Is the Key to Discipleship

☀ Theme: Discipleship Happens at the Speed of Trust

"Programs don't make disciples — people do. And real people need real relationships."

Disciple-making is not a classroom — it's a table. It's not about performance or polish. It's about presence. Jesus made disciples not by hosting conferences, but by sharing meals, walking roads, asking questions, and living life shoulder-to-shoulder with a handful of ordinary people.

This week is about rediscovering that discipleship is fundamentally **relational**. Without a deep, honest, grace-filled connection, you can't lead someone toward transformation. We often want to make disciples from a distance, but Jesus draws us close. To disciple someone well, you have to "know something of them" and let them know something of you.

📖 Chapter Reading:

Chapter 7 – Know Something of Me: Building Relationships Is Key to Effective Discipling

📍 Pages 150–162 of *Making Disciples*

Dr. Webster invites us to embrace vulnerability and relational presence as the true soil of spiritual growth. Without relationship, we become instructors. With relationship, we become shepherds.

📖 Key Scriptures:

- **1 Thessalonians 2:8** – "We were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel... but our lives as well."
 - **Luke 19:1-10** – Jesus enters Zacchaeus's house before his heart changes
 - **John 13:1-17** – Jesus washes His disciples' feet
 - **Proverbs 27:17** – "As iron sharpens iron..."
 - **John 15:15** – "I have called you friends."
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4. **What fears do I have about being vulnerable with the people I'm discipling?**

Prayer Prompt:

"Jesus, You didn't just teach truth — You lived it in relationship. Help me slow down enough to really know the people You've entrusted to me. Teach me to love them beyond their questions, their brokenness, or their surface-level presentation of themselves. Give me courage to be honest and grace to listen well. I want to disciple from the table, not the podium. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

Memory Verse:

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)

"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our lives as well."

Group Discussion Questions:

1. What are the key differences between relational and transactional disciple-making?

2. Why do you think Jesus spent so much time simply *with* His disciples — eating, walking, resting?

What to Do:

1. Choose **one person** you're currently discipling or building toward.
2. Set aside **1 hour** this week to meet with them — not for a Bible study or discipleship "lesson," but for real connection.
 - Invite them to coffee, lunch, a walk, or your living room.
 - Ask open-hearted questions like:
 - "What's been on your heart lately?"
 - "What's been heavy on your mind this week?"
 - "How has God been feeling to you — close or distant? Why might that be?"
 - "Where are you struggling to trust?"
3. **Don't teach. Don't fix. Just be present.**
 - Share one area of your own life where God is growing you or challenging you.
 - Let it be a two-way conversation — a relationship, not a transaction.
4. End by praying *with* them, not just for them.

Bonus Option:

Write a handwritten note or text affirming something you admire about them — who they are, not what they do.

🌟 Questions to Carry Into the Week:

- Am I discipling through **presence**, or just through information?
- What kind of spiritual connection do I wish someone would offer *me* — and how can I offer that to someone else?
- Who in my life might need less instruction and more attention?

🙏 Final Encouragement:

Jesus knew their fears. He saw their doubts. He washed their feet.
And still, He called them friends.

You don't need to impress the people you disciple. You need to love them.

You don't need to have all the answers. You need to offer presence.

Because the Gospel is not just shared through words — it's shared through a life lived close enough to touch.

♥ Week 8: The Importance of Being Disciplined — Why You Need to Be Led, Too

☀ Theme: You Can't Pour From an Empty Cup

"A disciple-maker who doesn't remain a disciple will eventually become a performer, a critic, or a burnout."

Jesus called us to make disciples, but never apart from continuing to *be* one. Many believers begin well: hungry for wisdom, submitted to leadership, open to correction. But over time, it's easy to drift into independence or even spiritual isolation, especially when you're the one leading others.

This week is an invitation back to humility. Every disciple-maker needs someone investing in *them*. We never outgrow the need for encouragement, correction, perspective, or accountability. If Jesus Himself submitted to the Father and walked closely with others, how much more should we?

Disciple-makers who stop being disciplined often stop growing. But those who remain rooted in relationships of guidance and mutual encouragement continue to bear fruit long after others burn out—because those investing in them help keep them connected to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

📖 Chapter Reading:

Chapter 8 – *The Importance of Being Disciplined*

📍 Pages 163-183 of *Making Disciples*

Dr. Webster reminds us that being disciplined isn't a sign of weakness — it's a sign of spiritual health. He unpacks the dangers of spiritual isolation and the gift of mutual sharpening, explaining how discipleship should be a **two-way rhythm**: giving and receiving.

📖 Key Scriptures:

- **Hebrews 13:7** – "Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."
- **Proverbs 11:14** – "Where there is no guidance, a people falls..."
- **Philippians 3:17** – "Join together in following my example..."
- **2 Timothy 1:5-7** – Paul speaks to Timothy about faith passed through generations.

4. **What kind of discipler do I need in this season—wise elder, peer accountability, spiritual director, etc.?**

 **Prayer Prompt:**

"Lord, I need others. You never asked me to follow You alone. Teach me how to receive well — correction, encouragement, and direction. I surrender my pride and fear, and I ask You to show me who I can walk with. Help me be teachable, humble, and honest. Grow me through the people You've placed around me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

 **Memory Verse:**

Hebrews 13:7 (NIV)

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

 **Group Discussion Questions:**

1. What are some dangers of trying to make disciples without continuing to be discipled?

2. Have you ever had a season of spiritual dryness because you weren't being poured into? What did you learn?

3. Why do some people resist mentorship or spiritual leadership as they try and grow?

4. How can we find and build discipling relationships that are life-giving and safe?

5. What would change in your walk with Jesus if you had a regular, trusted voice helping you grow?

✂ Practical Application:

📌 "Reach Up" Assignment — Find a Guide, Not Just a Peer

Goal: To intentionally pursue someone who can pour into you — formally or informally — and to commit to receiving, not just giving.

What to Do:

1. **Identify someone in your life** who:
 - Has walked with Jesus for a long time

- Demonstrates spiritual maturity *and* relational humility
 - Makes you want to love Jesus more by how they live
 - 2. Reach out to them with this simple message:
 - “I admire your walk with Jesus, and I’m in a season where I want to keep growing. Would you be willing to meet with me a couple of times and help me keep moving forward in my faith?”
 - 3. If no one comes to mind:
 - Pray and ask God to reveal someone.
 - Look outside your immediate circle — even books, podcasts, or older mentors online can supplement until someone is local.
 - 4. **Set a rhythm** — even if just once a month — to process life, ask questions, receive prayer, and grow.
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Questions to Carry Into the Week:

- Am I open to spiritual feedback, or have I subtly shut others out?

- What would it take for me to become more teachable?

- Who could I invite into my life to help me become a stronger, healthier disciple-maker?

Final Encouragement:

Jesus never asked you to lead from a place of isolation. He modeled friendship, mentorship, and submission to the Father. You weren't made to disciple others alone.

A tree cut off from its roots can look alive for a while, but it won't bear fruit for long. Stay rooted. Stay teachable. Stay connected.

The healthiest disciple-makers are always still disciples.

♥ Week 9: Discipling Your Inner Circle- Start with Who's Already There

☀ **Theme:** You Don't Have to Look Far — Your Mission Field Is Closer Than You Think

"Jesus said, 'Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you...'" (Mark 5:19).

Sometimes we imagine disciple-making means traveling far, launching ministries, or reaching strangers. But what if your greatest disciple-making impact is within your inner circle — your family, your friends, your coworkers? The truth is: God often starts with those closest to us. That's exactly what Jesus told the man delivered from demons to do — *go home* and share.

This week, you'll explore how to embrace the relationships already in your life as sacred ground for spiritual growth. Discipling your inner circle isn't about force; it's about faithfulness. It's about being present, patient, and prayerful — trusting God to work through everyday conversations and Christlike love.

Chapter Reading:

Chapter 9 – Discover Discipling Within Your Inner Circle

📍 Pages 184–214 of Making Disciples

Dr. Webster offers practical wisdom and Scriptural insight into how we can begin the disciple-making process right where we are, with the people God has already entrusted to us.

Key Scriptures:

- **Mark 5:18-20** – "Go home to your own people and tell them..."
 - **John 1:40-42** – Andrew brings his brother Peter to Jesus.
 - **Acts 16:31-34** – The jailer and his whole household believe.
 - **Deuteronomy 6:6-7** – Teach them to your children.
 - **2 Timothy 1:5** – Faith passed from grandmother to mother to son.
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4. What does it mean to disciple through consistency and presence rather than preaching?

5. How can you invite the Holy Spirit into your everyday rhythms at home, work, or school?

✂ Practical Application:

👥 "Circle of Influence" Exercise

Step 1: On a sheet of paper, draw 3 concentric circles:

- Inner Circle: people you live with or talk to daily
- Middle Circle: people you see weekly (friends, coworkers, neighbors)
- Outer Circle: people you occasionally connect with

Step 2: Prayerfully write 1–2 names in each circle.

Step 3: For your *Inner Circle*, identify one spiritual rhythm you can begin or strengthen this week:

- Praying together over meals
- Asking: "Where did you see God today?"

- Reading a verse and discussing it
- Modeling grace to them
- Celebrating God's faithfulness together

Step 4: Reach out intentionally to someone in your *Middle or Outer Circle* — with a kind word, prayer, or spiritual encouragement.

 **Weekly Reflection Prompts:**

- Who has God already placed in my life that I've overlooked spiritually?

- How can I move from casual conversations to intentional spiritual influence?

- What spiritual practices can I introduce into the flow of my home or workspace?

- How can I model grace even when I fail or feel spiritually dry?

 **Final Encouragement:**

You don't need to search the globe for a mission field. Your mission may be eating dinner with you, riding in your car, working in the office next door, or texting you late at night.

You don't have to be perfect to be powerful.
You just have to be present.

Start where you are. Disciple who's already near.
Jesus did. So can you.

♥ Week 10: Disciple-Making Post-Pandemic — Adapting the Mission for a Changed World

☀ Theme: New Wineskins, Same Gospel

"The mission hasn't changed — but the methods must."

The world changed. The church changed. Community changed. But the **Great Commission remains unchanged**. In this final session, we step into the moment we're living in now — post-pandemic, digitally saturated, culturally fragmented — and ask: *How can we make disciples right here, right now?*

Disciple-making after COVID isn't harder — it's different. The hunger is still there, but people are more isolated, more distracted, and more cautious. This means we must become flexible and Spirit-led in our approach. Our methods can (and must) shift — but our message, our posture, and our mission cannot.

📖 Chapter Reading:

Chapter 10 – *Disciple-Making Post-Pandemic*

📍 Pages 215–End of *Making Disciples*

Dr. Webster emphasizes how the pandemic exposed the weaknesses of consumer Christianity and opened new doors for relational, missional disciple-making. He challenges us to stop waiting for normal to return — and start moving with the Spirit into *what's next*.

📖 Key Scriptures:

- **Matthew 9:17** – New wine needs new wineskins.
 - **Acts 17:16-34** – Paul preaches in a pluralistic, skeptical culture.
 - **John 1:14** – Jesus came full of grace and truth.
 - **Hebrews 10:24-25** – Do not give up meeting together.
 - **2 Timothy 4:2** – Be ready "in season and out of season".
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4. **What “new wineskins” (methods, rhythms, strategies) is God asking me to embrace?**

 **Prayer Prompt:**

“Lord, I don’t want to live in the past. You are doing a new thing. Show me how to walk in step with Your Spirit — to reach people not just in church buildings but in coffee shops, through texts, video calls, living rooms, and in parks. Use me creatively, compassionately, and courageously. I am ready to make disciples — here and now. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.”

 **Memory Verse:**

Matthew 9:17 (NIV)

“Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins... they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

 **Group Discussion Questions:**

1. What are some ways the pandemic helped us see new opportunities for disciple-making?

✂ Practical Application:

📱 "Digital Discippler" Experiment

Goal: To stretch into post-pandemic methods for Gospel impact, embracing the digital space as a legitimate mission field.

What to Do:

1. **Pick one digital platform** where you already have a presence — Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, YouTube, email, or even a texting thread.
2. **Share one short, authentic Gospel-centered message** this week.
It can be:
 - A 1-minute video testimony or devotional
 - A Scripture + a short reflection
 - A typed story of a time God met you in your weakness
 - An invitation: "If anyone needs prayer or has questions about faith, message me privately."
3. Track what happens:
 - Did anyone respond, react, or ask for prayer?
 - How did it feel to step out in boldness online?
4. Reflect:
 - What did this show me about disciple-making in a digital age?
 - How can I continue using technology for spiritual connection, not just distraction?

🧠 Questions to Carry Into the Week:

- Am I more committed to *how* I've always done discipleship than to *why* I do it?

- Where do I need new rhythms or structures to reflect post-pandemic reality?

- What do I need to surrender to become more flexible, present, and fruitful?

 **Final Encouragement:**

We don't live in the world of 2019 anymore.
But the Gospel still changes lives today.
And the Holy Spirit is not limited by lockdowns, distance, or screens.

The early church made disciples in homes, on roads, in marketplaces, and prisons.
You can make disciples **in your living room, on FaceTime, at school, at work, or in the comments section.**

The world changed. The mission did not.

You are a disciple.
You are a disciple-maker.
And this generation needs you now more than ever.

▶▶ What's Next?

Living in the Last Days: A Practical Guide to Understanding Biblical Prophecy

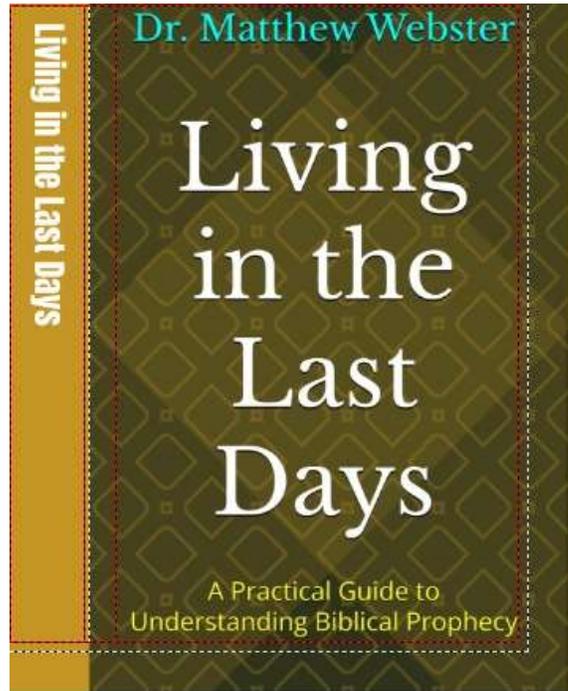
"The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray."

— 1 Peter 4:7

Now that you've completed *Making Disciples*, you're walking in the mission of Jesus — multiplying grace, walking by the Spirit, and helping others follow Him.

So... what's next?

The next course in this discipleship journey is called:



Living in the Last Days: A Practical Guide to Understanding Biblical Prophecy

This 12-week follow-up course is designed to prepare you to **live with clarity, urgency, and peace** in a world that feels increasingly uncertain. You'll explore what Scripture really says about the end times — and how to live wisely, joyfully, and missionally in light of Christ's return.

🌐 Why This Course Matters Now

Every generation asks: *Are we living in the last days?*

Scripture answers: Yes. (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2)

But the Bible doesn't call us to panic — it calls us to **prepare**. Not to stockpile and hide — but to **stand firm, share boldly, and shine brightly**.

📖 What You'll Learn in *Living in the Last Days*

- When the end times began (hint: it's not what most people think)
- What Jesus actually said about the signs of the end

- What the Bible teaches about the Rapture, Tribulation, and Second Coming
- How to read Revelation without fear or confusion
- How to live *with purpose* and *without fear* in these last days

You'll also answer big questions like:

- Should Christians be preparing for disaster?
- What role does Israel play in end-times prophecy?
- How do I stay grounded when the world feels unstable?

The Goal: Faith Over Fear

This isn't a course about headlines — it's about **hope**.
It's not designed to stir up fear, but to stir your faith.
You'll walk away with:

- A clear biblical foundation
- Practical wisdom for today
- Unshakeable confidence in Christ's return

Ready for the Journey?

If *Making Disciples* helped you say "yes" to the mission, then *Living in the Last Days* will help you say "yes" to the moment we're living in.

"Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16).

This is your moment. This is your time.

Let's live it well.