

## Go and Make Disciples – Study Questions

### Part Four: The Disciple-Making Home

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ and make \_\_\_\_\_ of all nations, \_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and \_\_\_\_\_ them to \_\_\_\_\_ everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt 28:18–20 NIV).

#### 1) How does the Great Commission relate to family discipleship?

- A) Many people think of the Great Commission as a call to \_\_\_\_\_ evangelism. But this overlooks a primary mission field—the \_\_\_\_\_. The Great Commission is also a call to make disciples of our \_\_\_\_\_.
- B) While Christian schools and churches play an important part in forming mature disciples, the \_\_\_\_\_ is the true center of discipleship. \_\_\_\_\_ must disciple our families!
- (1) Charles Spurgeon: “First, let us begin by emphatically declaring it is \_\_\_\_\_ (fathers in particular) and not the church who are given the primary responsibility for calling the next generation to hope in God. The church serves a \_\_\_\_\_ role, reinforcing the biblical nurture that is occurring in the home.”
- (2) Jonathan Edwards: “Every Christian family ought to be as it were a little \_\_\_\_\_, consecrated to Christ, and wholly influenced and governed by his rules. And family \_\_\_\_\_ and order are some of the chief means of grace. If these fail, all other means are likely to prove ineffectual. If these are duly maintained, all the means of grace will be likely to prosper and be successful.”

#### 2) What does the Bible say about discipleship in the home?

- A) The Bible makes it clear that discipleship begins in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) “You shall \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your \_\_\_\_\_. You shall \_\_\_\_\_ them diligently to your children, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise” (Deut 6:4b–7).
- (2) “[God] established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he \_\_\_\_\_ our fathers to \_\_\_\_\_ to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their \_\_\_\_\_ in God and not \_\_\_\_\_ the works of God, but \_\_\_\_\_ his commandments; and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart

- was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God” (Ps 78:5–8).
- (3) “Hear, my son, your \_\_\_\_\_ instruction, and forsake not your \_\_\_\_\_ teaching” (Prov 1:8). “My son, do not forget my \_\_\_\_\_, but let your heart \_\_\_\_\_ my commandments” (Prov 3:1). “My son, do not despise the Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_ or be weary of his reproof” (Prov 3:11). “My son, be attentive to my words; \_\_\_\_\_ your ear to my sayings” (Prov 4:20).
- (4) “Children, \_\_\_\_\_ your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘\_\_\_\_\_ your father and mother’ (this is the first commandment with a promise), ‘that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.’ Fathers, do not \_\_\_\_\_ your children to anger, but bring them up in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.” (Eph 6:4).
- (5) “I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your \_\_\_\_\_ Lois and your \_\_\_\_\_ Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. But as for you, \_\_\_\_\_ in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from \_\_\_\_\_ you have been acquainted with the sacred \_\_\_\_\_, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” (2 Tim 1:5; 3:14–15).
- B) Scripture confirms that discipleship in the home is a \_\_\_\_\_ for ministry in the church:
- (1) “If anyone aspires to the office of \_\_\_\_\_, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must \_\_\_\_\_ his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children \_\_\_\_\_, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s \_\_\_\_\_?” (1 Tim 3:1–5).
- (2) “Let \_\_\_\_\_ each be the husband of one wife, \_\_\_\_\_ their children and their own households well.” (1 Tim 3:12).
- (3) “This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are \_\_\_\_\_ and not open to the charge of debauchery or \_\_\_\_\_.” (Titus 1:5–6).

### 3) What does discipleship in the home look like?

A) Personal \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) The most important thing parents can do to disciple their children is to be \_\_\_\_\_ themselves. Why? Because we learn primarily by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. This means the example parents set is the first and greatest teacher.

## B) Loving \_\_\_\_\_ .

(1) For men, being a disciple of Christ in the home means:

- Personal \_\_\_\_\_ and wise \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim 3:1-5; Titus 1:5-9).
- Loving their \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 5:25-33; 1 Pet 3:7).
- \_\_\_\_\_ for their families (Eph 5:25-33; 1 Pet 3:7).
- Bringing their children up in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord (Eph 6:4).

## C) Respectful \_\_\_\_\_ .

(1) For women, being a disciple of Christ in the home means:

- Being their husband's \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 2:18-24; 1 Cor 11:8-9).
- \_\_\_\_\_ to and \_\_\_\_\_ their husbands (Eph 5:22-24; 1 Pet 3:1-6).
- Loving their \_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 2:4; Prov 29:15).
- Being \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ at home, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 2:5).

## D) Proper \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ .

## E) Proactive \_\_\_\_\_ .

(1) Teach your children to \_\_\_\_\_. Use training sessions to accomplish this goal.

- Make sure your instructions and expectations are well \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

(2) Treat a rotten \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ that it is. Never tolerate outward compliance that conceals inward resentment.

- As they get older, teach your children this definition of obedience: "Doing \_\_\_\_\_ I'm told, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm told, with a good \_\_\_\_\_ ."

## F) Consistent \_\_\_\_\_ .

(1) It deals with the root problem in our children's hearts: \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov 22:15).

- We must learn to see our children from God's \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Your children's \_\_\_\_\_ is NOT the guiding principle for parenting.
- If you leave the garden of your child's heart untended, it will grow \_\_\_\_\_ not roses.

(2) It is the essential ingredient in \_\_\_\_\_ your children (Prov 13:24).

- The \_\_\_\_\_ the rod is used, the less it's needed.
- The more \_\_\_\_\_ the rod is used, the more effective it becomes.
- The rod teaches best when used in \_\_\_\_\_.
- The rod should always be accompanied with words of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The presence of the rod \_\_\_\_\_ the way for other \_\_\_\_\_ of discipline.
- When used properly, the rod will make your children feel \_\_\_\_\_.

(3) It prepares our children for the \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov 23:13-14).

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of discipline shows our children they have a \_\_\_\_\_.

G) Spirit-led \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) Share your \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Model \_\_\_\_\_.

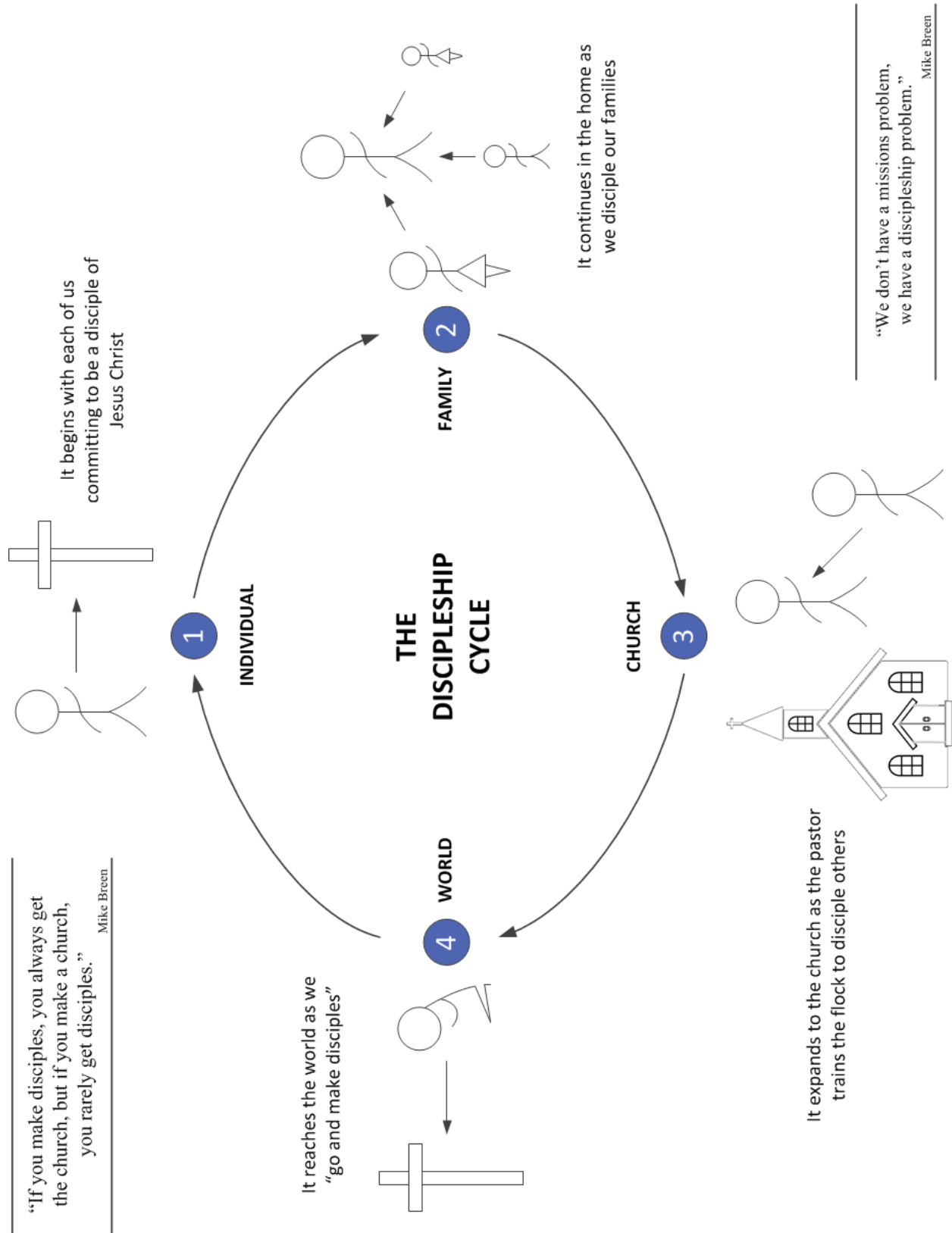
(3) Be \_\_\_\_\_.

H) Thoughtful \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_. Encourage each member of your family to practice personal discipleship.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_. Take time each day to discuss what God said in the daily reading.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_. Schedule a time each week or month when your family gets together for a discipleship lesson.



"If you make disciples, you always get the church, but if you make a church, you rarely get disciples."  
Mike Breen

"We don't have a missions problem, we have a discipleship problem."  
Mike Breen