

Acts 19:1-10

December 27th 2020

Discipleship: a lifelong process, that we need God's help for, that should result in further mature multiplying disciples

Main Point: Discipleship is the process of maturing, empowered by God, to be effective in making mature multiplying disciples

1. The process of discipleship (vs. 1-7)

Paul engaged with disciples that attached themselves to the church that were only seekers and pointed them towards Christ through proper discipleship.

We are all in the process of discipleship: a lifelong journey of being mature, multiplying disciples that produce further mature, multiplying disciples.

- a) Define a mature, multiplying disciple (see especially Matthew 28:18-20)
- b) Take the discipleship survey. Which of the 6 essentials do you need to grow in?
- c) Why do you think being mature (or more obedient) will help you become better at making more mature multiplying disciples?
- d) What way of ministering in order to make disciples is God calling you to in this season?
- e) How do you plan to grow as a mature, multiplying disciple?

2. The power of discipleship (vs.6-9)

Paul could not have successfully discipled the Ephesian church without the power of the Holy Spirit

We cannot become mature multiplying disciples, grow as mature multiplying disciples, or produce more mature multiplying disciples without the power of the Holy Spirit! (We need God to live as we should)

- a) Why can we not become a disciple without God's power?
- b) How do we do things in God's strength rather than in our own? (Philippians 4:6-7)

3. The product of discipleship (vs. 10)

The Ephesian church grew from a group inside a synagogue to a movement that reached all of Asia because of discipleship.

In order to make mature multiplying disciples among our family, in this neighbourhood, and throughout this city we have to focus on discipleship ourselves!

- a) Why would focussing on our own individual discipleship and the discipleship of our church lead to a revival (more mature, multiplying disciples being made)?

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