



"Winning The World Through Discipleship – Part 2"

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I. We're pausing in Acts to ask an important question of the story.
With 10,000 or more brand new Christians in the church so quickly:
How in the world did they _____ all of them?!

Why should it matter to us to know how to grow up spiritually?

2 Peter 1:5-8 – "Make every effort to add to your faith virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Bible verses that tell us to grow up into spiritual maturity:

II. Discipleship is also of importance to us for strategic reasons here at BridgeWay right now.

A. What did Jesus tell us to do in the Great Commission? Win converts?

B. What are we to do to *make disciples*? It's in the Great Commission itself!

C. What would we do if God set a baby Christian in our midst and said, '*Help this child of mine grow up*'? This is what we wrestled with last summer. What did we ask ourselves?

D. We're in the last stages of finishing up an exciting project:

E. Here's what we'd like you to do to help with the project:

III. This project has some very unique qualities to it, which tie in to Jesus' strategy for discipleship. There were at least 5 elements to Jesus' strategy we can identify:

1. He had a _____ in mind of how he wanted his disciples to grow. Which was what?

2. He trained them through his _____ with them.

3. He utilized a system of _____.

4. He customized his training for the student's _____ level.

5. Jesus very quickly nudged the disciples out of the nest, and had them _____.

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