

Where are disciples made?

So far

1. This is the final study in our 'making disciples' series. Complete these sentences to summarise what we've seen so far:

- a. We make disciples because (studies 1 and 2)...
- b. A disciple is (studies 3 and 4)...
- c. Disciples are made through (study 5)...
- d. Disciples are made by (study 6)...

In this study we look at where disciple making happens.

We make disciples in the 'nations'

2. Read [Ephesians 2:11-18](#). What is God's plan for the Gentile nations?

3. Read [1 Corinthians 9:19-27](#). How did Paul deal with ethnocentric, tribal, inward-looking thinking and behaviour?

4. Does "the nations" refer to "all the peoples of the world" or to "overseas countries"?

5. Why do we often find it so hard to go out to people who are different from us and reach them where they are? Why do we also find it hard to welcome in people who are different from us?

We make disciples in our gathering

6. Read [Hebrews 3:12-14](#) and [10:19-25](#) again. Why do we need each other as church family?

7. See how many different ways you can imagine—formally and informally—for people to help others grow as disciples in your church community.

We make disciples in our homes

8. Complete the table, answering the questions from each passage (you may like to break into three groups and report back on one passage each).

	Ephesians 6:1-4	Colossians 3:18-4:1	1 Peter 2:18-3:7
How are wives and husbands to relate to each other in Christ?			
How are parents to discipline and instruct children in the Lord?			
How did relationships work with servants who worked in the household?			
How should love transform household relationships (cf. Colossians 3:8-17)?			

9. What ambitions do parents have for children that are sometimes at odds with the goal of discipleship?

10. How do you think the Bible's teaching about households applies to single people sharing a house together? Or to Christians living alone?

11. What will our homes look like if they are disciple-making communities? As well as offering a general description, try to think of some specific examples.

12. How can our church increase our home-based discipleship, both formally (i.e. through programs) and informally?

13. Think of as many subcultures or communities that you are in contact with (individually or as a church) as possible. If people from some of these communities came to your church, what would they find helpful or unhelpful about your current church meetings? What traditions, practices and cultural trappings are you willing (or unwilling) to change for the sake of your guests at church?

Conclusion: for personal reflection

Throughout these studies, we have been learning about 'learning Christ'. The purpose of this learning is to receive life in Jesus' kingdom and to live a new life to his glory. Therefore, it would seem a waste to complete these studies without nailing down our learning.

Here are some final questions to ponder and pray over. Share these matters with your small group or team for serious prayer for each other.

1. Where have you seen opportunities to better use your time to learn Christ?

2. What can I do to learn more from sermons and small group Bible studies in both understanding and practice?

3. Work out one action you wish to take in each of the following spheres of life to disciple others. Prayerfully commit yourself to do so over the next few months:
 - a. Household. (E.g. what times work in the rhythm of your week for Bible reading and prayer? Is there an issue you can help a family member with?)
 - b. World. What is an achievable next step for three unbelieving contacts?
 - c. Growth group. What can I contribute to our Bible study group make it a better incubator of disciple-making culture?
 - d. Church. Who is someone I want to encourage through God's word? How is my service at church helping to grow disciples?