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A Better Way

A Better Way is about Jesus' way to impact our world with His life-revolutionizing message, and how a fresh commitment to His way and fresh yet at the same time timeless approach in our methods can change the world in our lifetime. The approach? Disciple-makers from all professions bringing God's love to life in the world's least-reached marketplaces.

The Greatest Missionary Generation

In *The Greatest Missionary Generation: Inspiring Stories from around the World*, Larry Sharp establishes the characteristics, challenges, successes, and uniqueness of an incredible generation of missionaries. It is of no small significance that the missionaries of the second half of the twentieth century prepared the way for God's people of the twenty-first century. Post-World War II purveyors of the gospel had incredible opportunities and open doors, and they used them for the glory of God. Through the retelling of personal stories of the missionaries in New Guinea, Brazil, Mexico, and more, lesser known details of missionary activity in the 1950s and 1960s are revealed, including the courage, personal calling, sacrifice, and excellence of these brave Christians. Their incredible journeys prove that their legacy is worth celebrating and remembering. It is of utmost importance for future generations to understand and appreciate the previous generation's struggles and triumphs. The Greatest Missionary Generation will mobilize hearts to love and serve the Lord. Key points and features: • An in-depth look into the lives and work of missionaries who served in the decades after World War II • Includes photos

Missions Disrupted

Most everything in the world has changed since the age of the "Greatest Missionary Generation," which was an outpouring of missionaries following World War II that lasted until around 1985. Today, however, missionaries are no longer welcomed in most of the world, and Christian terms like evangelism, church planting, conversion, and missions are considered pejorative outside of the Western world. All this demands a reexamination of the theology of *Missio Dei* for today's world and a theory for change that can be validated with credible research. Author and former missionary Larry Sharp believes that the era of "professional missions" as we've known it is coming to an end. But since God still seeks to redeem his world, the future lies now with "missional professionals," with a new set of rules for how the gospel of Jesus Christ can be proclaimed. Near the end of his life, Billy Graham said, "The great work of God in the 21st century will be through everyday believers living out their faith in the workplace." Since the first century AD, there have been historical events--such the persecution of the early church, the Edict of Milan, and the Protestant Reformation--where major disruption resulted in the radical advance of the gospel. We are on the cusp of another disruptive innovation. Through real-life narratives of international workplace professionals who have successfully integrated their faith with their work, *Missions Disrupted* describes how this new work of missions looks today. These inspiring stories come from the world of agriculture, manufacturing, medicine, information technology, education, engineering, music, and retail. It is up to the next generations to continue to share the Good News with the world, wherever and however that may be.

Pipeline

What would it look like if your church really took the last words of Jesus seriously? The Great Commission was not just a suggestion by our Lord, but an imperative mandate given to his followers. Missionary sending agencies are deploying workers to the field, but many of them come from disengaged churches that are not producing well-equipped disciples. We need a fully integrated global supply chain—a pipeline—that has disciples as the precious commodity, as well as an effective infrastructure to distribute and replicate them around the globe. Pipeline seeks to re-engage the church in mobilizing the next generation of workers for the harvest. This is a collaboration of forty different authors from churches, agencies, and cross-cultural servants. As people in distant places wait for a messenger of hope and salvation, will your church venture into the pipeline?

Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States

From the Founding Fathers through the present, Christianity has exercised powerful influence in America—from its role in shaping politics and social institutions to its hand in art and culture. The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States outlines the myriad roles Christianity has played and continues to play. This masterful multi-volume reference includes biographies of major figures in the Christian church in the United States, documents and Supreme Court decisions, and information on theology and theologians, denominations, faith-based organizations, immigration, art—from decorative arts and film to music and literature—evangelism and crusades, women's issues, racial issues, civil religion, and more.

Real-Life Discipleship

Is your church making disciples . . . who make disciples . . . who make disciples? Real-Life Discipleship explains what should happen in the life of every Christian and in every small group so that the church becomes an army of believers dedicated to seeing the world saved. With the overriding goal to train disciples who know how to make more disciples, this book offers proven tools and strategies from Real Life Ministries, one of America's fastest-growing churches. In this book, you will learn: How to create churches that succeed and grow How to intentionally disciple believers in every stage of their spiritual development How to find and develop leaders in your church This book also contains these helpful features: A summary and profile of each stage of spiritual growth Recommended resources for disciple-makers Spiritual facts A presentation of the gospel Discover what the Bible says about true and effective discipleship with these strategies and practices in this great church resource.

Making Disciples Across Cultures

Culture affects how we make disciples. We often unconsciously bring our own cultural assumptions into ministry and mission, not realizing that how we think and operate is not necessarily the best or only way to do things. In today's global environment, discipling requires the cultural humility and flexibility to adapt between different cultural approaches. Charles Davis, former director of TEAM, provides a framework for missional discipling across diverse cultural contexts. He shows how we can recalibrate our ministry efforts, like adjusting sound levels on a mixer board, to accommodate different cultural assumptions. With on-the-ground stories from a lifetime of mission experience, Davis navigates such tensions as knowledge and behavior, individualism and collectivism, and truth and works to help Christian workers minister more effectively. Ministry teams, church planters, pastors and missionaries working interculturally at home or overseas can be part of God's movement of making disciples. Discover how the body of Christ grows in the unity and diversity of the global church.

Follow Me

God has placed the next generation into our hands. Who will raise them up if the church does not? This book

will teach you how to effectively mentor the next generation of Christians. You will learn how to disciple others in their faith while getting outside of your comfort zone to increase your relationship with God. If we want to change the world with the gospel, we must stop focusing on crowds and events and reclaim Jesus' method of relational discipleship. Jesus' final mandate to His followers was "Go and make disciples"—yet today most of the church is oblivious to what discipleship is, and few Christians are actually investing their lives in helping other believers grow spiritually. A vast paradigm shift is needed in the church today in order to reach the next generation and advance the gospel in the twenty-first century. In *Follow Me*, J. Lee Grady uses many New Testament examples, as well as his own experience in mentoring dozens of young leaders and a clear strategy for discipling others that can be used by individuals and churches. Grady makes a compelling case that Christianity was never intended to be a spectator sport where huge crowds sit and listen to one preacher on a Sunday. Jesus intended all believers to engage in ministry—and this includes the work of discipling other believers. So many Christians today live in a box of limitation. We must understand that the Christian life is an adventure of the Holy Spirit working through them. This book will help believers get out of that box and begin the exciting adventure of spiritual multiplication.

Live Like Jesus

Want to make disciples, but not quite sure how? Learn from the Master. Making disciples is tough. To walk someone from no knowledge of Christ to a deep, transforming relationship... that's a challenge. But it's our job. In *Live Like Jesus*, you will be equipped to follow Jesus' masterful strategy of making fishers of men. Through an interactive study of Jesus' prayer in John 17 and various "mission trips" in the Gospels, you'll learn: Three words that capture how Jesus made disciples Seven disciplines of a successful disciple-maker How to make the Great Commission a way of life Strategies for making disciples who make disciples You have one life, but when you impart it to others for the sake of Christ—and in the way of Christ—your life will multiply for the glory of God. Are you ready? Learn how to implement the *Live Like Jesus* series into your small group, ministry and church to build a culture of disciple-making. Use the *Live Like Jesus* App and Digital Access platform for videos, assessment, engagement, real-time metrics are more, download today:
<http://LiveJesus.church>

Christ's Way of Making Disciples

Explores the dynamic process and progressive steps of Christ's strategy for revitalizing our lives, our witness, and our church's effectiveness.

The Making of Disciples

This critically important book is presented by the author as "An attempt to provide the needful for the Lord's call to make disciples ..." It is a statement of the revelations, doctrines, methods, and principles of discipleship aimed at helping anyone to experience discipleship and thereby lead others to grow in a way to become active workers in making others into disciples of Jesus Christ. It is a book to read and recommend to any servant of God cognizant of the glorious mission that the Lord Jesus Christ has entrusted to His church: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations ..." Finally, the making of disciples is all about the work of transforming a sinner into a repentant sinner, a repentant sinner into a convert, a convert into a young disciple, leading the young disciple to spiritual maturity and, finally, helping him to become a disciple-maker. This book is highly recommended to the body of Christ.

Real-Life Discipleship Training Manual

Over 100,000 sold! Reform the way small groups make disciples. This companion training manual to *Real-Life Discipleship* provides unique guidance and insight to pastors, church leaders, and their disciples as they work to create an effective discipleship program. With a thorough, results-oriented process that can be applied in other contexts and cultures, this manual explains the necessary components of disciple-making so

that every church member can play a part in reaching others for Christ. A great leader's resource, it shows you how to cultivate new leaders for the future and equip them to make disciples. This manual includes these teaching tools: Activities and questions that teach an effective, Christlike approach to discipleship Training on how to identify, recruit, and develop gifted leaders from within your church fellowship An explanation of the role of personal relationships in making disciples Part of following Jesus is reaching out to others and sharing what we believe. Develop the heart of a disciple-maker in the members of your small group and help them follow God's call to go and make disciples.

10 Steps to Fruitful Discipleship

"Go and make disciples of all nations" became the war cry of the church throughout the last two thousand years. Today we have institutionalized everything supposedly to make it more efficient and multiply the results. The results have quenched the personal initiatives and responsibilities for disciplining those who come to Christ. The institution of the church programs and seminaries are supposedly taking care of that ministry. Today few have been disciplined and fewer have any plan to help new believer become disciples. This book is written as a tool to help believers develop their personal ministry of making disciples. Nothing is more exciting. Ten Steps of Discipleship came out of an evangelistic ministry in Latin America to solidify new converts to evangelical Christianity. It is written in an inter-active, fill-in-the-blank format that helps the new believer to think through the meaning and implications of core Bible verses on which to build their Christian life. Each lesson ends with a summary of new concepts that become excellent talking points for discipling encounters. Before bad habits and misconceptions distort the new Christian, these principles are to be reinforced by a mature believer. These steps are: 1 Understand the gospel 2 Rest in the security of the believer 3 Practice a Daily Devotional 4 Discover power to live the Christian life 5 Make the church a priority 6 Take the mystery out of prayer 7 Obey whatever He says as the best way to live 8 Face the temptations of life 9 Discover the will of God 10 Prepare to give your testimony Whether you are looking for tools to develop your ministry or to ground yourself in these basic concepts of the Christian life, this useful workbook will train you for a life-time ministry fulfilling the Great Commission wherever you are living.

The Ways of the Alongsider

Disciple-making can be intimidating. You might think that someone who makes disciples has to be a teacher, a missionary, or someone who is seminary trained. Would it surprise you to know that disciple-making is just a lifestyle in which you offer people love, comfort, and encouragement where they live, work, and play? Despite our weaknesses and fears, Jesus invites us to participate in the Great Commission by helping people live for Christ in the here and now. All you have to do is live intentionally, love God, and journey alongside others—life to life. This ten-week Bible study with discussion questions spells out the "how" of making disciples through an alongsider approach to life. Discover and apply the practices of an alongsider, such as reading the Bible with others, asking questions, telling stories, encouraging application, and living on mission. The Ways of the Alongsider can be used with small groups, in a class setting, or in a one-to-one discipling relationship.

Walking as Jesus Walked

Jesus must be our model for ministry. Sounds obvious, right? Or is it? Jesus, in all His humanity (and all His divinity) shows us the best possible way to live. Through the way He lived, He modeled the priorities of how to multiply "much fruit." Following Jesus' example, His disciples then changed the course of history. How then can we follow Jesus' example? We must study His life. How did Jesus pray? In what types of relationships did He invest? Where were His priorities? Can my priorities be His priorities? Can I walk like He walked? What we do with Jesus MATTERS. Global ministry trainer Dann Spader practically and helpfully walks us through 10 weeks of exciting, ministry-altering study to really begin to walk as Jesus walked.

The Priority of Making Disciples

Those in the church and ministry are familiar with the Great Commission – the call to go forth and make disciples. However, for many, it isn't that easy in a world increasingly influenced by doubters and distractions. Many Christian leaders may talk about it, but few really do it. Making disciples isn't a complicated program, but a simple plan that comes only from Jesus. Now a diverse group of pastors, representing urban and rural communities, secular and Christian areas, as well as diverse multicultural backgrounds, and all known for successfully making new disciples, have gathered these sermons to encourage others to be disciple makers too. Discover: How Jesus practiced the Great Commission before He ever preached it Why discipleship begins with a whole-life understanding of worship When disciple-making gets confused with church growth efforts These and countless other insights will help guide you in a faithful, deliberate effort to fulfill the Great Commission – no matter where you live or what communities in which you minister. Included in the book are: The sermon texts and their outline formats. 12 study guides, one for each sermon, that can be used in small group or one-on-one settings in the week following the preaching of the sermon. A final appendix providing a self-evaluation tool that helps each person being discipled to evaluate the progress they are making in their walk with Christ.

4 Chair Discipling

Dann Spader is a disciple-maker who has spent his adult life exploring what it means to take someone from being a seeker to making disciples themselves. Over 750,000 people in 80 countries have been trained to make disciples through organizations he has led. Through studying the life of Christ and His disciple-making methods, Dann developed 4 Chair Discipling, a simple picture for others to follow. Jesus' last words on earth had a few very specific instructions: Go, make disciples, baptize, and teach. But what does that mean for us today? Well, it's not easy. But it is simple. Teacher and leader Dann Spader explains disciple-making as a process of moving people through four chairs, from someone seeking to know more about Christ to someone who makes disciples themselves. Chair 1: Come and See (John 1:39) Chair 2: Follow Me (John 1:43) Chair 3: Become a Fisher of Men (Matthew 4:19) Chair 4: Go and Bear Fruit (John 15:16) In the process of His four-year ministry, Jesus realized that different people are at different stages of growth and development, and He works to challenge each of them to the next level. In 4 Chair Discipling, you'll get a clear and simple picture of how to follow in Jesus' footsteps and do the same thing.

Make Disciples

A person's final words are often their most telling. The final words of Jesus, known as the Great Commission, are no different today than when he spoke them, but what does it mean to "make disciples" in our world today?

Walking, The Way

Walking, The Way is the inspiring true testimony of a man who was obsessed with his own needs and desires for over 35 years. A survivor of childhood sexual, physical, psychological, and emotional abuse, he became consumed by sin. Immorality, idolatry, pride, bitterness, hatred, anger, and drugs and alcohol came incredibly close to destroying his life. Then, one day, everything changed. In the time it took to see death coming and not even have the chance to take a breath—never mind pray for forgiveness—the man was spared. Awakened to how close he'd come to losing everything, including God, he was born again into a new life, and a new role as a disciple. In His mercy, God saved this man, delivered him from self-destruction and the surety of hell... all through His amazing Grace. A testament to the power and work of God the Holy Spirit, Walking, the Way reveals the importance of faith and trust in the only true God of the Bible. Learn how forgiveness begins the healing process, and how God's Word is truly the only way to renew your mind. See how effectual prayer, done in awe of the amazing power of God and His love, is sustenance for the disciple, confirming one's belief while granting the ability and strength to face life's trials with confidence. Before it's too late,

consider your life, your thoughts, your actions. Remember what's at risk—separation from Him, forever. Then ask yourself, “Am I born of the Spirit?”

Following Jesus

Disciplemaking. Sounds intimidating, doesn't it? Like something only ordained ministers or trained missionaries can do. But Jesus didn't go looking for “special forces” followers. He took to the streets, looked everyday people in the eye, and said, simply, “Follow me.” Discover how you can join Jesus in making disciples and proclaiming and demonstrating the gospel. Following Jesus draws our attention to the way Jesus built a disciplemaking movement that would reach beyond the immediate context of his earthly ministry, to the ends of the earth and the end of the age. Inside are 50 practical guides that can be read over a year. Great for individual use, but optimal for small groups. Also enjoy the free video content on following-jesus.com that complement this study. Walk through the Gospels in this sweeping and energizing Bible study and you'll feel invited, equipped, and excited to bring the good news and make disciples wherever you go.

Tenacious Discipleship

Welcome to Tenacious Discipleship! Webster's Dictionary defines “tenacious” as “something that is not easily stopped or pulled apart.” One who is tenacious is firm, strong, and persistent. They cling to their purpose with strong resolve. The tenacious person is focused, steadfast, and highly determined. A Disciple of Jesus is Tenacious Jesus empowers his disciples to be tenacious in making disciples. A disciple is a learner, an obedient follower of Jesus. A disciple is one who remains in the presence of Jesus. The purpose of this study is to help you become a tenacious disciple: a faith-filled, abiding, persistent, and obedient follower of Jesus who will make tenacious disciples for Christ. A disciple is one who makes disciples; and these disciples make more disciples (2 Timothy 2:1-7). This is our mission. This is what we do. Tenacious Discipleship is the process of making followers of Jesus who abide, grow in God's Word, overcome sin, persevere through difficulties, and stay on mission with Jesus. We will apply a simple model based on the life of the Apostle Peter to accomplish our divine purpose and high calling: Connect, Know, Equip, and Go. You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses ENTRUST TO FAITHFUL MEN, WHO WILL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. (2 Timothy 2:1-7) We will explore the way Peter's life corresponds with the marks of spiritual maturity. It consists of four distinct and progressive phases. New Relationships is the first. Here is where people begin to “connect” with God and with his people. Those in this group are called, “observers.” Our God is a relational God. He lives in a relationship with the Son and Holy Spirit. God wants a relationship with his creation. Second, we have a New Identity. This is where we begin to “know” Christ and identify with his church. This group is referred to as “participants.” Our second aim is to help you discover and KNOW how God has wired us in Christ. We hope you will embrace how God continues to uniquely equip you to serve him. Third, a New Purpose. This phase is marked by a desire to “equip” yourself and equip others in God's Word. Those in this group are called, “owners.” Our third aim is to serve as a tool to EQUIP you for the work God has called you to do. This means increasing your knowledge, understanding, and application of God's Word. Fourth, a New Mission. This is where we “go” and reproduce our lives through making disciples everywhere (Matthew 28:18-20). Those in this group are identified by the word, “steadfast.” They are resilient and focused on building God's kingdom. Our fourth aim involves challenging you to take greater steps of faith to follow God wherever he leads you next. God wants you to GO. “Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'” (Matthew 28:18-20, NIV)

Make Disciples That Make Disciples

The church does great things in the name of Jesus—feed the hungry, clothe the naked, put roofs over the heads of the homeless, fight for civil rights, provide for the needs of children, and many more good deeds. These acts are living out the hands and feet of Jesus to a lost world, meeting these immediate needs. These acts glorify God, however, are they fulfilling the 'great commission.' This book was written primarily as a means of teaching how to make disciples that make disciples. How do we fulfill the great commission? Should the great commission be the mission of the church? Is it in mine? Why not? This book was designed with small same gender groups in mind. After the first 7 chapters explaining what discipleship is and how to do it, each chapter thereafter fills in the content of discipleship. Chapters 8-28 each have seven verses listed at the end of the chapter for further study on the topic of the chapter. To best utilize this book as a training manual, I advise each person to use those seven verses as their personal time alone with God verse of the day. If you followed the plan of each verse at the end of the chapter as daily bible study and read one chapter per week then this book would cover approximately 6 months of training. My hope is that each person who takes this training manual serious would then take others through the same training... that we would make disciples that make disciples.

Multiply

Jesus gave his followers a command: "Follow me." And a promise: "And I will equip you to find others to follow me." We were made to make disciples. Designed for use in discipleship relationships and other focused settings, Multiply will equip you to carry out Jesus's ministry. Each of the twenty-four sessions in the book corresponds with an online video at www.multiplymovement.com, where New York Times bestselling author David Platt joins Francis in guiding you through each part of Multiply. One plus one plus one. Every copy of Multiply is designed to do what Jesus did: make disciples who make disciples who make disciples.... Until the world knows the truth of Jesus Christ.

Everyday Gospel

Devoted followers of Jesus have come across the line "go make disciples" dozens, if not hundreds of times, but the never-ending need for growth in personal discipleship leaves people feeling unready, untrained, and out of time. Can we actually be a disciple of Jesus who also reaches and makes disciples with Jesus? Brian, Justin, and Cammie offer us, with refreshing simplicity, that the answer is "YES"! By getting discipleship into the places where everyday life happens, disciple-making becomes second nature instead of second step. Getting the gospel of Jesus and giving the gospel of Jesus can become one simultaneous joy.

The Discipleship Difference

"Why am I even bothering to do this?" Rob thought to himself as he stacked the chairs. The sky outside the window was darkening, and he could hear the last of the cars pulling out of the church parking lot. We invest a lot of time, thought and energy into our discipleship efforts. We teach classes, gather resource materials, design curriculum, arrange discipleship relationships . . . but at the end of the day, what change are we really seeing? How come we aren't seeing the kind of real-life results we're looking for? Why isn't it working? Where's the transformation? What is discipleship all about? We are to love God, love others, and make disciples. That's the Great Commandment and the Great Commission put together . . . not bad shorthand for the life of faith. The first two--love God and love others--are the way we are to live our lives. The third one--make disciples--is the mission: to help others follow Jesus just as we are following Jesus. Our making of disciples flows out of our life with God, to be certain. Yet in some ways, the order needs to be inverted as well: Only as we make disciples are we perfected in the faith. As we reach out, we are shaped and transformed. As we go about life, the mission of Jesus is to recognize the people in our sphere of influence and help them take the next steps toward God. Engaging in that mission results in not only an increased quality of relationships, but a changed life for us as well. Every person is different and we all reflect God in

different ways. So why is our typical approach to discipleship the same across the board? The Discipleship Difference lays out an intentional, holistic, and relational approach to discipleship that is individualized to meet each person wherever they are.

The Four Responsibilities of a Disciple

The Four Responsibilities of a Disciple addresses the question, "What will it take to change the world for our Master?" After many years of searching, my answer is that it has to start with you and me. Too many times we want to go out and change the world and start off by trying to "fix" everyone else. But the path to permanent, lasting, sustainable change has to begin with ourselves. Yes, we should be working to change the world, but it must begin with ourselves. In order to "make disciples" as our Master tells us in The Great Commission, we first have to become disciples ourselves. Jesus said, "A disciple... when he is fully trained will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40). One of the largest obstacles to discipleship is that too many people think of it as being an optional component of faith. We tend to relegate discipleship to the clergy or to someone with a special mission. The fact is, however, that if we call ourselves by the name of Jesus, we should be a disciple ourselves and should be making disciples of others. It's just part of the package. It isn't some special, elite group of people who are the "special forces" of our faith. No. It's you and me. Together. We are both following the same commission given by our Master. Whoever you are and wherever your station in life, you are called to be a disciple. The Four Responsibilities of a Disciple gives the basics for starting on your path to becoming a true disciple of Jesus. It addresses four over-arching areas of responsibility with which every follower of Jesus should be familiar and practicing. Why not start today in becoming a better disciple of the your Messiah?

Imagine Church

How can an ordinary church become a community of people who help one another live out their whole life at home, work, church, in the neighbourhood as followers of Jesus in his mission to the world?

Be a Disciple, Make a Disciple

The twenty-first century Church has the same Holy Spirit power and many more modern-day resources than the first century Church, yet the first century Church had greater success in making disciples. Why? They followed the plan Jesus gave them, and He blessed it. But the more worldly progress we've made, the more we've deviated from Jesus's plan by choosing programs, entertainment, and socials with only surface-level encounters. We neglect to make a connection with the lost, and they see no real commitment from the church. So they come and go as we continue to meet and plan more programs. To end the cycle, we must go and make disciples as Jesus taught--investing our lives in the lives of others. Do you long to live the Great Commission and make disciples, but you're not sure how? In *Be a Disciple, Make a Disciple*, Ellie Littleton offers biblical examples and concepts that break down the hard work of discipleship into sixteen thought-provoking lessons. So go and make disciples. "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples" (John 15:8 niv). "As the Lord's earthly ministry got under way, He began by making disciples and never stopped until He ascended into heaven. Had the disciples not followed His example, we would not be disciples of Jesus today. As Ellie's pastor, I've seen her live out the principles she teaches in this book. I highly recommend this book to all Christians, so we can all follow Jesus's command to make disciples." --Rev. David Warren, South Shelby Baptist Church, Shelby, Alabama

The Oxford Handbook of Evangelical Theology

This volume surveys the state of the discipline on topics of greatest importance to evangelical theology. Each chapter has been written by a theologian or scholar who is widely recognized for his or her published work and is considered a leading thinker on that particular topic.

The Great Opportunity

The Discipling Church is a practical application "disciple-making" guide that defines and clarifies how every Christian can become a true disciple of Jesus Christ. This text was prepared primarily for church leaders, but has been written in such a way so that it may "equip" every Christian and every Christ seeker. "Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer). The Lord Jesus Christ is the very cornerstone of our faith. From the truth found in God's Word, we have purposefully embedded within the pages of this book the essential elements necessary to carry on the Great Commission of Jesus Christ - namely, to "Make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19, NIV)? We believe in the fact that the world and everything in it has been made by Him, for Him, through Him, and in Him. We take His words, His teachings, His attitudes and His commands as being that of the one true God of the universe - with nothing missing and nothing broken. Evangelism is that work of bringing people face to face with their need for and experiencing a new birth experience in Christ. Salvation, in its most narrow understanding, is a moment-in-time experience by a person of the new birth or conversion to Jesus Christ. At this point in time, the believer receives new life and is "born again" and experiences what the Bible calls, redemption, reconciliation, and justification. God immediately and suddenly brings transformation into his or her life. However, the reality of discipleship is the growth of that new life which comes after the moment of salvation. Discipleship is a lifelong process of applying the gospel and the truth of the Word of God into the believer's life, with the ultimate objective of becoming and being Christ-like every day. As you make your way through the Table of Contents, you will quickly discover that "The Discipling Church" is divided into two practical primary sections. Section One: A practical panoramic overview relative to the fundamental precepts of what discipleship is combined with why and how we, as Christians, must go and make disciples. This section was researched, developed, and written for those who are in church leadership, those who are the church (the Body of Christ), and those who are still Christ seekers. Section Two: An inspired collection of useful and timely discipleship tools, resources, and solutions. Upon reaching the completion of this book you will be equipped and have the necessary essentials to go forward with Jesus' Great Commission: to make disciples. All misconceptions, confusions, rationalizations, and objections will have been addressed leaving you, the reader and learner, with one all-important, eternal question: Will you obey? Prayerfully consider your answer for it has eternal ramifications.

The Discipling Church

Get ready to make a Kingdom impact without quitting your day job! Join the countless Christ-followers who have committed to making their workplace their mission field with iWork4Him, one of today's top-rated Faith and Work Ministries. Inside iWork4Him: Change the Way You Think About Your Faith at Work, you will find practical, tactical, factual, and biblical resources needed to truly live out your faith at work. Filled with real-life stories, tangible steps, and notes from 22 Faith and Work Ministries, iWork4Him has everything you need to activate your workplace as your mission field. Live out your faith at work today with iWork4Him as your guide, and soon you will declare, "iWork4Him"!

IWork4Him

A compassionate, shame-free guide for your darkest days "A one-of-a-kind book . . . to read for yourself or give to a struggling friend or loved one without the fear that depression and suicidal thoughts will be minimized, medicalized or over-spiritualized."—Kay Warren, cofounder of Saddleback Church What happens when loving Jesus doesn't cure you of depression, anxiety, or suicidal thoughts? You might be crushed by shame over your mental illness, only to be told by well-meaning Christians to "choose joy" and "pray more." So you beg God to take away the pain, but nothing eases the ache inside. As darkness lingers and color drains from your world, you're left wondering if God has abandoned you. You just want a way out. But there's hope. In *I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die*, Sarah J. Robinson offers a healthy, practical, and shame-free guide for Christians struggling with mental illness. With unflinching honesty, Sarah shares her story of battling depression and fighting to stay alive despite toxic theology that made her afraid to seek help outside the church. Pairing her own story with scriptural insights, mental health research, and simple

practices, Sarah helps you reconnect with the God who is present in our deepest anguish and discover that you are worth everything it takes to get better. Beautifully written and full of hard-won wisdom, *I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die* offers a path toward a rich, hope-filled life in Christ, even when healing doesn't look like what you expect.

I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die

“Neil Cole is a true trailblazer for today’s church. His story will inspire you and equip you to experience the living Christ in community.” —Jonathan S. Campbell, author of *The Way of Jesus Churches* have tried all kinds of ways to attract new and younger members—revised vision statements, hipper worship, contemporary music, livelier sermons, bigger and better auditoriums. But there are still so many people who aren't being reached, who don't want to come to church. And the truth is that attendance at church on Sundays does not necessarily transform lives; God's presence in our hearts is what changes us. Leaders and laypeople everywhere are realizing that they need new and more powerful ways to help them spread God's Word. According to international church starter and pastor Neil Cole, if we want to connect with young people and those who are not coming to church, we must go where people congregate. Cole shows readers how to plant the seeds of the Kingdom of God in the places where life happens and where culture is formed—restaurants, bars, coffeehouses, parks, locker rooms, and neighborhoods. *Organic Church* offers a hands-on guide for demystifying this new model of church and shows the practical aspects of implementing it. “Neil Cole expertly places a thrilling invitation before us to join probably the most exciting spiritual pilgrimage going on today: the global migration of a church on the way back home. Come and dial in!” —Wolfgang Simson, author of *Houses that Change the World*

Organic Church

You may feel like an ordinary believer, but God has a knack of using ordinary people to accomplish His extraordinary purposes. *Authentic Influencer* encourages you to walk with Barnabas, learn from God, and shape the world for Jesus Christ— one life at a time. God's approach to influencing the world is through His people. People shape people. And yet, many of God's people spectate from the sidelines unsure of what to do. *Authentic Influencer* is rooted in principles emerging from the life of God's choice example in the Scriptures—a man called Barnabas—rather than recycled quotes from corporate leadership works. Every follower of Jesus can be inspired, instructed, and mobilized to influence the world from right where they are. In fact, it is everyday believers—not just “professional” Christians such as pastors, church leaders, authors, and others—who are specifically tasked by Jesus Himself to bring godly influence to the world. We are all His agents of change, be it shaping one person or a thousand. *Authentic Influencer* is a Christian leadership book that: Highlights 15 key principles that emerge from Barnabas that are relevant, practical, and customizable to every believer Inspires you to shape those around you for Christ Urges you to practice investing in others through discipleship Challenges you with inspiring stories and practical wisdom emerging from biblical truths By studying the life of Barnabas, we see how he influenced the world for Jesus Christ in practical and doable ways. Become encouraged to shape our world for Jesus— beginning with whoever happens to be close by.

Authentic Influencer

'Mission is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exist because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate.' John Piper's contemporary classic draws on key biblical texts to demonstrate that worship is the ultimate goal of the church and that proper worship fuels missionary outreach. Piper offers a biblical defence of God's supremacy in all things, providing a sound theological foundation for missions. He examines whether Jesus is the only way to salvation and issues a passionate plea for God-centredness in the missionary enterprise, seeking to define the scope of the task and the means for reaching 'all nations'. *Let the Nations Be Glad!* is a trusted resource for missionaries, pastors, church leaders, youth workers, seminary students, and all who want to connect their labours to God's global purposes. This third edition has been revised and expanded

throughout and includes new material on the 'prosperity gospel'.

Let the Nations be Glad

Over half of Americans believe in a literal heaven, in a literal hell. Most people who hold these beliefs are Christian and assume they are the age-old teachings of the Bible. Ehrman shows that eternal rewards and punishments are found nowhere in the Old Testament, and are not what Jesus or his disciples taught. He recounts the long history of the afterlife, ranging from The Epic of Gilgamesh up to the writings of Augustine, focusing especially on the teachings of Jesus and his early followers. Ehrman shows that competing views were intimately connected with the social, cultural, and historical worlds out of which they emerged. -- adapted from jacket

Heaven and Hell

Discover and fulfill your God-given purpose by joining the more than thirty-five million others who have embarked on a spiritual journey that started with this #1 New York Times bestselling book by Pastor Rick Warren. Before you were born, God knew what your life had in store for you. His hope for you is to discover the life he created just for you--both here on earth, and forever in eternity. Let Rick Warren guide you as you learn to live out your true purpose. The Purpose Driven Life is more than a book; it's a road map for your spiritual journey. Combining thoughtful verses from Scripture with timely stories and perspectives from Warren's own life, The Purpose Driven Life will help you discover the answer to one of life's most important questions: What on earth am I here for? Throughout The Purpose Driven Life, Warren will teach you to spend time getting to know yourself and your creator in order to live your life to the fullest. Unlocking your true purpose will also reduce your stress, simplify your decisions, increase your satisfaction, and, most importantly, prepare you for eternity. Designed to be read over the course of forty-two days, The Purpose Driven Life will help you see the big picture, giving you a fresh perspective on the way that the pieces of your life fit together. Every chapter of The Purpose Driven Life provides a daily meditation and practical steps to help you uncover and live out your purpose, starting with exploring three essential questions: The Question of Existence: Why am I alive? The Question of Significance: Does my life matter? The Question of Purpose: What on earth am I here for? Each copy of The Purpose Driven Life also includes thoughtful discussion questions, audio Bible studies that go along with every chapter, and access to a supportive online community, giving you the opportunity to dive even deeper into each life-changing lesson.

The Purpose Driven Life

How can we transmit a living, personal Catholic faith to future generations? By coming to know Jesus Christ, and following him as his disciples. These are times of immense challenge and immense opportunity for the Catholic Church. Consider these statistics for the United States. Only 30 percent of Americans who were raised Catholic are still practicing. Fully 10 percent of all adults in America are ex-Catholics. The number of marriages celebrated in the Church decreased dramatically, by nearly 60 percent, between 1972 and 2010. Only 60 percent of Catholics believe in a personal God. If the Church is to reverse these trends, the evangelizers must first be evangelized--in other words, Catholics-in-the-pew must make a conscious choice to know and follow Jesus before they can draw others to him. This work of discipleship lies at the heart of Forming Intentional Disciples, a book designed to help Church leaders, parish staff and all Catholics transform parish life from within. Drawing upon her fifteen years of experience with the Catherine of Siena Institute, Sherry Weddell leads readers through steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God and the river of apostolic creativity, charisms, and vocation that flow from that relationship for the sake of the Church and the world. Learn about the five thresholds of postmodern conversion, how to open a conversation about faith and belief, how to ask thought-provoking questions and establish an atmosphere of trust, when to tell the Great Story of Jesus, how to help someone respond to God's call to intentional discipleship, and much more. And be prepared for conversion because when life at the parish level changes, the life of the whole Church will change.

Forming Intentional Disciples

The perfect gift! A specially priced, beautifully designed hardcover edition of *The Joy of the Gospel* with a foreword by Robert Barron and an afterword by James Martin, SJ. “The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus... In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come.” – Pope Francis This special edition of Pope Francis's popular message of hope explores themes that are important for believers in the 21st century. Examining the many obstacles to faith and what can be done to overcome those hurdles, he emphasizes the importance of service to God and all his creation. Advocating for “the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned,” the Holy Father shows us how to respond to poverty and current economic challenges that affect us locally and globally. Ultimately, Pope Francis demonstrates how to develop a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ, “to recognize the traces of God’s Spirit in events great and small.” Profound in its insight, yet warm and accessible in its tone, *The Joy of the Gospel* is a call to action to live a life motivated by divine love and, in turn, to experience heaven on earth. Includes a foreword by Robert Barron, author of *Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith* and James Martin, SJ, author of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*

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