

TOOLS FOR MAKING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST: KNOW WHY WE BECOME CHRISTIANS



Someone may ask why he or she should consider becoming a Christian. We live in a time when people often say “What’s in it for me?” One

answer might be the opportunity to share with them how we can get an “extreme makeover” or a dramatic remodeling of our life into one filled with purpose and joy!

To give them an idea of how becoming a Christian can achieve this, share this analogy of performing a makeover of our spiritual home!

1) Know God’s Blueprint for Our Lives

In John 14:6, Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life.” As we read the Bible, study, and apply the teachings of Jesus, we can understand the Blueprint for our lives -- specifically, we can:

- Discover who we are
- Discover our purpose for living
- Make sense of the world
- Discover how to get rid of things that hurt us and get a fresh start in life
- Understand that we don’t have to go through life without any direction
- Discover that God’s plan is perfectly revealed in Jesus Christ
- Make a difference for good in this world

Before a house is remodeled, first there must be blueprints and plans on why and how to remodel it. The same is true in making Disciples of Christ. It helps to think of God as the “Master Builder” who planned and created everything. When people were not following God’s Plan, God sent Jesus to actually show us why we live, how we are to live and then challenge us to go and make more disciples (see Matthew 28:18-20).

No one will follow the person who says, “I don’t know why I am here, I don’t know what I’m doing and I don’t know where I’m going.” We follow Jesus because he shows us why we are here, what we are supposed to do and where we are going if we follow Him.

The way of the world seems to be “me first”, and this doesn’t work! The way of Jesus is to love God first and then love others. Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” Secondly, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30-31)