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VICTORY!



Death has been
swallowed up in victory.

1 Corinthians 15:54



WHAT IS THE MOST COMPLICATED COMMAND JESUS GAVE US?

What's the most "complicated" command Jesus gave us? Sometimes it feels to me like it's one of His most well-known commands, the command to "make disciples." We all know this means more than just making converts, but then where does it end? How do you know if you've truly made a disciple? It seems like there are so many different angles on being a disciple! How can you possibly cover all the bases with every individual who comes to Christ?



Then, there's the front end of disciple-making, commonly (and "frightenly" for some) called evangelism. There are so many different ways to seek to persuade people to put their trust in Christ. We all know that ultimately it depends on the Holy Spirit working in/on a non-believer's heart, but how do we know which "method" or presentation we should use, if any? We could keep on asking these kinds of questions, but that just makes the command feel more and more complicated.

How about we forget all we think we know and start over by simply following the life of Jesus and how He interacted with people in different contexts? After all, before He said He would make us fishers of men He said, "Follow me." And wasn't He the ultimate disciple-maker? What if we were to follow Him and see how He daily sought in practically every conversation to move people closer to becoming a believer? What if we studied how He did this one-on-one, in small groups or 2-3, in larger groups of 10-12, and with the big crowds? Then, what if we noted our observations and put them together in a way we could apply in our own interactions with people? Could this be a way to simplify this command we've made so complicated?

This past week at DOM Retreat we heard from Dr. Warren Haynes, who actually did such a study, going back to ground zero to understand from Jesus' life how He went about making disciples. What Dr. Haynes learned from his study and shared with us is so simple it almost makes you mad we made disciple-making so complicated! There's a short video you can watch to get a taste of what it's about (at <https://youtu.be/oqvYFXMXbGO>), but if you want the full teaching you probably should have his book (*Discipleship Uncomplicated*). If you'd like a copy, let me know and I'll get you one (email me at madaspann@gmail.com). I think you'll find it a valuable complementary resource to what we learned from Brian Baldwin and our pastor-facilitators through the Engage Training Event last month.

Could it be the Lord is drawing our attention to the teaching/training of men like Brian Baldwin and Dr. Haynes because He wants us to not go it alone as pastors and church leaders, but to equip our people to join us in a lifestyle of disciple-making? Only eternity would tell the full impact our churches could have were they to catch this vision. This part of Oklahoma would never be the same! Would you join me in praying the Lord would use us to cast this vision to our people and equip them to be a part of fulfilling it!

Matt Spann, CSBA Director of Missions

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2018 BGCOWOMEN'S RETREAT

APRIL 20-21, 2018

FALLS CREEK


Registration is now \$85

The deadline to register is Tuesday, April 3.



Go to the website (www.bgcowomen.org/womensretreat) and print and complete the REQUIRED Release Form.

All attendees must turn in the form at check-in.



LIVE TRUTH
REWIRED MEN'S CONFERENCE
APRIL 27-28 | 2018 | WWW.MENREWIRED.COM
FALLS CREEK BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER - DAVIS, OK

FEATURING KEY SPEAKERS:
ANDREW ERWIN // BUSBA BURCHAM // TONY MENDOZA // CLIFF GRAHAM // MATT ROBERTSON // TED DEBAZE

BGCOWOMEN'S RETREAT

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FBC-Enid Super Gigantic GARAGE SALE for Missions

Do you have a desire to see the Gospel spread around the world? Do you have "treasures" lying around that you don't want or need anymore? Have we got a place for you to take it!!

Bring your "treasures" to 401 W. Maine
Yard Sale will be May 3-5, 2018

Call Marty at 2334-2512 for more info

April

- 3 Ministers' Conference
- 10 Ministers' Conference
- 17 Ministers' Conference
- 20-21 BGCO Women's Retreat
- 26 CSBA Executive Board, 6 p.m.
- 27 -28 BGCO Men's Rewired Conf.

May

- 1 Ministers' Conference
- 8 Ministers' Conference
- 15 Ministers' Conference
- 22 Final Ministers' Conference
- 27-30 ACC 1st Session
- 30-June 2 ACC 2nd Session

Pray for the Church of the Month

FBC-Enid

Kelly Russell, pastor

Pray for our Pastorless Churches

First Indian Church

Graceway Church (watch-care)

Your Family Church

April Birthdays/Anniversaries

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|----|------------------|------|--------------|
| 3 | Illa Moore | Sec. | Perry First |
| 3 | Evelyn Ohls | HBMW | Calvary |
| 4 | Derek/Robin Cox | P | Fairview |
| 4 | Robert Chitwood | SS | Ringwood |
| 7 | Don/Anita Todd | P | Hunter |
| 11 | Sandy Ohls | MMW | Calvary |
| 12 | Whitney Laramore | PW | Ames |
| 25 | Blanca Flores | PW | Iglesia Enid |

Giving Report 2018

Church	%	February	Year to Date
Ames	- \$	500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Bethlehem	10% \$	-	\$ 1,621.30
Billings	6% \$	-	\$ 872.59
Cherokee	4% \$	648.91	\$ 2,166.89
Covington	3% \$	-	\$ 163.57
Calvary	1% \$	113.97	\$ 173.12
CT Cowboy	- \$	-	\$ 100.00
Emmanuel	- \$	2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Emanuel Ig.	3.0% \$	-	\$ -
Enid FBC	3% \$	1,978.23	\$ 11,477.88
1st. Indian	5% \$	-	\$ -
Garland Rd.	2.5% \$	465.00	\$ 465.00
Graceway	\$	100.00	\$ 300.00
Liberty S.	5% \$	-	\$ 265.57
Trinity	3% \$	283.59	\$ 283.59
Y.F.C.	3% \$	190.33	\$ 394.71
Fairview FBC	2% \$	273.59	\$ 1,056.62
Garber FBC	4% \$	207.51	\$ 279.43
Hunter	3% \$	30.90	\$ 30.90
Int. Ch. Grace	- \$	-	\$ -
Marshall	6% \$	266.54	\$ 396.83
Medford	4% \$	336.92	\$ 336.92
Perry FBC	3.00% \$	859.35	\$ 1,669.07
Perry Kaw St.	4.00% \$	297.77	\$ 297.77
Pond Creek	5.00% \$	212.80	\$ 446.35
Ringwood	7.00% \$	437.09	\$ 896.18
Ridin'4 Him	1.00% \$	50.00	\$ 50.00
Sumner	4.00% \$	-	\$ -
Waukomis	2.00% \$	10.00	\$ 38.74
BGCO	\$	231.92	\$ 463.84
Misc. Receipts	\$	67.00	\$ 67.00
Total Income	\$	9,561.42	\$ 29,313.87
Expenses	\$	11,863.50	\$ 23,764.79
Net Income	\$	(2,302.08)	\$ 5,549.08
Monthly Req. \$16,145			