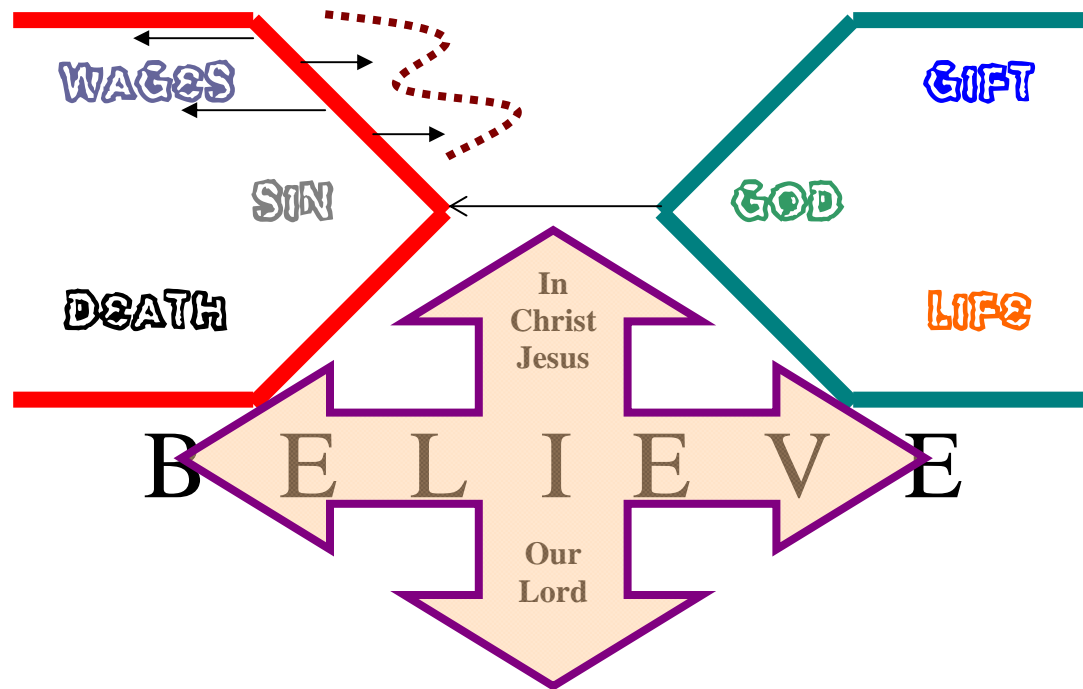


Disciple-making is GOD'S IDEA! It is GOD'S BIG VISION for HOU and the only hope for the WORLD!

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." *Romans 6:23*



Whoever lives and *believes* in Me shall never die (John 11:26).

What must I do to step from death to life?

BELIEVE (Active not Passive)

Have you?

Emerging Evangelism

Romans 1:16-17 – I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." NIV

Disciple-making has three parts: (1) Influencing people toward a relationship with Christ (Evangelism). (2) Influencing and aiding the growth of people who already have a relationship with Christ, and (3) Influencing the growing people to multiply themselves in others.

SALVATION is Grounded in TRUTH, Experienced by FAITH, & Expressed through REPENTANCE!

GROUNDING IN TRUTH

TRUTH, by definition is very narrow. In a culture that views all belief systems as equally valid, **ABSOLUTE TRUTH** is not a popular concept. The *TRUTH* about Jesus is very narrow! In John 14:6, Jesus said of Himself, "I am the Way, the *TRUTH*, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me."

- The use of the **DEFINITE** article, "*THE*" means that Jesus declared Himself to be the ONLY Way, Truth, & Life.
- The **ABSOLUTE EXCLUSIVE** pronoun, "*NO ONE*," eliminates exceptions. If you're going to get to the Father, you must go through **JESUS**, who is the *TRUTH*!
- This **EXCLUSIVE TRUTH** is balanced by the **INCLUSIVE TRUTH** that God's open invitation to salvation is for anyone who will respond in faith. "*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*" *Romans 10:13*

Experienced by Faith

FAITH is the act of placing one's TRUST in Jesus to be who He said He was, and to do for us what He said only He could do, to save us from our sins, and to come to life inside of us. Ephesians 2:8-9 "It is by grace that you have been saved, through **FAITH**, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works so that no one can boast."

- **FAITH** –acting like it is SO, even when it seems like it isn't SO. SO it will be SO, because God said it was SO.
- **FAITH is a verb!** Faith is often misunderstood as a PASSIVE belief. James 2:19, "You believe there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that and shudder." **FAITH** is an active expression of giving yourself to God, and receiving Jesus back. It is a good deal!

"**FAITH** is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see." *Hebrews 11:1*

Expressed through REPENTANCE

Repentance is the act of changing one's MIND and HEART in the process of turning away from one life focus and to another life focus.

- Repentance is the expression of ACTIVE faith!
- Repentance is turning from your WAYS to God's ways, and the exchange of your HEART for God's heart, and your MIND for His mind.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

Evangelism is telling the **TRUTH**, inviting others to **FAITH**, and offering them the opportunity to express **REPENTANCE**, to experience **LIFE!**

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SOLID ANSWERS TO OBJECTIONS

- *Isn't one religion as good as another?* Religion is man's attempt to get to God. Christianity is GOD'S way to get to MAN. It is not a religion, but a relationship with Jesus! Christianity is unlike any other religion, and unique in its teaching about Jesus.
- *Shouldn't I get myself straightened out first?* To change, we must first come to Jesus with an open heart, and then He will make the CHANGES in us.
- *I don't think heaven and hell are real.* (Heaven: Genesis 1:1, Matthew 3:2 & 6:9, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 2 Corinthians 5:1-10) {Hell: Luke 16:19-31 & 12:4-5, Matthew 5:22 & 29, 2 Peter 2:4-22} The Bible teaches that both exist. Jesus emphasized both. Heaven is so GREAT, that He doesn't want anyone to miss it. Hell is so AWFUL, that He doesn't want anyone to see it (Matthew 7:13 & 23).
- *If God is so good, why do people have to suffer?* Did God create an earth of suffering? Suffering is a result of the FALL & disobedience to God. (Gen 3:15)
- *Isn't the Bible full of errors and outdated?* C. H. Spurgeon – "I would just as soon defend a lion against a mouse as to defend the Bible, it needs no defense." Voltaire – "Within 100 years of my death, the Bible will be eradicated from the face of the earth." The Swiss Bible Society is now housed in the home where Voltaire was born.
- *Isn't being good, good enough?* Romans 3:10 – "There is none of us good. NO NOT ONE!"
- *Aren't there other ways besides Jesus if you are sincere?* If there were other ways to God, and God let Jesus die, He would be the worst FATHER in history. Wouldn't He have spared His SON if there were other possibilities.

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- Salvation is SUCCESS in LIFE.
- SUCCESS in MINISTRY is taking others with you.
- God's goal is RELATIONSHIP with every human on the planet!
- God's goal for believers is to be a MIRROR-image of Jesus!
- His design for us is to be an EXACT reflection of Him! **HIS HEART** in us, **HIS MIND** in us, **HIS ACTIONS** through us.