

WEEK FOUR, DISCIPLE MAKING

Chapter 2, "The Great Confusion" *Growing Up*

Okay, we will make this short and to the point--**Chapter 2 is the most significant chapter in *Growing Up* and perhaps the most important read of the entire year long disciple making process.**

In our year long disciple making journey, we focus on two main objectives: **maturity** and **multiplication**. In this week's chapter, Robbie gives a clarion call to **multiplication**, the most neglected aspect of the Great Commission in the American Evangelical church.

The following questions are given to aid you as you lead the discussion this week and apply the truths from Chapter 2. It is not imperative for you to use these questions or to answer all of them.

- **Discuss Robby's statement. "The King James Version of the Bible renders the Greek word for "make disciples" as teach. Matthew 28:19, in the KJV reads, 'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . .' Many diligent believers simply read this word and merely teach people about salvation—share the gospel, and lead them to a decision for Christ. This is good and admirable, but it is not enough." (Page 19). What are the main differences between teaching and discipling? What are the dangers of believing we can disciple people from the pulpit alone? What are the pitfalls of believing we can disciple people without getting close to them and allowing them to get close to us?**
- **Notice Robby's definition of discipleship on page 19. Ask those in your group, "How do we know when the discipleship process has accomplished its purpose?" If you are not familiar with the word "replicate," it means, "to make an exact copy or to reproduce."**

- **Robby asks two insightful questions, “What is the distinction between being a disciple and being a Christian? Would you consider yourself to be a disciple? (Page 21)**
- **Discuss Robby’s section, “Does preaching produce disciples?” If preaching alone does not produce disciples, what is necessary?**
- **The sections “Ministry Myths” and “Mythbusters” (Pages 27-29) are pearls of wisdom. Ask someone in your group to point out what he or she thinks is the most important of those “myths and mythbusters.”**
- **Ask the members of your group to “identify the three relationships in their life: a Paul, a Barnabas, a Timothy and if not, who are potential individuals who could fill these roles” (Page 30).**

Finally, let me encourage you to conclude your time with your D group this week with the gentle, but strong reminder that the process of disciple-making is not complete until the “disciple is a disciple-maker.” Let the people in your group know that while we won’t put people on a guilt trip, or try to “twist arms,” we unashamedly do what Jesus does with all His children, call others to be disciples who make disciples.

The problem with the Great Commission is—we have not obeyed it!

I pray for you and your group each week!

Our verse next week is Ephesians 4:11, 12.