

# Discipleship #4: Empower



## THE MIRACLE OF MULTIPLICATION

1. Every disciple should make disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20)
2. II Timothy 2:2: *And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.*
3. When pastors empower others to minister there is a multiplication of ministers and an unlimited number of people who can receive ministry.

## HOW: EMPOWER ALL DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES

Empower: "Give (someone) the authority or power to do something"  
(Oxford Dictionary)

1. If we equip people to minister, but fail to empower them to make disciples, we will frustrate them.
2. Equipping without empowering produces disciples with head knowledge.
3. Empowering without equipping produces disciples who never mature. We must do both simultaneously.
4. Multiplication requires that you implement the following principles in the people you empower.
  - Invest
  - Instruct
  - Impart
  - Include
  - Involve

**PRACTICAL APPLICATION: A PATTERN FOR DISCIPLESHIP**

1. The process for applying the discipleship follows the following order.
  - I minister and you watch. John 13:13-15
  - We do ministry together. Mark 3:14-15
  - You minister and I watch. Luke 9:10, Luke 10:17-20
  - You minister and reproduce yourself. Matthew 28:18-20

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Which of the 5 “I’s” listed above are you most proficient? Which would you like to improve?
2. Why do you think it’s important to empower people to minister?

**JESUS’ EXAMPLE: THE PURPOSE OF CHOOSING THE TWELVE****Mark 3:13-15**

*Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.*

We know that there were other disciples besides these, but Jesus’s main ministry was to the Twelve. (Luke 10:1)

1. That they might be with Him.
  - The disciples ate, laughed, prayed, and spent almost all of their time with Jesus. He explained parables to them, taught them, and did miracles in front of them. They traveled from town to town together. Jesus modeled the life He wanted them to lead.
2. They did ministry with Jesus. (John 4:2)
3. They were sent out to do ministry. (Luke 9:1-2)
4. Jesus prepared them for their future.
  - He told them how He would be killed and rise again, how they would betray Him, how He would send the Holy Spirit to comfort and to be with them. (John 13:3-5, 14- 15)
5. Jesus gave them the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)

**6. Great Commission Summary:**

- Make disciples.
- Baptize them.
- Teach them to obey.

**REVIEW:**

- We are all called to be ministers.
- Discipleship begins with evangelism.
- Building relationships is the key to helping lay foundations in someone's life. These foundations are:
  - Salvation and Lordship
  - Water Baptism
  - Holy Spirit Baptism
  - The Word
  - Worship and Prayer
  - The Church and Fellowship
- The Purple Book and the One to One booklet are the main tools we use to go over these foundations, along with the Bible.

**Homework:**

1. Who is one person God has placed in your life that He is calling you to begin empowering to minister?
  - What is their "next step?"
  - Where can you make time for them in your schedule?
  - What tools do they need that could help develop them in their calling? (ESF, Purple Book, Spiritual Gifts test, starting a life group etc.)
  - Call them and set up a time to meet in the next week or two. If you don't have someone you are discipling and empowering, pray for God to bring someone into your life.