

Obeying Jesus

7 Commands
for Every Disciple

Week 7 | Be, Do, Go

Obeying Jesus – Series Focus

- In his last moments on earth with his core disciples, Jesus said, “Go and make disciples... teaching them to obey all that I have commanded” (Matt 28:18-20)
- So, what are these commands that sincere, authentic followers of Jesus should be obeying?
- In our **Obeying Jesus: 7 Commands for Every Disciple** series, we will look closely at those teachings and practices that Jesus presented as basic and foundational to faithfully following him as his disciples in the world
- 7 Commands: repent & believe, baptism, communion, loving God & neighbor, prayer, giving, & **making disciples**

Be, Do, Go

- Last words are significant. After Jesus is resurrected, and just before he ascends back to the Father, he gives his disciples a final command: “Go and make disciples...” (Matt 28:18-20); to baptize and encourage obedience.
- Jesus instructs his disciples to carry on his Kingdom mission, to pass on his teachings, and continue his work through the church with a promise that he’d be with us.
- In *Be, Do Go* (7 of 7), we will look at what Jesus is asking of us and why he chose to leave us with this command to make disciples according to the model that he gave us.

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

What does it mean to make disciples?

1. Be a Disciple.

Jesus, John 15:4-5 NLT

⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”

Paul, Romans 12:1-2 MSG

2. Do the work of a disciple.

Relation to God

Worship, spiritual growth, prayer,
Bible study, communion, etc...



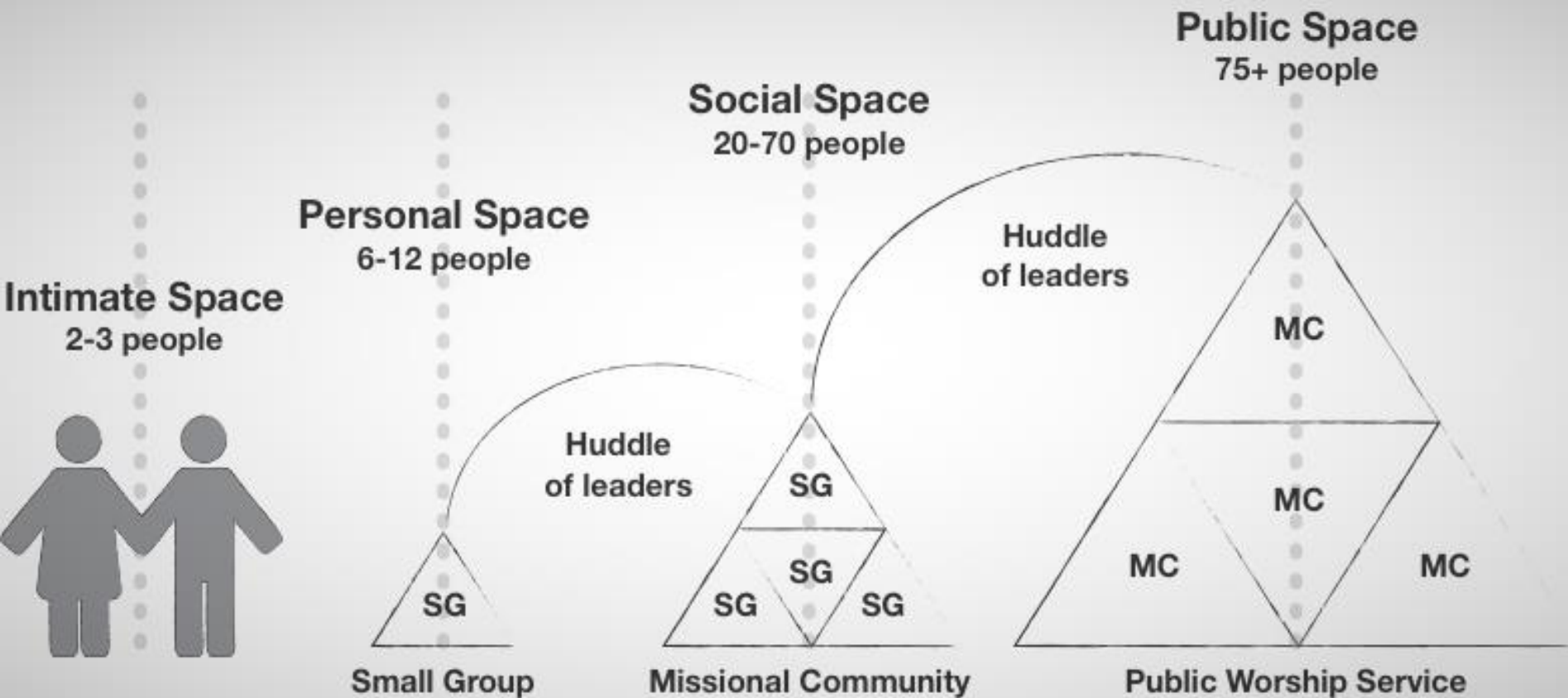
Relation to One Another

Loving one another,
serving, accountability,
bearing burdens,
meeting needs, etc...

Relation to the World

Loving unbelievers,
sharing the gospel,
serving the poor/needy,
serving community, etc...

Following the Disciple-Making Model of Jesus



“You’ve all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win. All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You’re after one that’s gold eternally. I don’t know about you, but I’m running hard for the finish line. I’m giving it everything I’ve got. No sloppy living for me! I’m staying alert and in top condition. I’m not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.”

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 MSG

3. Go with the intent of a disciple.

Luke 10:1-4 NIV

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.”

Luke 10:5-9 NIV

⁵ “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸ “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

Luke 10:10-12 NIV

¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.' ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

Going to the Persons of Peace

What is Jesus saying to his disciples about going?

- It's the Father that "sends" you in power.
- Go with intention and aim for a certain person and/or focus on a specific group of people.
- Don't go out alone without support from others.
- Look for those who are "persons of peace" who will receive you and are open to your influence.
- As you freely give, you should also freely receive.
- Remember that whether we are accepted or rejected, we are calling people into the Kingdom where the church is God's chosen vehicle.

Evangelizing Would-Be Disciples

Find your person(s) of peace and then get their permission to speak. Ask one or more of the following questions:

1. Is there any specific way I can pray for you?
2. Is there any way I can serve you?
3. Can I share my story (journey) with you?
4. Can I share God's story with you?


What Does it Mean to Make Disciples?

1. It means **being** a disciple yourself.
To be a disciple means you are personally cultivating and deepening an ongoing relationship with Jesus.
2. It means **doing** what disciples do.
Disciples work at the spiritual disciplines with other disciples who are accountable to one another.
3. It means **going** (being on mission) for Christ.
Jesus commands that the church seek out others who are also willing to be formed as his disciples.

Be, Do, Go

“Be, Do, Go” reflection questions:

1. Are you being intentional in Christ’s command to **be** a disciple, to **do** discipleship, and to **go** and make disciples?
2. Are you investing in the intimate and personal spaces of the church, or do you spend most of your time in the social and public spaces, only scratching the surface?
3. Disciples make disciples, but they’re also learners. Are you being disciplined as you seek to make disciples? Are you being teachable as you journey with Jesus?
4. What is God saying to you? How will you respond?



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