

Multiplication and Reproduction: Jesus in the Gospel of Mark Bible Study

Introduction

This study looks at the essentials of disciplemaking and multiplication. It is a serious look into Jesus' ministry pattern to see that in the midst of His own general ministry to the multitudes His goals and priorities insured He would leave behind eleven men who would reproduce. He reproduced His life in the reproducers while ministering broadly in preaching, healing, and teaching. In this study we see Jesus ministering both broadly and deeply. What implications does this have for us?

“As never before in the history of Christian ministry the servant of Jesus Christ is constantly grappling with the problem of how to reproduce Himself and multiply His endeavors so as to encounter our ever increasing world population with the gospel of Jesus Christ.” (Forward to *The Training of the Twelve*, by A. B. Bruce.)

You are to study Jesus' disciplemaking ministry, which produces eleven reproducers by design while ministering to the multitudes as well. You are to look closely at His character as He related with individuals, masses, and His close-in group of disciples.

Assignment

1. Read the gospel of Mark with an eye to Christ's ministry balance between public and reproducing ministry.
2. List general principles you see Jesus applying to hold this balance.
3. List some factors of how Jesus related to His disciples.
4. What characteristics were evident in Christ's life that attracted people (especially His disciples)?
5. Define the terms disciple and disciplemaking ministry from the ministry of Jesus (not limited to the gospel of Mark).
6. Write your personal convictions regarding this public/reproducing balance in your own ministry.
7. Write 4-5 principles to insure you multiply your life through the people recruited in your broad base ministry.