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Real-Life Discipleship Jim Putman 2010 Discover how everyone in your congregation can play a part in your church's mission.

Planting Healthy Churches for an Unchurched Community: Leaving a Legacy to Build On Nakia Melecio 2016-11-18 Planting new churches is a dedicated response and reasonable service to fulfilling God's mission. This critical church planting is not only the focus of today's Christians, but it is also the theological and practical subject of numerous Christian studies that tout scripturally based work for shoring up today's church. Nakia Melecio is answering God's call to support local churches, both old and new, and the outcry of God's people in a heartfelt attempt through conferences, workbooks, websites, and many other substantive pathways for spiritual founding and healing. Church planting is necessary, but it is no easy feat. Nakia Melecio's ministry will help struggling churches to reinvent themselves and new churches to plant firmly and deeply on solid rock. Through steadfast diligence and unwavering faith, God's mission can and will be fulfilled. Nakia Melecio shares the vision of how to build a legacy and ultimately claim the victory-methodically, effectively, spiritually, and graciously.

Die Freude des Evangeliums Franziskus (Papst), 2013-12-12 "Ich weiß sehr wohl, dass heute die Dokumente nicht dasselbe Interesse wecken wie zu anderen Zeiten und schnell vergessen werden. Trotzdem betone ich, dass das, was ich hier zu sagen beabsichtige, eine programmatische Bedeutung hat und wichtige Konsequenzen beinhaltet ... Ich wünsche mir eine arme Kirche für die Armen." Papst Franziskus Das vollständige Dokument plus Einführung und Themenschlüssel

Awake and Arise the Dying of the American Church Dr. Stan Mars 2019-09-05 The majority of churches in America are either dying or dead. This is due to the sin of disobedience by man through the rejection and refusal to obey the commandments of God especially in John 13: 34-35 and Matthew 28: 19-20. Jesus commands us to GO into all nations and make disciples and this is an act of love for God and others. You will learn that most churches are not in this business so they do not make any disciples, and importantly, they don't make leaders of disciples. Awake and Arise calls for the reformation of the American Church to begin to do God's church - God's way. If the church will adhere and obey, they will find revival offered by God. If the church continues to refuse, they will find the same experience that the Church of Laodicea found in the spewing out by Jesus Christ. To the glory of God - let us be humble and pray for forgiveness and move to God for His blessings to begin this journey!

Vom Glück selbstlos zu leben Timothy Keller 2014-08-15

Multiplying Missional Leaders Mike Breen 2012-01-01

A Biblical Theology of Christian Discipleship Johnny Turner 2021-06-11 A Biblical Theology of Christian Discipleship is a spiritual resource that examines the biblical and theological doctrines to do ministry amid challenges and oppositions. The role of the church is to persuade individuals to establish a philosophy of authentic discipleship. This book challenges the church to walk humbly before God as genuine disciples. The primary focus is to carefully follow Christ's mandate of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20, "Go and make disciples." More importantly,

the book describes how the church can effectively use different methods and principles to better prepare believers for Christ.

Disciples Together Walton Roger 2015-04-21 Discipleship is one of the key words used in the churches today and there are many initiatives in the mainstream churches to enable people to grow as disciples of Christ.

Real-Life Discipleship Training Manual Jim Putman 2014-02-27 Over 100,000 sold! This companion training manual to Real-Life Discipleship provides unique guidance and insight to pastors, church leaders, and their disciples as they work to create an effective discipleship program. With a thorough, results-oriented process that can be applied in other contexts and cultures, this manual explains the necessary components of disciple-making so that every church member can play a part in reaching others for Christ. A great leaders resource, it shows you how to cultivate new leaders for the future and equip them to make disciples.

4 Chair Discipling Dann Spader 2014-08-01 Dann Spader is a disciple-maker who has spent his adult life exploring what it means to take someone from being a seeker to making disciples themselves. Over 750,000 people in 80 countries have been trained to make disciples through organizations he has led. Through studying the life of Christ and His disciple-making methods, Dann developed 4 Chair Discipling, a simple picture for others to follow. Jesus' last words on earth had a few very specific instructions: Go, make disciples, baptize, and teach. But what does that mean for us today? Well, it's not easy. But it is simple. Teacher and leader Dann Spader explains disciple-making as a process of moving people through four chairs, from someone seeking to know more about Christ to someone who makes disciples themselves. Chair 1: Come and See (John 1:39) Chair 2: Follow Me (John 1:43) Chair 3: Become a Fisher of Men (Matthew 4:19) Chair 4: Go and Bear Fruit (John 15:16) In the process of His four-year ministry, Jesus realized that different people are at different stages of growth and development, and He works to challenge each of them to the next level. In 4 Chair Discipling, you'll get a clear and simple picture of how to follow in Jesus' footsteps and do the same thing.

Red Moon Rising Pete Greig 2015-10-09 Die mitreißende Geschichte von 24-7 PRAYER zeigt was passiert, wenn Freunde anfangen zu träumen und zu beten. Quer durch sämtliche Konfessionen, über alle "frommen" Labels hinweg, beten sie, als ob alles von Gott abhängt und leben sie, als ob alles von ihnen abhängt. Diese Jubiläumsausgabe (15 Jahre 24-7 PRAYER) wurde komplett überarbeitet und enthält viel zusätzliches Material.

Youth Ministry Bi-Vocational Survival Guide Rick Flann 2016-04-27 Youth Ministry Bi-Vocational Survival Guide is written specifically for the bi-vocational pastor and is chock-full of nuggets of gold. Authors Rick Flann and Chris Pope explain how to manage time well, prioritize effectively and lead in a way that empowers both the bi-vocational pastor and those they lead and care for on a daily basis. The Apostle Paul, a tent maker, was one of the greatest people ever to walk the face of this earth. He knew what his mission was and he was willing to do whatever it took to accomplish the task that God had set before him. Paul was bi-vocational. He proclaimed the Gospel, planted churches and pastored people, yet he never demanded his right to a paycheck from the church (1 Cor 9:12). Maybe you are a modern day tent maker, but unlike the Apostle Paul who always seemed to come out on top as a spiritual super star, you are sinking under the pressures of multiple jobs (both inside and outside of the church), school, family, or countless other obligations that you face each and every day. Take courage and know that you are not alone! The Youth Ministry Bi-Vocational Survival Guide was developed especially with you in mind, to enable you to succeed and still minister effectively to those you are leading.

Real-Life Discipleship Jim Putman 2014-02-27 Real-Life Discipleship explains what should happen in the life of every Christian and in every small group so that the church becomes an army of believers dedicated to seeing the world saved. With the overriding goal to train disciples who know how to make more disciples, this book offers proven tools and strategies from Real Life Ministries, one of America's fastest-growing churches. Discover what the Bible says about true and effective discipleship with these strategies and practices.

Transforming Male Leaders In The Twenty-First Century-Church Through Training in Transformative Learning and Transformational Leadership Manuel Howard 2019-10-30 The Transforming Male Leaders in the Twenty-First Century is a blueprint for all male leaders, especially those who are looking to be transformed into game-changing transformational leaders in their homes, churches, and/or the community. Males, especially African American males in leadership, have been on a decline in churches, homes, and the community in recent decades. This book will train all men in transformative learning and transformational leadership which will spark a transformational revival in our male leaders. This book is a recipe for transformation. It uses a qualitative method of inquiry which lays out a

treatment plan including a three-week training module utilized to investigate the focus on the lack of black male leadership in the church, home, and the community. This book presents the state-of-the-art research in black male leadership. This book provides information drawn from literature review relative to the absence of black male leadership in the church. This book shares significant concepts and pertinent works by leading authors and theorists in black male leadership. This book also provides an in-depth explication of transformational leadership and transformative learning theories as they correlate to current literature on the lack of male leaders in the black church. *Transforming Male Leaders in the Twenty-First Century* establishes a theoretical foundation using a theological, biblical, and historical perspective to undergird the subject matter of transforming black males in the local church. This book also examines the work of leading theorists in male leadership. This book is a solution to a male leadership crisis in the black home, church, and community. This book will enlighten all leaders regarding the leadership crisis in America and sound the bell for transformation across the globe! One must be transformed by training, love, grace, and blood of Jesus to be a transformer in the home, church, or community.

Church Together Daniel C. Dickard 2022-01-13 *Church Together* is a Christian leadership book designed to give pastors, church leaders, and church members a working plan to overcome the greatest underlying threat to the church today, individualism, through five relationships of surrender which correlate to the five core values of the Church of We. Part One examines the three rotten fruits of individualism within the Church of Me—consumerism, pragmatism, and the extremes of legalism and liberalism—and how to spot each of these problems. Part Two offers a solution on what it will take for churches to make a healthy transition from the Church of Me to the Church of We. *Church Together*, for this reason, gives churches a manageable plan to defy the individualistic spirit of the age as they become the Church of We in the Age of Me.

The Missed Mission of The Great Commission A First Century Discipleship Paradigm for the 21st Century George Eberly 2016-12-15 *The Missed Mission of the Great Commission* is discipleship, or as Jesus puts it: "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). Thousands upon thousands of people have come to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ over the last four decades. Yet during the same period of time, the influence of Christianity on the American society has greatly diminished. There have been many converts but far fewer have become disciples whose lives testify the presence of Jesus. As Pastor Eberly shares about his years of ministry, he calls the church back to a New Testament paradigm of discipleship. He focuses on biblical principles, rather than programs because one size does not fit all. His book also points to practical ways in which these principles can be applied in whatever situation.

The Ladder of Faithfulness D. Michael Henderson 2009-08-01 *Followers of Jesus* are on a journey of spiritual growth. Their goal is to become more and more like Christ, not only reflecting his character, but doing his work in the world. The process of transformation, from unbelief to faith and from faith to Christlikeness, takes place (ideally) in the context of a healthy church. That church, as a channel of God's grace, enables faithful disciples to take one step at a time toward spiritual maturity, effective ministry within the church, and useful service to the wider community. Every level on *The Ladder of Faithfulness* requires a different set of instructional methods. In this book, D. Michael Henderson offers practical advice for making disciples at every stage of spiritual growth. From his experience in American and African churches and colleges, he provides useful tools for equipping Christians in their primary mission: making disciples. D. Michael Henderson helps American and African Christians fulfill the command of Jesus: "Go into all the world and make disciples." He provides materials and training for small group ministries and personal discipleship. He directs a mission called Heart of Africa (www.heartofafrica.org), which supports African ministries with "breakthrough projects." His other books include *John Wesley's Class Meeting and Making Disciples*, *One Conversation at a Time* (www.rafikibooks.com). Mike and his wife Martha live in Longwood, Florida, and Friendship, Maine.

True Discipleship John Koessler 2003 1

The Disciple-Making Church Bill Hull 2010-06-15 A classic in Christian discipleship for twenty years, this revised and updated edition shows why disciple making should be the focus of every believer's life.

The Disciple Making Minister David Servant 2014-04-14 David Servant has been ministering to Christian leaders in conferences around the world for over three decades. From his experience of speaking to tens of thousands of pastors in over forty countries, he has compiled biblical teaching in this book that addresses the most important issues that Christian leaders are facing today. Servant covers topics such as church growth, spiritual warfare, divorce and

remarriage, biblical interpretation, house churches, women in ministry, church government, spiritual gifts, evangelism and many more. He often questions the prevailing opinion, always considering what Scripture says. His conclusions may sometimes surprise you. Servant's foundational condition is that every Christian leader should be making disciples who obey all of Christ's commandments. Translated into many languages, *The Disciple-Making Minister* is helping Christian leader around the world be more effective in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Black United Methodists Preach! Dr. Gennifer Benjamin Brooks 2012-03-01 What accounts for the spiritual power and vitality of black preaching? What are the distinctive contributions of black preaching to the life of The United Methodist Church? How must black preaching evolve if it is to rise to the new challenges facing the UMC? Fifteen distinguished preachers from across the connection answer these and other questions in this important and illuminating volume. Gennifer Benjamin Brooks not only edits this collect, she also shares one of her own sermons along with the sermons of the following fourteen other preachers: Rose Booker-Jones, Leo W. Curry, Safiyah Fosua, Telley Lynette Gadson, Linda Lee, Pamela R. Lightsey, Okitakoyi Lundula, Tracy S. Malone, Gregory Palmer, Vance P. Ross, Robert O. Simpson, Rodney P. Smothers. James E. Swanson, Sr., and Dorothy Watson-Tatem.

Cultivating an Evangelistic Character Christopher James Schoon 2018-04-24 This project explores the relationship between worship, discipleship, and evangelism within the missional church movement. Engaging contributions from liturgical theology, Christian ethics, and post-Christendom evangelism, the book proposes a missional approach to worship that, when integrated with a praxis-oriented discipleship, cultivates Jesus' character among God's people. Along the way, the project attends to the Holy Spirit's transformative presence, the liturgical rhythms of remembering and anticipating, and the practices of hospitality and compassion. In the end, *Cultivating an Evangelistic Character* contends that the Spirit works through the integration of worship and discipleship to form God's people. In other words, God's people become evangelistic, or as Newbigin said, "the hermeneutic of the gospel."

Der Name Gottes ist Barmherzigkeit Papst Franziskus 2016-01-12 In seinem ersten Buch als Papst formuliert Franziskus das Herzstück seines Pontifikats. Für alle Gläubigen, aber auch für nachdenkende Menschen ohne konfessionelle Bindung, erläutert er die zentrale Botschaft der Barmherzigkeit – in der ihm eigenen einfachen und direkten Sprache. Dabei gibt Franziskus persönliche und bislang unbekannte Einblicke in seine Erfahrungen als Priester und erläutert seine Motive für das außerordentliche Heilige Jahr der Barmherzigkeit. Diese ist nichts Geringeres als Ausdruck für die Liebe Gottes. Eine Offenbarung für alle, die auf der Suche nach dem Sinn des Lebens sind und einen Weg des Friedens, der Besinnung und Versöhnung gehen wollen.

Future Church William Mancini 2020-11-17 Church growth models have often been long on promises and short on disciple-making. We continue to watch consistent church attendance shrink, and our desire to reach the lost is infected with a need for self-validation by growing our numbers at any cost. If we believe that God wants his church to grow, where do we go from here? What is the future of the church? Drawing from his 20 years and 15,000 hours of consulting, author Will Mancini shares with pastors and ministry leaders the single most important insight he has learned about church growth. With plenty of salient stories and based solidly on the disciple-making methods found in Scripture, *Future Church* exposes the church's greatest challenge today, and offers 7 transforming laws of real church growth so that we can faithfully and joyfully fulfill Jesus's Great Commission.

A Motley Crew Sam Warren 2021-01-26 In *A Motley Crew: How Jesus Turned Ordinary Men into Dynamic Disciples*, one is taken on a journey through the teachings of Jesus and Paul as they map out the path for the local church in making disciples who make disciples. One is given not only a view of the mistakes that have been made but hope for a brighter future as they are shown how to return to the original code of the early church in the making of disciples.

Real-Life Discipleship Tom Cheshire 2019-07-27 The one BIG question: How do you disciple another man? Men in thousands of churches across the world know there is more to faith than just attending church — they know there is the potential to walk in Christ's image, live in Christ's image, and work to spread Christ's word. But the one big question they are all asking is how? The Spirit of God is compelling them to seek the answer. This book is the gateway to answering that question. The authors spent years struggling to build a life of meaning before realizing their depravity and asking the questions: "What does it mean to be a godly man, and how can I become one?" The Spirit answered by sending men into their lives to disciple them, not with disdain or judgment, but with love and compassion, a gospel-centered focus. These men walked alongside them in the messiness of life, helping them to apply Biblical truths and spiritual disciplines in a challenging world. From their own personal journeys, out of the abyss, the authors

have written this book. Here you will learn to: • **BUILD** a one-on-one relationship • **CREATE** a culture of men who support each other • **LOOK TO CHRIST** and find what obstacles are blocking you • **TRANSFORM** your life seeing the Gospel advance through the discipling of other men. *Real-Life Discipleship: The Ordinary Man's Guide to Disciple-Making* offers a gateway from confusion to clarity, from struggle to transformation.

An Examination of the Theme of Discipleship in The Seven Churches of Revelation Steve L. Roy 2021-09-15 "Go and make disciples." Our command is clear; our mission is given. But what exactly is a disciple and what does discipleship really mean? In *An Examination of the Theme of Discipleship in the Seven Churches of Revelation*, Dr. Steve Roy takes the reader to the book of Revelation and to the specific letters from Jesus Christ himself. These letters help the reader to discover dramatically important conclusions as to what discipleship is and what it means to be a disciple. Through each of the letters to the seven churches, Jesus follows a particular pattern of discipleship and applies it to the specific churches in western Asia Minor. These patterns and instructions are just as relevant for us today as they were when John the Revelator sent them. This book is written for the person who wants to take discipleship seriously and for the pastor who stands before his congregation weekly with the purpose of making disciples.

DiscipleShift Jim Putman 2013-04-23 *Question: What is the God-given purpose of the local church? Answer: Relational discipleship.* *DiscipleShift* walks you through five key "shifts" that churches must make to refocus on the fundamental biblical mission of discipleship. These intentional changes will attract the world and empower your church members to be salt and light in their communities. Over the last thirty years, many influential church leaders and church planters in America have adopted various models for reaching unchurched people. While many of these approaches have merit, something is still missing, something even more fundamental to the mission of the church: discipleship. Making disciples—helping people to trust and follow Jesus—is the church's God-given mandate. Devoted disciples attract people outside the church because of the change others see in their Christ-like lives. And discipleship empowers Christians to be more like Christ as they intentionally develop relationships with non-believers. Through biblical and professional insights, Jim Putman and Bobby Harrington discuss the transformational effectiveness of making disciples and just how to do so, in practical terms. You'll learn: The specific roles of a disciple-making pastor. The components of person-to-person discipleship. How each ministry in your church leads to discipleship. How to implement discipleship in your church. Disciple-making leaders will not produce perfect churches, but they will create effective churches.

Glaubensriesen - Seelenzwerge? Peter Scazzero 2011-08-17 *Der christliche Glaube zielt auf konkrete Veränderung. Er soll Früchte tragen: Freude, Friede, Sanftmut, Geduld, Liebe Warum funktioniert das in der Praxis so wenig? * Warum sind viele Christen menschlich so verkümmert? * Warum gibt es in christlichen Gemeinden so viele bittere Konflikte und Machtkämpfe? * Welche Rolle spielen unsere Gefühle für den Glauben?* Peter Scazzero beschreibt in diesem Buch Symptome eines Glaubens, der emotional unreif geblieben ist. Er deckt auf, warum herkömmliche Vermittlungswege von Glaubenswachstum oft einer Reifung der Persönlichkeit geradezu im Weg stehen. Und er skizziert den Weg zu einem ganzheitlichen, erwachsenen Glauben, auf dem die emotionale Reife nicht auf der Strecke bleibt. Denn er ist überzeugt: "Das größte Geschenk, das die Kirche unserer Welt machen kann, liegt darin, eine Gemeinschaft von emotional erwachsenen Menschen zu werden, die gelernt haben, wie man liebt."

Transforming Discipleship Greg Ogden 2016-10-02 Greg Ogden recovers Jesus' method of accomplishing life change by investing in just a few people at a time. In this revised and updated edition Ogden sets forth his vision for transforming both the individual disciple and discipleship itself, showing how discipleship can become a self-replicating process with ongoing impact from generation to generation.

The Method of Christian Theology Rhyne Putman 2021-05-15 When handling the things of God, our method matters. Everyone who thinks about God has a method for approaching the subject, whether they recognize it or not. A theological method addresses foundational questions such as: What is theology? How should we approach Scripture? What is the role of tradition, philosophy, and experience? How do we use theology in ministering to others? These questions are vital for anyone studying God and his Word—how one defines theology, sees its task, and uses its sources will shape one's doctrine, for better or worse. In *The Method of Christian Theology*, Rhyne Putman guides readers through the essential "first words" of systematic theology. Written for entry-level theology students, this book provides clear guidance for using theological sources, reasoning through difficult questions, and applying theological reflection in paper writing and preaching. By studying the foundations of theology, readers will be better equipped to

serve God's people in whatever ministry they are called to.

Building a Youth Ministry that Builds Disciples Duffy Robbins 2012-01-24 While most youth pastors are being regularly evaluated (or even scrutinized) for what they're doing right now in the youth group, the reality is that the most important thing they are doing won't actually be evident until much later. That's because the biggest challenge for any youth ministry is helping teens embrace a whole-hearted devotion to God that lasts far beyond their years in the youth room. Unfortunately, much of youth ministry seems to be designed on the model of setting teenagers up for a "date" with God—a delightful evening that involves music, laughter, food, and light conversation. But what scripture calls us to is not a "one-night stand" with God, but a lifelong love of God that endures. Youth ministry educator and veteran, Duffy Robbins, offers youth workers a blueprint for building that kind of faith in teenagers. In this concise book, ideal for busy youth workers, they'll be equipped to build a youth ministry that instills that lasting faith in its students.

Truth That Sticks Avery Willis 2014-02-27 Today in America, half of the people won't or don't read that much. Begin creatively transforming the lives of this generation by using first-century methods of teaching—storytelling, drama, and dialog. The "TruthSticks" strategy is a revolutionary approach using the DNA of the first century discipling that will Use Bible Storying to effectively make disciples at all levels Unite families by using fun methods to disciple children Revitalize small groups Develop a discipling church A creative tool to use in leadership, evangelism, or missionary work.

Measuring Spiritual Maturity Randy Tompkins 2019-10-21 Jesus commissioned His apostles "and, by extension, the church" to make disciples. Many church leaders have come to the conclusion that attending worship services and Bible study classes will result in making disciples. A review of statistical reports indicates a majority of church members and attenders do not believe this process will work, or they have come to the conclusion they do not want to become disciples. The 2010 US Religion Census report indicated 79% of the 150,686,156 members, children, and other attenders did not attend worship services. It also reported over 60% of the same group did not attend Bible study classes. In 2014 one of the major denominations in the United States reported 63% of church members did not attend worship services and 62% did not attend Bible study classes. There are literally thousands of spiritual surveys available to church leaders. A majority of these surveys develop conclusions based on a single survey being administered or two surveys being administered several months apart. If a disciple-making process is to be effective, there needs to be a method of measuring the progress of individuals moving toward spiritual maturity. This type of measurement would produce a visual of spiritual growth, spiritual decline, or spiritual non-growth. The only way to measure the spiritual progress of an individual is to create a measurement of the various elements of the spiritual life. The process of measuring spiritual maturity in this book is self-contained within the participating church, and the responses of the participating individuals are highly confidential and warehoused by the participating church.

Millennium Tom Holland 2010-08-25 Mit "Millennium" schließt Tom Holland an seinen weltweiten Erfolg "Persisches Feuer" an. Anno Domini 900: Von drei Himmelsrichtungen durch unerbittliche Feinde bedrängt, während in der vierten Richtung nur der Ozean lag, schien es, dass der christlichen Bevölkerung keinerlei Spielraum mehr blieb. Und im Schatten des Jahrtausendwechsels befürchteten viele, dass der Antichrist erscheinen würde, um die Welt in Blut zu ertränken und ihr Ende anzukündigen. Doch das Christentum brach nicht zusammen. Vielmehr wurde in den Erschütterungen jener furchtbaren Zeiten eine neue Zivilisation geschmiedet. In weit ausholendem epischem Zugriff, der uns von der Kreuzigung Christi zum Ersten Kreuzzug mitnimmt, vom Prunk Konstantinopels zu den trostlosen Küsten Kanadas, ist "Millennium" die brillante Darstellung einer schicksalsträchtigen Revolution: dem Auftauchen Westeuropas als einer unterscheidbaren, expansionistischen Macht.

Was ist das Evangelium? Greg Gilbert 2011

Church Is a Team Sport Jim Putman 2009-08-01 Now available in trade paper, *Church Is a Team Sport* shows proven ways to push believers, new and mature, toward growth as both Christians--and leaders. Through this powerful, thought-provoking volume, ministers both in the congregation and on staff will discover how to expand the church one soul at a time. Making disciples is the crux of pastor Jim Putman's message. The plan works. Caring for people, following up on stray sheep, and teaching what it means to love God and obey him. That's how *Church Is a Team Sport* transforms Christians from Monday-morning quarterbacks into dynamic players.

Authentic Discipleship Edward Michael Gross 2013-04-16 The book is helpful in 2 ways. A. The believer can and will grow spiritually by taking on the sessions, 1 at a time, to learn what it means to follow Jesus. B. It's a guide to help

a disciple-maker take a disciple through it step-by-step, so that they fulfill stages of follow-up and beginning discipleship. The result: someone who has been encouraged in nearly every dimension of spiritual growth.

Disciple Making Is . . . Dave Earley 2013-08 In brief yet hard-hitting chapters, the entire scope of disciple making is presented here in a way that will inspire and inform you to obey the Great Commission with great passion. The authors share practical insights on how best to reproduce confident reproducers of Christ's message. --from back cover.

Making Disciples in a World Parish Paul W. Chilcote 2011-04-01 In this collection of inspirational and challenging essays, Methodists from around the globe reflect on the practice of disciple-making in their own contexts. From their own perspectives, they address questions like: What are the challenges you face? What biblical images shape your missional practice? What examples of Christian authenticity inspire your communities? What gifts related to mission and evangelism do you offer the global community of faith? Churches on every continent have their own stories of struggle and faithfulness. Indeed, each distinct community within any given region has a voice of its own that deserves to be heard. The voices included in this volume belong to women and men alike. Likewise, they resound with the accents of Africa and Asia, Latin and North America, Europe, and Oceania. Each voice is distinct, but all articulate a vision of faith made effective through love. In a world characterized variously by poverty and violence as well as prosperity and peace, the church must reclaim its central mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ." In their effort to articulate a vision of mission and evangelism, the contributors to this volume bear witness to the fact that we can no longer do this work in isolation from one another. To be the ambassadors of the gospel, we need each other and we need to pay attention to the voices that sound different from our own. This volume takes a large step in that vital direction.