

**Life Group Notes**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Speaker:** Sean Green

**Title:** Signpost Sunday: Disciples, who make disciples

**Passage:** Matt 9:9, Matt 28:16-20

**Disciples:** Matt 9v9

So starts Matthews journey becoming a *Christ centred, Spirit filled believer, in active obedience to the Christ*. He was part of the new community (Acts 2) devoted to fellowship, the study of the Word, and prayer. This journey could be represented by a ‘Wheel of discipleship’.

- Hub: Jesus as the centre of your life, setting the direction, giving power.
- Spokes: Prayer, the Word, fellowship and Witness.
- Rim: A life of active obedience to Christ, is visible to the world.

A disciple is someone who considers themselves a student / apprentice / practitioner of Christ and are resolved to be obedient to His teaching.

**Who make disciples:** Matt 28v16-20

The Discipleship sandwich – Jesus supplies the bread of assurance v18 and promise v20, but we supply the sandwich filling. We help form Christ in others. We humbly pass on to others, and call others to imitate us, as we imitate Christ (1Cor11v1, 2Tim2v2). John Calvin removed the pews and ran services in heart languages to make disciples. Disciple Makers don’t expect new-borns to be able to feed themselves (Grown adults still need help in the kitchen!).

*“Until you have formed Christ in someone, you have done nothing”. Anon*

*“Being busy for Jesus, isn’t the same as making a disciple of Jesus”.*

*“The bigger hindrance to their discipleship, is not the strength of their doubts but the dullness of our worship”.*

Footnote: We need more space on Sundays and the right kind of space midweek from September this year. Please pray.

**Suggested Questions:**

1. We all have a responsibility to be making disciples, starting with ourselves. How is Christ being formed in you?
2. Do you have a different way of thinking about discipleship (other than the wheel)? Please share this with the group.
3. Who can you help ‘form Christ’ in? How can that be part of everyday life?
4. What other hindrances are there to making disciples? How can we overcome them?

