



## SESSION 1

# Getting Perspective on Discipleship Today

## **The Command: Matthew 28:18-20**

“All Power has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; teaching them to obey all those things I taught you. And lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age.”

# **The Question: How are We Really Doing at Making Disciples?**

# 4 Helpful List - To Get Perspective

01

What's wrong?

02

What's right?

03

What's confusing?

04

What's missing?

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“The measure of where we are today will not be marked as the beginning of a recession, or even a depression, but as the end of an era. An epoch is a period where its change from other eras can mark time itself. Make no mistake: our old world is gone, and the way it works is changed forever. As with all such times, the change happened fast, and it is permanent... this will forever transform our lives, our markets, and our world. It is time for new ways of thinking and solving problems.”

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**Bruce Fenton, Founder Atlantic Financial**

# 3 Observations About Our World

01

We Must ACCEPT -  
“Normal” is never returning

02

We Must REBUILD -  
Because we can't return

03

We Must LEAD -  
Boldly in this “Kairos”  
moment in history  
(1 Chronicles 12:32)

# Our World is Desperate for Hope, Stability, Direction, & Deliverance - **a Messiah!**

## Who will fill that void?

- Philosophies/truth claims?
- Science/technology?
- Powerful people/institutions?
- Popular culture?
- The Body of Christ?



# Jesus is Our **Model**, Our **Mandate**

- There's **Hope** – Matthew 15:18 = The Promise of Messiah
- There's **Help** – Acts 1:8 = The Power of the Spirit
- There's **History** – Romans 15:4 = The Perspective of the Past
- There's **How** – Matthew 28:19-20 = The People of God

# How Do We Introduce “The Christ” to Our Disrupted World?

## Christ, Not Causes

Jesus said, “If I am lifted up... I will...”

John 12:32

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## Healing, Not Hostility

**Jesus said, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you...”**

**John 13:35**

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## Relationships, Not Real Estate

Jesus said, “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for...”

Matthew 5:44

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## Innovation, Not Indignation

Jesus said, “No one puts new wine into...”

Mark 2:22

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## Substance, Not Success

Jesus said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone but on’...”

Matthew 4:4

# How Do We Introduce “The Christ” to Our Disrupted World?

## Trust, Not Technology

Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you...”

**John 6:29**

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**So, What's Next?**

# **A Question to Ask:** **Have we lost our 1st love?**

“I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance... But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did first... How far you’ve fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lamp stand from its place among the churches.”

**Revelation 2:2a, 4 & 5 NLT**

## **A Decision to Make:**

**Are we fully surrendered to Jesus' agenda**

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.”

**Romans 12:1 NLT**

## **A Path to Follow:**

**Are we willing to swim upstream regardless of the cost?**

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

**Romans 12:2 NLT**

## CONCLUSION

God *must* work deeply IN us before  
He will work significantly THROUGH  
us.

