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# The WHY of Discipleship

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# MAKING DISCIPLES

DEVELOPING **LIFELONG** FOLLOWERS OF JESUS



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“In order to reach nations at “the end of the earth” Jesus first gathered a substantial crowd then culled out all but a few people. Settling on 12 men and a few women, he singled out just three, Peter, James, and John, for His inner circle. From these three he launched the greatest movement in human history”

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(Making Disciples by Ralph Moore)

Definition: Duplicating Christ-likeness in another person. (life long learner)

Every Christ Follower is called into the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19)



# Reason

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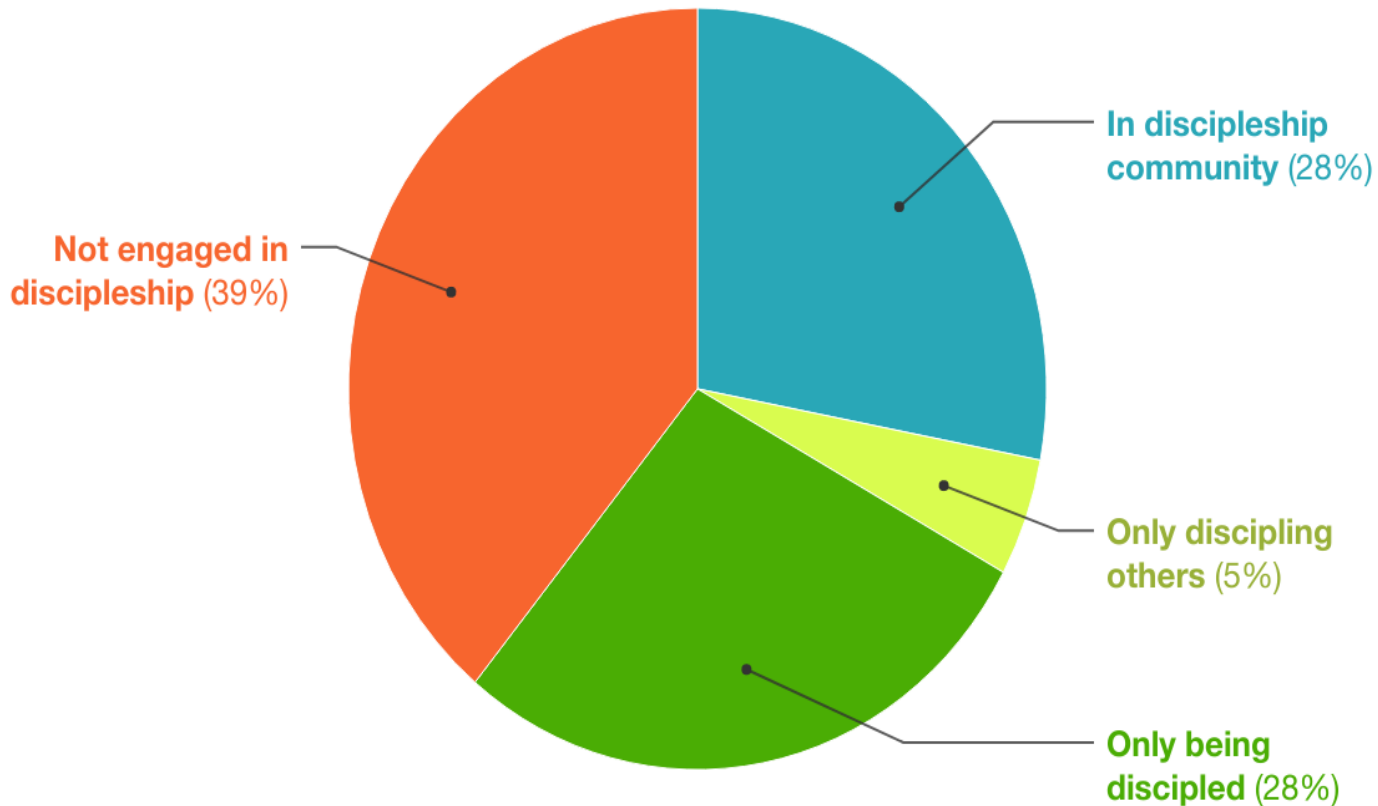
## The Great Commission

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** <sup>19</sup> **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,** <sup>20</sup> **and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

# THE SPECTRUM OF DISCIPLESHIP COMMUNITY

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## Discipleship Community

Christians who are both *being disciplined* and *disciplining others*.

- 28% of Christians are in a discipleship community
- 39% are not involved in any form of discipleship

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- 28% only being disciplined
- 5% are disciplining others

# Importance

- When we help others grow in their faith, it also helps us grow in our faith (The result is mutual spiritual growth)
- Discipleship equips Christ Followers with a solid Biblical foundation.

- *John 15:8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.*

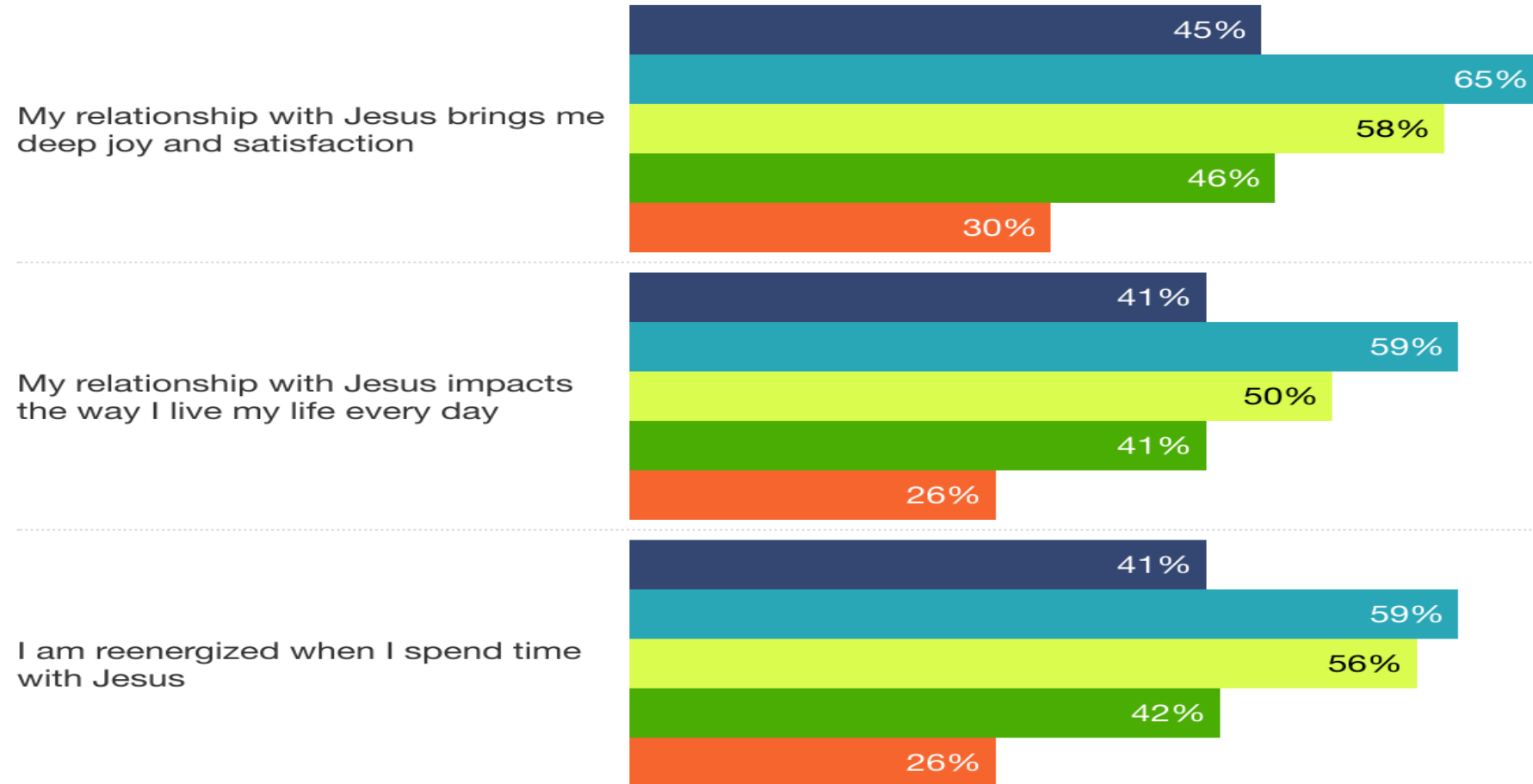


# U.S. CHRISTIANS ON WALKING WITH JESUS

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*Base: % who strongly agree*

● All Christians ● In discipleship community ● Only discipling others ● Only being disciplined ● Not engaged in discipleship





# Not Just Facts

“The discipleship process is more than teaching people the right knowledge about God. A disciple models him or herself after someone. Making disciples of Jesus goes beyond teaching facts about Jesus. It means teaching people how to know and be like Jesus — to obey God and seek His best for their lives.”

Acts 5:42 And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: “Jesus is the Messiah.”



## Purpose

- Multiplication
- Conformity
- Accountability





Q: How long does discipling another person last?

A: As long as it takes

Q: Do you have to be saved for a certain amount of time to be a disciple maker?

A: No

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Q: Who should Christ Followers disciple?

A: Everyone

Jesus told the disciples to “follow me”

# Where do I start?

- Pray for a heart to make disciples
  - Everyone is commanded to make disciples, no exclusions.
  - Pray God give you the opportunity and that you recognize the opportunity when he presents it.
- Be Intentional
  - You must be willing to be consistent. If the person strays pursue them.
  - Develop an individual and corporate culture of discipleship



# Where do I start?

- **Be Available**

- Be available to give your time and knowledge to a person on a regular basis.
- Discipleship is a daily effort, pursuit and sacrifice, but worth it in the end.

- **Keep the focus on Jesus**

- We want to make disciples who follow Jesus and His ways, not our own.
- *“Follow me as I follow Christ.”*

Matthew 4:19 Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”



# Here at Now Word

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Group of 3-15 people who meet on a regular basis to study and grow in the word together.



**Master  
Classes**



Let's Gather is a NWCC fellowship that happens quarterly on the first Sunday of the month, as a continuation of communion, and a way to build relationships and cultivate Christ centered conversation over a meal.



Offer a solid foundation for scriptural understanding. It is for those people who want to learn even more about familiar biblical concepts and break them down to an applicable level.

Questions:

Who discipled you?

2. What were the benefits of being discipled?

3. How long did your discipleship journey last?



# DISCIPLESHIP

