



# Chair Four/The Disciple-Maker

#### MAIN THING

Main Thing: The Fourth Invitation Jesus Makes is to "Make Disciples Who Will Make Disciples"

#### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:3-9, Matthew 13:23, John 14:12, Matthew 21:33-43, Hebrews 6:1, 2 Timothy 4:1-2, Matthew 7:21, Mathew 28:18-20

# ICEBREAKER

What is one thing that an older person taught you- maybe a skill, a trade, a sport, a hobby- something you learned directly from that person?

# **OPENING THOUGHT**

The fourth chair is Jesus' goal for all Christians: a person who makes disciples who are capable of making disciples. Chair four people are ones who are producers for God's Kingdom- they put in more than they take out, they give more than they receive, they have a net positive impact on this world. They are people who live their lives passing on their faith to others. Sometimes these people can be threatening to church structures as they are autonomous and independent. These people are also vulnerable to spiritual arrogance as they can begin to believe they don't need the church. However, the Chair four person needs the church as much as anyone, and the church needs them.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?

2. Dave described four changes that have to happen in order to move to this chair. They are 1) From Consumer to Producer, 2) From Dependent to Autonomous, 3) From Sheep To Shepherd, and 4) From Optional To Essential. Which one of these is the most difficult to make? Why is it so difficult especially to move from being a consumer to being a producer in God's Kingdom?

3. In John 14:12, Jesus tells us that people who believe in Him will do the work He has done, and they will do even greater things than He did. How is this possible? Are we as individuals and as a group doing the work that Jesus did?

## LIFE APPLICATION

Many Christians have been a part of churches for years and never knew that Chair Four existed. Many churches put Chair Three as the ultimate goal of the Christian- to serve in the church, to do the work of the Kingdom, They have never been challenged to be a disciple-maker. However, Jesus makes it clear that this is His goal for all of us. His life mission was to start a movement of disciples who make disciples and therefore reach the entire world.

Do you consider yourself ready to make disciples who can make disciples? If we go with the statement, "You aren't a disciple until you have made a disciple," are you a disciple of Jesus? Does that statement bother you?

## CHALLENGE

From Dave: This entire year theme is "Maturity" based off of Hebrews 6:1- "Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity." It's okay if you are not in Chair Four yet. Most of the body of Christ isn't there yet. It's okay to be in a different chair. What's not okay is to get stuck and stay where you are. Two Sundays from now, we are having a "Move" Sunday where everyone will be challenged to take their next step, whatever that is. For example, if you've never been baptized, be baptized. If you've never served in a church ministry like children's or youth or men's ministry, start serving. If you've never gone on a mission trip, sign up for one of the six we are taking in 2022. Whatever your next step is, have the courage and faith to do it. Start asking God what your next step is and be ready to take it on March 21.