

The Power of a Duplicating Disciple

*"The church changes the world not by making converts but by making disciples."
- John Wesley*

*"Success should be measured not by how many disciples are made, but by how many
disciples are making other disciples." - Bill Hull*

THE MULTIPLICATION IMPACT OF DISCIPLESHIP

(From Leadership Through Discipleship by Hartman & Sutherland, 1999)

If our goal is to reach the world for Christ, then let's take a look at two different models we could use:

1. Preaching to 1000 People a Day

If a man decided to preach to 1000 different people everyday of his life (assuming there are 7 billion people on the planet), it would take him 19,178 years to accomplish his goal!!! (This doesn't include a growing population or sick days, vacation etc.)

2. Making Multiplying Disciples (2 Tim 2:2)

If a man decided to make disciples that in turn would make disciples using the 2 Tim 2:2 principle, he could reach 7 billion people with the gospel in only 21 years. If one disciple invested a year in training three new disciples and every new disciple committed to do the same, replicating the process, the world would be evangelized in only two generations. Here is the math:

Year 1: 3 disciples	Year 14: 4,782,969
Year 2: 9	Year 15: 14,348,907
Year 3: 27	Year 16: 43,046,721
Year 4: 81	Year 17: 129,140,163
Year 5: 243	Year 18: 387,420,489
Year 6: 729	Year 19: 1,162,261,467
Year 7: 2,187	Year 20: 3,486,784,401
Year 8: 6,561	
Year 9: 19,683	Year 21: <u>10,460,353,203 disciples!</u>
Year 10: 59,049	
Year 11: 177,147	
Year 12: 531,441	
Year 13: 1,594,323	

