

# THE Big 3

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TITLE: Why Jesus Didn't Make Disciples in a Classroom

Discipleship for Jesus was never a series of curriculum or a set of events and classes that he asked his disciples to attend. Today, those kinds of things may teach what Jesus taught, but they don't create an experience where people learn to obey all that he commanded in every area of life. A gospel-centered community living together on Jesus' mission must be the context for discipleship.

Here are 3 things to believe and consider about the way you are making disciples...

1. **Discipleship was never meant to be a series of classes that one sits through.** Discipleship is the process of moving from unbelief to belief in who God is, what he has done in and through Christ, and how that speaks into your identity, true value, and how you live all of life *now...* on this side of heaven.
2. **God loves you just as you are—no reservation**—but he loves you so much that he won't leave you where you're at. He wants nothing less than to conform you to the beautiful likeness of his Son, Jesus. And Jesus desires that you would have a relationship just as close as he has with his Father in heaven.

*John 17: 20-23* "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

3. **Begin to see all of life as an opportunity for discipleship; for yourself and others.** Serving people, bearing with those different than you, and living outside of your normal comfort zones and preferences will begin to illuminate the areas of your life where unbelief, selfishness, and pride still exist. Think: Gospel-centered community living together on God's mission... that's the discipleship environment! Life on life. Life in community. Life on mission.

In light of today's topics, you might find these posts and videos helpful:

- [The Biggest Mistake You Can Make in Disciple-Making](#)
- [Be The Church - FREE eBook](#)

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