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TITLE: **The Patience Needed For Discipleship**

Discipleship is definitely more of a slow cooking process and not something done at microwave speeds. Maybe that's why the church in recent history has had such a hard time with making disciples: We want to see instant conversions, instant attendance, and instant new programs...

Here are three key things to believe and consider about taking a longer view on disciple-making:

- 1. Discipleship is a process and lifestyle that requires patience.** And patient persistence and intentionality. The leaders of the early church knew this and lived with an expectation that they were giving their lives to those they discipled. Are you willing to give your life to developing disciples who make more disciples of Jesus? Or will the pull of running church programs and hoping for immediate results and growth distract you?
- 2. Your community of faith, your church or missional community, is meant to be an ongoing immersion into your true gospel identity.** Your baptism kicks off this lifestyle of being a disciple and disciple-maker with a public proclamation of this reality, and the ongoing life together is a relational immersion deeper and deeper into living out of your true God-given identity.
- 3. As more and more Believers and church leaders are initiating smaller “home churches” or micro-churches, be careful that you don't accidentally end up recreating a mini-church service.** Discipleship as a lifestyle is not a small Sunday gathering in your home once a week with all of the normal activities that we do in our church services crammed into an hour or so. Beware the jam-packed “clown car” of churchy stuff packed into your home disguising itself as a true relational, missional, disciple-making community.

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~Caesar