

TakeNote

Pastor Shawn Thornton—
Weekend of **October 23–24, 2021**

Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing: The Spiritual Discipline of Disciple-Making

—Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8

Part 12 of the “Journey: How to Walk with God” sermon series

Spiritual Practices:

Intentional behaviors, habits, or disciplines that help us walk with God and be transformed into the likeness of Christ.

The Practice of Disciple-Making:

Deliberately focusing your daily life on being and making disciples of Christ who live and love like Jesus.

What a disciple-making life declares to others: “*Follow me as I follow Jesus”*

To keep the main thing the main thing we must embrace our God-given...

1: Mission: Make Disciples

- » The influence of our lives helps non-believers trust Christ as their Savior
- » The influence of our lives helps believers obey Christ as their Lord

2: Message: Jesus

- » Our Lips: ...sin separates us all from God
...Jesus is the only way to God
- » Our Lives: ...humble, not haughty holiness
...sincere, not self-serving kindness
- » Our Love: ...committed, though we are different
...united, though we disagree

3: Means: The Holy Spirit

- » He transforms us
- » He empowers us

4: Map: Here, There, Everywhere

- » Immediately starts where we are
- » Ultimately goes where everyone is

5: Motivation: The Glory of God and the Good of Others

- » God gets the glory as His Kingdom comes to earth through transformed lives
- » Others experience good as culture is shaped by transformed lives

Next Steps:

1. Give this invitation to three people this week: “Follow me as I follow Jesus”
2. Grow in evangelism through messages from our “Conversations That Matter” series from 2019.
3. Read Randy Alcorn’s article titled, “The Pandemic of Disunity: How we drive the world away”

Resources to help you cultivate the spiritual practice of disciple-making:
CalvaryWestlake.org/walk