

Creating Space Expecting Harvest...Vision leads.

Sermon Notes

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Disciple-making paradigm:

1. You love on someone.
2. Your love and passion for other displayed to them.
3. Invitation to participate with you.
4. Their heart is won over—a disciple is made.

Paradigm proven effective:

- I love...
- My son loves...

Living like Jesus is loving Jesus. **Matthew 25:31-40**

- The church as reflected in society has both sheep and goats. (32)
- There will be a time where the shepherd will identify and gather his sheep.
- Their heart reflecting what was upon his heart identified his sheep.
 - Meeting the physical needs (hunger and thirst) of those around them—compassion to the needy. (35a)
 - Jesus' example: feeding five thousand.
 - Offering hospitality to a stranger in need of community. (35b)
 - Jesus' example: inviting Zachaeus and Matthew to the dinner table.
 - Providing clothes when needed. (36a)
 - Jesus taught that being generous was going even to the second coat.
 - Meeting the needs of a sick person. (36b)
 - Jesus did this so many times by being with the family and the sick person.
 - Minister to those in bondage or prison. (36c)
 - Jesus released those who were literal prisoners—even Barabbas, and those who were in spiritual or demonic bondage.

- Doing these acts of compassion and love ties you so intrinsically to the heart of Jesus that it was how you expressed your love to him. (37-40)
- To not behave in this manner says you really don't know or love Jesus. (41-46)

Vision leads.

1. Loving Jesus comes first.
2. You become a master of understanding and knowing what makes Jesus tick.
3. Your love for him causes you to have a vision for life that is filled with compassion and love for others.
4. As a result, both Jesus and those who are around you know that you are a follower of Christ—a disciple!
5. REPEAT with another!

Opportunity: Serve in Texas with EFCA Crisis Response and take someone with you!

Benediction:

John 13:34-35 *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*