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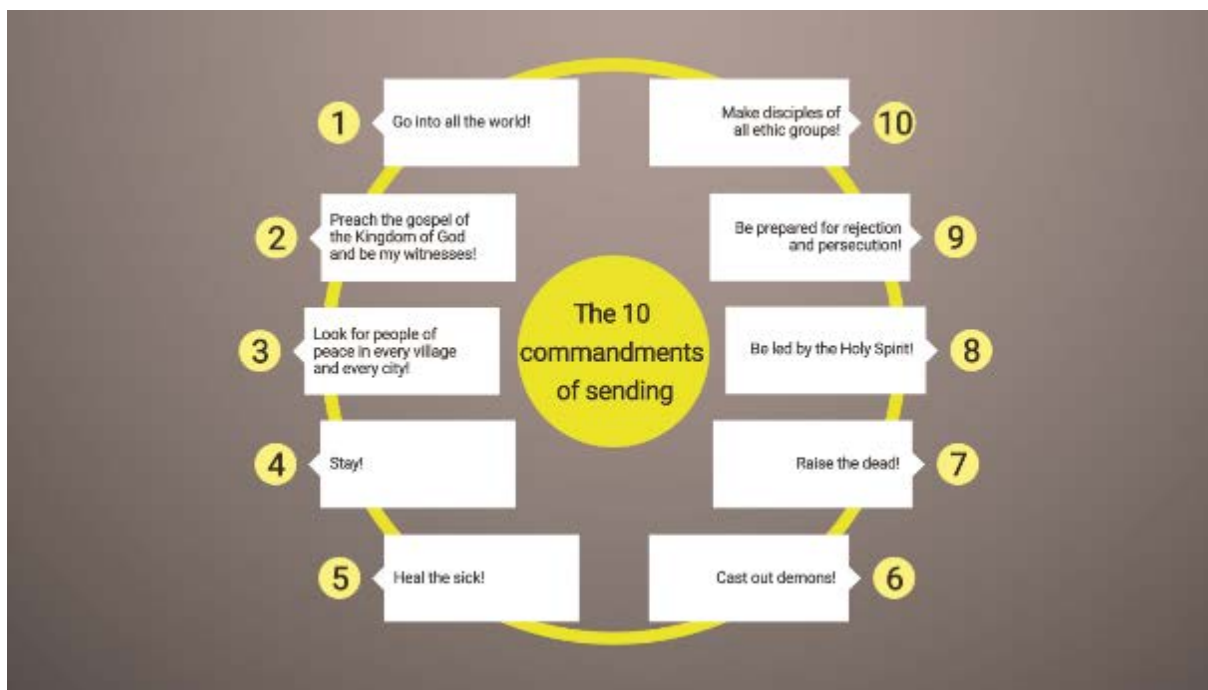
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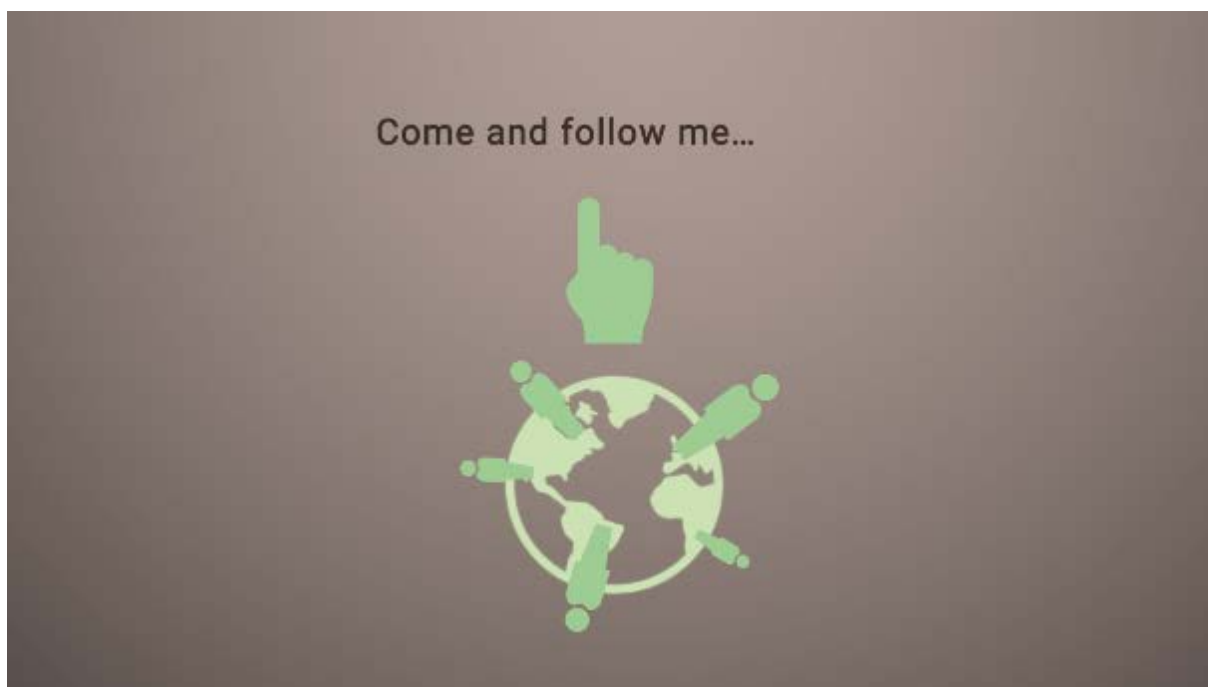


The 10th commandment of sending:

Make disciples of all ethnic groups I: The Jesus Model



→ The 10th commandment of sending requires more work than the other nine commandments combined. Making disciples of all ethnic groups: this is the core of the ministry of sending! With this 10th commandment of sending begins the third and largest part of the sending training.



Summary

Part I: Preparations for being sent

- Being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit
- Prayer
- Training

Part II: The 10 commandments of sending

1. Go – go by faith
2. Preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God
3. Seek persons of peace and houses of peace
4. STAY in the houses of peace
5. Heal the sick
6. Cast out evils spirits
7. Raise the dead
8. Let yourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit
9. Be prepared as sent ones and expect struggle, rejection, persecution and suffering

10. Make disciples of all peoples and ethnic groups

➔ **The testament example: A testament is someone's last will and must not be changed!**

- Before the risen Jesus returned to the Father in heaven he called his remaining 11 main disciples to a mountain in Galilee.
- There he gave them the GREAT COMMANDMENT as a legacy, his final speech, and his last will, which today we call the "GREAT COMMISSION".

Matthew 28:18-20

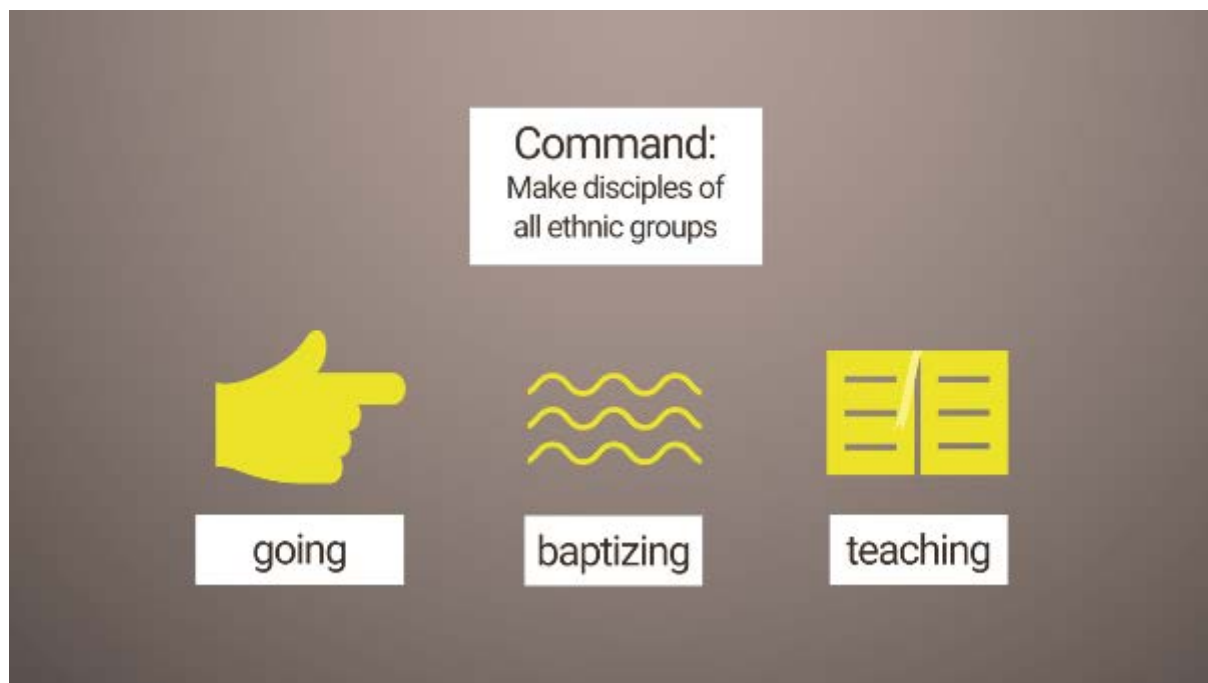
Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

➔ In fact, the Great Commission is a commandment to make disciples

Many Bible translations have four single commands in this Bible passage:

1. Go
 2. Make disciples of all ethnic groups
 3. Baptize them
 4. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you
- In reality, Jesus gave us only **one** command. This was not a mission command but much more a COMMAND TO MAKE DISCIPLES.
 - In the Greek original text of the New Testament there is only **one command that tells us WHAT we should do: "Make disciples of all nations."**
 - However, the original text includes **three so-called participles**, which describe in the Greek language **HOW we should carry out the command: by going, by walking and by teaching to obey or to do**
- ➔ Therefore, we should:

- a) **go to the unreached ethnic groups** (and proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom of God). Then, when faith comes into their hearts through preaching, we should:
- b) **BAPTIZE them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit** and finally we should
- c) make disciples of them
- d) by **teaching them to obey everything** the Lord himself has commanded his disciples to do.



- The Great Commission is actually a great commission to make disciples.
- Discipleship is a big trend in the Kingdom of God today and the Holy Spirit has been putting a strong emphasis on it and wants to return it to us.
- Especially men (fathers) are called to practice discipleship within their families. Fathers are responsible for discipling their children.

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

- ➔ ***“Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” (Revelations 3:22)***
- ➔ The evangelist evangelizes
- ➔ The prophet prophesies
- ➔ The teacher teaches
- ➔ The shepherd shepherds, which means he cares for the community of faith
- ➔ What does a sent one, an apostle, do?
- ➔ He makes disciples! According to Matthew 28:18-20 the true goal of a sent one is to plant the seeds of discipleship where there has been no disciples or discipleship before.
- ➔ **The final and true goal of all “sending” is to plant seeds of discipleship.**
- ➔ Discipleship needs to be planted within communities of faith just as Jesus showed us by living in community with his twelve disciples.

The greatest commandment in the Old Testament is the commandment to love:

Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. (Deuteronomy 6:5) This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:18) All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

The greatest commandment of Jesus in the New Testament is the command to make disciples:

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

What is discipleship?

Definition of discipleship = Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.

➔ **Task:** In groups of two, discuss the following two questions concerning the command to make disciples: **Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.**

- Who is meant by "**THEM**"?
 - Apostles?
 - Leaders?
 - People with a special calling?
 - Men?
 - Women?
 - Old people?
 - Young people?

- What does the discipleship command mean when it says to do “**EVERYTHING**” (I have commanded you)?
List 15 things:

Every baptized follower should live in discipleship and make disciples of others.

- ➔ This is the most important ministry in the New Testament besides the command to love.

**TEACH them
to obey EVERYTHING**

- ➔ There are 684 commandments in the whole New Testament
 - ➔ 382 «laws» of Jesus
 - ➔ 50 key commandments
- ➔ 6 to 8 key commandments for discipleship lead to a short discipleship

Discipleship = **To keep CHRIST's commandments**

1 Corinthians 9:21

To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law.

Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

The clearest and most simple definition of discipleship is to keep the commandments of Jesus and to do them.

- Jesus' commandments are in the imperative form!
- Doing: it is important to hear AND do!

Discipleship of Jesus is an **OBEDIENCE-ORIENTED** discipleship.

➔ Mathew 28,20 does not only address obedience towards the commands of Jesus. It is also an empowerment for the disciples to do everything that Jesus had taught them.

➔ It becomes clear that every follower of Jesus is called and authorized to do everything Jesus commanded his disciples to do. All disciples mean:

1. Leaders
2. Men
3. Women
4. Old men and women
5. Young men and women
6. All who have been born again, who are baptized, filled with the Holy Spirit and who follow Jesus wholeheartedly

What does the Scripture mean when it says that we as followers of Jesus (men and women, old and young) are authorized to do “everything” that Jesus taught his disciples to do?

→ This includes all the commands of Jesus, for example:

- to go
- to preach the Gospel
- to heal
- to cast out demons
- to baptize
- to offer the Lord's supper
- to bless
- to plant communities of faith
- to make disciples
- to bind and to loosen
- to train new leaders

Why is discipleship so important?

The Heavenly Father desires for us to be transformed into the image of his Son. He took this decision before the creation of the world.

Romans 8:29

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

A second definition of discipleship:

A disciple is someone **who becomes more and more like Jesus in his character and who does the works of Jesus.**

→ The commandment to make disciples (= we should make disciples who again make more disciples) is actually a discipleship multiplication command.

- ➔ ***Jesus is the best disciple maker***
- ➔ Jesus is the greatest example for all discipleship
- ➔ **Jesus is our model for discipleship**



The training model of Jesus for disciples:

- a) **Principle:** The disciples of Jesus were an answer to prayer:
He prayed intensely for a whole night before he began calling the 12 men into discipleship.
→ **Pray intensely and then call disciples**
- b) **Principle:** Jesus called the 12 disciples, formed a community with them and shared his life with them:
Life in community was the natural setting for discipleship. Community and discipleship meant the same thing for Jesus.
→ **Jesus did not differentiate between discipleship and sharing lives / living in community**
- c) **Principle:** Jesus released them for the sake of discipleship
→ **Jesus called them to himself so that they could really focus on becoming disciples after his heart.**
- d) **Principle:** The training community with the disciples was his spiritual family, his spiritual home, his community of faith, his church.
- e) **Principle:** Jesus only had three years. He needed these three years to properly disciple 12 men. However, after about one year he SENT them out so that they could gain sending experience of their own.
- f) **Principle:** He trained 3 to 12 persons and thereby started a movement. He trained a FEW (12 men) so as to reach MANY (all ethnic groups).
- g) **Principle:** Jesus gave commandments to his disciples.
→ **The discipleship of Jesus is an OBEDIENCE-ORIENTED discipleship.**
- h) **Principle:** Discipleship pattern: Jesus trained in theory (teaching) AND practice (field training).
 - 1. Jesus teaches
 - 2. Jesus SHOWS something and the disciples watch
 - 3. The disciples imitate it and Jesus watches/coaches
 - 4. Jesus sends the disciples out to do the same thing with others
 → **Jesus trained in theory (teaching) and practice (demonstrating)**
- i) **Principle:** Train in a **group** (12 people) and one-on-one both at home and outside.
- j) **Principle:** At the end of their discipleship training Jesus sent the disciples out to do the same: after the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the disciples established communities of disciples (= churches). → **After three years Jesus sent out his disciples to do the same.**

➔ **Task:** Luke 5 to 18 is the passage in the whole New Testament that gives us the best insight on how Jesus trained his disciples practically.

Carefully read these chapters and write down, in which **discipleship areas** Jesus trained his 12 disciples. Also write down **where and how** he did it. Then share your results and your insights with someone else.

Part II: Application

- a) Someone from the group summarizes this teaching in his own words. If anything is missing, the others can add to the summary.

- b) Group discussion

c) Write down personal insights from the teaching.

d) Memorize the 10 discipleship principles of Jesus and present them to one another.

e) Share in the group where and how you have already experienced discipleship in your previous ministry!

f) Every group explains what they have learned and presents their goals of application (outreach).

Part III: Outreach

Regular prayer walks (4 to 6 hours/week) and going and preaching (6 to 9 hours/week). Practicing...

- 1) PRAYER: prayer walks with the team and a partner ☐
- 2) GO: to the unreached you have a heart for ☐
- 3) Look for persons of peace ☐
- 4) PREACH: The Gospel of the Kingdom of God ☐
- 5) EXPLAINING: the way of salvation ☐
- 6) Evangelistic Bible studies with interested people ☐
- 7) Share your personal testimony with others ☐
- 8) Call to repentance and to follow Jesus ☐
- 9) FAITH, REPENTANCE, BAPTISM AND RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT ☐
- 10) Pray for sick people during an outreach ☐
- 11) Raise a dead person if you are led so ☐
- 12) Seek to hear God's voice and the guidance of the Holy Spirit
 - Go on 5 treasure hunts ☐
- 13) Pray for the 200 million persecuted Christians in the world, pray for your "persecutors" and bless those who are cursing you. ☐
- 14) Pray intensely that the Lord would show you which persons you can call into discipleship. Naturally, it is best when you can disciple the same person of peace you found and baptized (in water and in the Spirit). ☐

BEsent is a training - without practice it is almost useless!

ANSWERS:

How and where Jesus trained his 12 disciples.

1. JESUS **TEACHES** (importance of the Word) about the Kingdom of God: Luke 5:3; Luke 6:20-47 mustard seed Luke 13:18-21
2. **TEACHING and DOING** (word and deed): Luke 6:47-49: Jesus shows in a parable how **the Word is effective** and also how it is not. Alone the Word of God has great power: Luke 8:4-15. **How Christians deal correctly with what they have heard:** Luke 8:16-18. Whoever hears the Word and does it is a relative of Jesus. Luke 8:19-21/**Blessed** is who hears and puts into practice, Luke 11:27-28.
3. JESUS shows Peter his **CALLING:** FISHER – FISHER OF MEN Luke 5:3-10 → Shows the 12 Apostles their calling (disciples and apostles v.13): Luke 6:12-16
4. JESUS shows how to **HEAL:** Luke 5:12-16 (practical = **field training**). JESUS shows the connection between **faith** (v. 20) – **forgiveness of sins** (v. 20) – **healing** (v. 24-25): Luke 5:17-26. Field training: **Anointing – healing and public confession** – faith: Luke 8:40-48. **Healing = Deliverance:** Luke 13:10-17. **Healing on the Sabbath** Luke 13:10-17/14:1-6. **Healing and giving thanks and glory to God:** Luke 17:11-19. **Crying out to Jesus until he hears:** Luke 18:35-43.
5. Jesus goes to unbelievers (**EVANGELISM**) Luke 5:27. **Celebrating feasts:** Luke 5:27-32. Be careful about **material possessions:** Luke 12,16-21. **There is a “too late”:** Luke 13:22-30. **The great banquet:** Luke 14:15-24. **Lost sheep/coin/son** Luke 15
6. **DEALING WITH CRITICISM:** Luke 5:30-32. JESUS says what his calling is. Luke 7:30-35: Jesus deals with his critics. **Jesus is rejected by Samaritans:** Luke 9: 51-55. **Refusing to give a sign:** Luke 10:29-32. **Pharisees:** Luke 16:14-18 **The hostility of Herod:** Luke 13:31-33
7. **FASTING:** Luke 5:33-35
8. Jesus shows how to understand the **COMMANDMENTS** Luke 6:1-11
9. **JESUS shows the importance** (v. 9) of **FAITH:** Luke 7:11-10/Luke 17:5-6
10. Jesus shows **mercy:** **RAISING OF A DEAD PERSON** Luke 7:11-17. **Being laughed at and raising of a dead person:** Luke 8:49-56.
11. Jesus honors John, the highest of the “**OLD TESTAMENT PEOPLE OF GOD**” but also shows the difference to the new Luke 7:18-29 → **Luke 5:36-39**
12. The connection between **FORGIVENESS OF SINS** and **LOVE:** (v. 47) Luke 7:36-47
13. Jesus travels with **WOMEN:** Luke 8:1-3
14. **MIRACLES WITH NATURE:** Luke 8:22-25. **Miraculous multiplication of food:** Luke 9:10-17
15. **DELIVERANCE:** Luke 8:26-39. Information about the kingdom of evil. Luke 11 and 14:22. Return of the evil spirits: Luke 10:24-26

16. Calling→ **SENDING** – **Rejection**: Luke 9:1-6/Luke 10:1-12 **House of peace/identification** with the sent one: Luke 10:16. **Rejoicing** with the sent ones: Luke 10:17-24
17. **JUDGEMENT** for rejection: Luke 10:13-15. **Woe to the Pharisees**: Luke 11:37-53. Fig tree: Luke 13:6-9/Luke 13:22-30. **Lazarus**: Luke 16:19-30. **There is a “too late”**: Luke 13:22-30. **Woe to the deceivers**: Luke 17:1-2
18. **SUFFERING**: Luke 9:21-22; Luke 9:43-45; Luke 18:31-34. **Commitment to Christ – suffering**: Luke 9:18-20. Fearless commitment: Luke 12:1-12. Division for the sake of Jesus: Luke 12:49-59. **The hostility of Herod**: Luke 13:31-33
19. **DISCIPLESHIP**, denying oneself, price, being ashamed of Jesus: Luke 9:23-27. **Following Jesus**: Luke 9:57-6. **Counting the costs**: Luke 14:25-35. **Following Jesus and the favorite sin**: Luke 18:18-26. **Reward for following Jesus**: Luke 18:28-29
20. Sharing **INTIMATE MOMENTS** at the glorification of Jesus: Luke 9:28-36
21. Disciples heal and **JESUS EVALUATES**: Luke 9:37-43
22. **CHARACTER TRAINING**: Luke 9:46-50. **Mercy**: Luke 10:25-37. **Being more important than doing**: Luke 10:38-42. Attention: **material things**: Luke 12:16-21. **Worries – trust**: Luke 12:22-34. **Self-exaltation**: Luke 14:7-14. Faithfulness: Luke 16:10 -13. **Being faithful in small things**: Luke 16:10-13. **Pride/self-righteousness/humility**: Luke 16:14-18; Luke 18:9-14
23. **PRAYER**: Luke 11:1-13
24. **FUTURE**: Luke 12:35-48; Luke 12:54-59; Luke 17:20-37. **Lament over Jerusalem**: Luke 13:34-35
25. **DEALING WITH DISASTERS**: Luke 13:1-5
26. **PARABLES** = principles of the Kingdom of God: Luke 13:6-9 + 18-21: **Dealing with fruitlessness, do not despise small beginnings**
27. **Statements about NON-CHRISTIANS**: Luke 16:1-9, Luke 18:1-8
28. Jesus, the **CHILDREN** and the Kingdom of God: Luke 18:15-17
29. **REBUKE**: Luke 17:3
30. Jesus and **FORGIVENESS**: Luke 17:4