

**Developing Habits That Will Change Our Church:
The Habit of GROWING: Telling and Teaching
Matthew 28:19-20 (page 694)**

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**WHY we are to GO - Jesus commanded us
(Matt 28:18-19a)**

**WHAT we are to DO – make followers of Jesus
(Matt 28:19b)**

**HOW we are to DO it – by GROWING: telling
and teaching (Matt 28:19c)**

**We are called to develop the *habit* of “growing.”
(Matt 13:24-33)**

- We are to grow individually
(Eph 4:14-15; Col 1:10-11; 1 Pet 2:2-3; 2 Pet 3:17-18)
- The church is to grow exponentially
(John 17:20-21; Acts 2:46-47; 4:1-4; 9:31; 16:5)

**Growth happens through the process of making
disciples (*baptizing and teaching*) Matt 28:19**

- Disciple (*mathetes*) = a learner, a follower

Making disciples involves:

Telling/Baptizing (Acts 2:37-41; 8:34-39; 10:34-48; 19:1-5)

- “Baptizing” requires “telling”

The *habit* of telling requires:

- A sense of the priority of spiritual matters
(John 4:34-38; 6:26-29)
- Compassion for lost people (Matt 9:35-38)
- A sense of urgency of time (John 9:4; Mark 1:35-39)

Teaching/Modeling

(Matt 5:1-2; 11:1; Mk 2:13; 6:6; Lk 4:15; 5:3; 11:1; 13:22)

The *habit* of Teaching requires:

- Knowledge and understanding of the truth
(John 8:31-32; Luke 20:21; Heb 5:11-14)
- Spending time with others
(Mark 9:30-32; John 11:54; Luke 24:14-15)
- Investing yourself in others
(Mark 6:30-32; John 15:15; 17:6-8)
- Living as a faithful example of a follower of Jesus
(John 13:12-17; 17:18)

Note: The *habit* to make disciples is the responsibility
of every follower of Jesus, not just a few.

Self-Check: How much is making disciples a habit for me?

- Who have I told about Jesus in the last week?
- Who am I investing in, teaching about Jesus?
- Who am I learning from, who do I have investing in me?