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# GROWING DISCIPLE-MAKING DISCIPLES

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## DISCIPLE-MAKING FOUNDATIONS: MISSIONAL DISCIPLESHIP TERM 1, WEEK 4

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### BEING 'MISSIONAL'

Moving from a biblical basis of mission to the missional basis of the Bible. The adjective 'missional' helps describe how church is to work (e.g. not missions department but missional church).

A disciple for today's church in today's culture – a missional disciple.

### BEING 'MISSIONAL' in our CONTEXT

We are all cultural beings; therefore all truth is culturally embedded to some degree. We draw a line from Biblical truth to contemporary culture:

- Step 1: Identify Biblical truth that is supracultural (not culturally defined).
- Step 2: Make that truth contextually relevant.

### CASE STUDIES

*Jesus, Lamb of God* (Jn 1:29). What does that mean in original context/culture?

Can a Melanesian culture legitimately contextualize this as 'pig of God'?

*Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.'* Mt 4:19

What does 'fish for people' mean?

- To Jesus' original disciples?
- To today's disciples?

### Growing as a Disciple-making Disciple: MY 3-2-1 ACTION

1. ONE person I am giving open access to my life and ministry.

*No-one* 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 *Someone*  
*knows anything* *knows everything*

2. TWO people I am doing life and ministry with.

Person 1:

*iron* 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 *blancmange*  
*sharpens iron* [Prov 27:17] *moments*

Person 2:

*iron* 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 *blancmange*  
*sharpens iron* *moments*

3. THREE people I am intentionally investing into 1to1.

Person 1:

*Intentional* 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 *assumed*

Person 2:

*Intentional* 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 *assumed*

Person 3:

*Intentional* 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 *assumed*

### The CHANGING LANDSCAPE of MISSIONAL DISCIPLE-MAKING

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Exhortation/Explanation/Exploration

- Crusade/Course/Context

- Point/Process/Pathway

#### A POSTMODERN PATH to FAITH

- From distrust to trust – *Christians are OK.*
- From complacent to curious – *Jesus is interesting.*
- From curious to open – *Jesus could be for me.*
- From meandering to seeking – *Jesus is worth taking seriously.*
- From seeking to joining – *I'll turn to Jesus.*
- From joining to growing – *Help me to live for Jesus.*

#### **A CELEBRATION of MISSIONAL DISCIPLE-MAKING**

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth ...' Luke 10:21