

## Disciples In Action

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*The Disciple Dilemma* Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Even more timely than when it first appeared, this bilingual tenth anniversary edition provides the faithful with a powerful instrument for opening wide the doors of Christ.

*Go and Make Disciples* B&H Publishing Group Before departing this world, Jesus gave His followers this charge, "Go and make disciples of all nations." This call is meant for every Jesus follower. Each of us is empowered by God to not just be a disciple, a noun, but to disciple others, a verb. Making passionate, effective disciples of Jesus is the God-given, best strategy for bringing the gospel to the world. Making disciples is a messy relational enterprise that is both challenging and costly. Embracing the term disciple as a verb is one of the most important, transformative, and joy-filled things you will do this side of heaven! If you believe these things to be true or are at least intrigued by these statements, I invite you to come explore what it looks like to make disciples of Jesus. If you care deeply about people but struggle to know how to support them in their spiritual growth and journey, this book is for you! I am not offering another program, activity, or curriculum but instead a window into what it means to live a lifestyle of discipleship, of helping others become more like Jesus. Whether you're a teacher, parent, coach, coworker, student, athlete, pastor, small group leader, or friend, we will discuss principles and practical tips for being an agent of spiritual change for those you love. So again, I invite you to come along and discover how to bring radical transformation into the lives of those around you, by the awesome grace of God, the way Jesus did. By the end of this book, it is my sincere prayer that you know what a disciple of Jesus is, why you are called to make them, and how to start this adventure of answering Jesus's Commission to make disciples of all nations!

#### **Acts to Action** Zondervan

In this simple, beautifully written book Rowan Williams explores four essential components of the Christian life: baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and prayer. Despite huge differences in Christian thinking and practice both today and in past centuries, he says, these four basic elements have remained constant and indispensable for the majority of those who call themselves Christians. In accessible, pastoral terms Williams discusses the meaning and practice of baptism, the Bible, the Eucharist, and prayer, inviting readers to really think through the Christian faith and how to live it out. Questions for reflection and discussion at the end of each chapter help readers to dig deeper and apply Williams's insights to their own lives.

#### **The Invested Life** New Leaf Publishing Group

Looks at the Gospels and examines what Christ requires of his followers in a redemptive-historical context. New and seasoned believers will see God's loving plan for their ultimate satisfaction.

#### **The Lost Art of Disciple Making** Simon and Schuster

The most powerful asset a church has is its people. People of God is a challenge to the men and women of the church. It is a challenge to believe what God says about his people still applies to the church today. It is a challenge not to settle for church as just a program. It is a challenge to return the ministry of God to the people of God. People of God lays out the theology and practice of community. Authors Spence Shelton and Trevor Joy seek to show why community is central to the Christian life, and how to practice it in the 21st century church. Whether you are a pastor or a volunteer leader, People of God aims to equip and encourage congregations as they build a culture of discipleship in the life of their church. The authors draw on experiences and learnings from their time leading two of the fastest growing congregations in America to give you principles that can apply in a church of 50 or 15,000.

#### **More Disciples** InterVarsity Press

"The author of the critically acclaimed bestseller *Wild Bill Donovan*, tells the story of four OSS warriors of World War II. All four later led the CIA. They are the most famous and controversial directors the CIA has ever had-- Allen Dulles, Richard Helms, William Colby, and William Casey. *Disciples* is the story of these dynamic agents and their daring espionage and sabotage in wartime Europe under OSS Director Bill Donovan. Allen Dulles ran the OSS's most successful spy operation against the Axis. Bill Casey organized dangerous missions to penetrate Nazi Germany. Bill Colby led OSS commando raids behind the lines in occupied France and Norway. Richard Helms mounted risky intelligence programs against the Russians in the ruin of Berlin after the German surrender. Four very different men, they later led (or misled) the successor CIA. Dulles launched the calamitous

operation to land CIA-trained, anti-Castro guerrillas at Cuba's Bay of Pigs. Helms was convicted of lying to Congress over the CIA's role in the coup that ousted Chile's president. Colby would become a pariah for releasing to Congress what became known as the 'Family Jewels' report on CIA misdeeds during the 1950s, sixties and early seventies. Casey would nearly bring down the CIA-- and Ronald Reagan's presidency-- from a scheme that secretly supplied Nicaragua's contras with money raked off from the sale of arms to Iran for American hostages in Beirut. Mining thousands of once-secret World War II documents and interviewing scores of family members and CIA colleagues, Waller has written a brilliant successor to *Wild Bill Donovan*-- **Forming Intentional Disciples** Walking with God What beliefs are core to the Christian faith? This book is here to help you understand the reason for your hope as a Christian so that you can see it with fresh sight and invite others into the conversation. A lot of Christians take their story—the narratives that give rise to their beliefs—for granted. They pray, go to church, perhaps even read their Bible. But they might be stuck if a stranger asked them to explain what they believe and why they believe it. Author, pastor, and theologian Mike Horton unpacks the essential and basic beliefs that all Christians share in a way that is easy to understand and applicable to our lives today. And in a way that will make you excited to be a Christian! Core Christianity covers topics like: Jesus as both fully God and fully man. The doctrine of the Trinity. The goodness of God despite a broken world. The ways God speaks. The meaning of salvation. What is the Christian calling? Includes discussion questions for individual or group use. This introduction to the basic doctrines of Christianity is perfect for those who are new to the faith, as well as those who have an interest in deepening their understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

#### **The Action Bible** Morgan James Faith

This statement by the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis on the New Evangelization focuses on reaching out to Catholics, practicing or not, who have lost a sense of the faith and seek to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. This resource examines what the New Evangelization is, its focus, its importance for the Church and how dioceses and parishes can promote it.

#### **Being Disciples** Abingdon Press

Series of 11 lessons designed to help Christian disciples understand the basic Bible teaching about the Holy Spirit, to encounter Him, and to learn to walk with him. Includes discussion questions and a weekly growth assignment.

#### **The People of God** B&H Publishing Group

A Gospel-Rich, Reproducible Model for Making Disciples as Jesus Intended Biblical discipleship emphasizes encouragement, repentance, and spiritual growth—essential parts of the Christian life. However, well-meaning believers often struggle to follow Jesus, unaware their views are too legalistic, licentious, or individualistic. How can churches and Christians develop a healthy, successful path to disciple-making? In this second edition of *Gospel-Centered Discipleship*, Jonathan Dodson presents an effective, Spirit-led model for sanctification. Reminding readers that real discipleship is imperfect yet transformational, Dodson encourages Christians to engage more authentically with others as they grow in faith. Drawing from his own failures and successes while following Jesus, Dodson defines discipleship, describes the heart of a disciple, and gives practical guidance for mentor and peer-based discipleship as Jesus intended. Revised and Expanded: Includes three new chapters and new illustrations Applicable: Shows how discipleship can be practical and gospel-centered Theological: Addresses the Holy Spirit's involvement in discipleship Foreword by Matt Chandler: Author of *The Explicit Gospel*

#### **Start with Jesus** Simon and Schuster

How do we Follow Jesus and fulfill His purpose for our lives here on earth? This book focuses on drawing from the Bible the seven essentials to following Jesus. You'll not only learn essential information about Jesus, but you'll be stirred to seek and know Him personally; discovering Jesus' heart for you and His purpose for your life. This book is great for all those who are committed to Following Jesus. Whether you're new to your relationship with God or you've been following Him for years, this book will encourage and strengthen your faith and it will equip and empower you to share your faith and disciple the people in your world! **Jesus and Nonviolence** Following Jesus Discipleship Resources 2019 Best Book Awards, Finalist: Religion—Christianity 2020 Catholic Press Association, 3rd Place: Future Church 2020 International Book Awards, Winner: Religion—Christianity Take a moment and ask yourself: does every activity in my parish point

more deeply to Jesus? Julianne Stanz wants to help you and your parish community make sure the answer to this question is a resounding, "Yes!" Serving parishes in her diocese as the Director of New Evangelization, Stanz has recognized a practical and motivational way to restructure a parish's mission – start with Jesus. Start with Jesus is a book about people, process, and culture, rather than an emphasis on quick fixes or unsustainable efforts. She aims to help regular people be transformed from the inside out by growing in relationship with Jesus Christ through individual and group experiences, thus transforming our parish communities. Start with Jesus will be an essential resource for decision-makers and thought-leaders in parishes, but its true strength lies in its value for the countless Catholics longing for peace, healing, and hope in the context of our parish communities. It will be an inspiration to Catholics who come to Mass each week, parents trying to instill the faith in their children, leaders searching for an effective and sustainable approach to parish renewal, and to all who are curious about developing a relationship with Jesus.

#### **Wild Bill Donovan** Destiny Image Publishers

Now including a study guide for individuals or groups, this thoroughly revised version of *How to Give Away Your Faith* communicates Paul Little's natural brand of evangelism as winsomely as ever.

#### **Making Missionary Disciples** Ascension Press

Church Planting Movements have reshaped the mission world. More Disciples introduces the topic, unveils the history, and offers current best practices in getting to multiplying disciples.

#### **Gospel Discipleship Congregation Guide** David C Cook

Where have all the disciples gone? There is a missing force in Christianity today. It's a critical one, and its absence has led to weak believers, disintegrating families, ineffective churches, and a decaying culture. Without it, we lack what we need to fully live as heaven's representatives on earth. That missing force is discipleship. In *Kingdom Disciples*, Tony Evans outlines a simple, actionable definition of discipleship to help the church fulfill its calling. Readers will learn: What a disciple is What a disciple cares about How to be a disciple and make disciples What discipleship looks like in community What the impact of discipleship on the world can be Kingdom disciples are in short supply, and the result is a legion of powerless Christians attending powerless churches, having a powerless presence in the world. The power, authority, abundance, victory, and impact God has promised will only come about when we understand and align ourselves with His definition of discipleship. Kingdom Disciples calls believers and churches back to our primary, divinely ordained responsibility to be disciples and make disciples. Only when we take seriously this assignment will the world see heaven at work on earth. Will you accept the assignment? Kingdom Disciples is useful as base material for a course on discipleship.

#### **What Jesus Demands from the World** Loyola Press

The Way of a Disciple and The Work of a Disciple help churches and small groups raise up devoted disciples. Group members who finish these two volumes will lay a solid foundation for a lifelong walk with God.

#### **Lord, Disciple Me** Our Sunday Visitor

Those in the church and ministry are familiar with the Great Commission – the call to go forth and make disciples. However, for many, it isn't that easy in a world increasingly influenced by doubters and distractions. Many Christian leaders may talk about it, but few really do it. Making disciples isn't a complicated program, but a simple plan that comes only from Jesus. Now a diverse group of pastors, representing urban and rural communities, secular and Christian areas, as well as diverse multicultural backgrounds, and all known for successfully making new disciples, have gathered these sermons to encourage others to be disciple makers too. Discover: How Jesus practiced the Great Commission before He ever preached it Why discipleship begins with a whole-life understanding of worship When disciple-making gets confused with church growth efforts These and countless other insights will help guide you in a faithful, deliberate effort to fulfill the Great Commission – no matter where you live or what communities in which you minister. Included in the book are: The sermon texts and their outline formats. 12 study guides, one for each sermon, that can be used in small group or one-on-one settings in the week following the preaching of the sermon. A final appendix providing a self-evaluation tool that helps each person being disciplined to evaluate the progress they are making in their walk with Christ.

#### **The Priority of Making Disciples** David C Cook

"If discipleship is a journey, this book belongs in the rucksack. . . Like the scriptures on which it is based, it deserves repeated

reading." Stephen Cherry, Dean of Kings College, Cambridge This fresh and inspiring look at the meaning of discipleship covers the essentials of the christian life, including: faith, hope and love; forgiveness; holiness; social action; life in the Spirit. Written for the general reader by one of our greatest living theologians, this book will help you to see more clearly, love more dearly and follow more nearly the way of Jesus Christ.

*Eternal Living* InterVarsity Press

Trusted pastoral leader and guide Linda Perrone Rooney challenges readers to live as disciples actively putting into practice the values, behaviors, and teachings of Jesus. With exceptionally graceful prose, Rooney walks readers through the gospel, moving from understanding to transformation from head to heart to action combining the intellectual and spiritual ahas that impel us to follow Christ more intentionally. Rooney eloquently

describes eight scripturally based steps that lead readers to a change of heart: surrender oneself daily, live as a blessing, overcome violence, give for the right reasons, pray like Jesus, see the good in others, offer compassion and healing, and live without fear. A lively mix of meditative and practical explorations, the text includes chapter questions, journaling, prayers, and guides for action. Walking the disciples path is a tall order, a difficult pursuit, and a radical blessing a realization that Christians need and that Rooney helps them internalize.

[The Activated Disciple eBookIt.com](http://TheActivatedDisciple eBookIt.com)

Winner of a 2019 Illumination Book Award! Jesus' first disciples and modern-day Christians face the same question: How do we share the good news of Christ that we have experienced with the people we meet in the course of our daily lives? The Book of Acts details how the early disciples overcome the challenges of

spreading the gospel in the midst of failing institutions, theological differences, and widespread uncertainty. With a focus on Acts Chapter 8, editors Susan Brown Snook and Adam Trambley and contributors from across the Episcopal Church discuss how these lessons from Christ's earliest followers apply to the mission Jesus still gives us today: to be his witnesses in our churches and neighborhoods and to the ends of the earth. The authors explore essential elements of church mission, including worship, proclamation, loving and serving, repentance, and knowing the community. Framed by reflections from church leaders Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows and Gay Clark Jennings, the book provides encouragement and practical suggestions to help individuals and groups move from Acts to action. Contributors include: Joseph Alsay, Carrie Boren Headington, Frank Logue, Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale, Steve Pankey, and Holli Powell