

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:18–20).

When Jesus takes a village.

Disciple-making begins by (1) making intentional contact with lost people in order to tell them about Jesus. (2) Then we help them to publicly identify with Jesus as Lord and Savior through baptism. (3) Then we help them live the kind of life Jesus prescribes for His followers.

We can learn from Jesus’ example. Here are seven principles Jesus used to begin something amazing in a place called Sychar.

John 4:1–42

1. Vss. 1–6
Principle: Don’t let “tired” make you
2. Vss. 7–9
Principle: You may have to start a conversation with
3. Vss. 10–14
John 7:38–39
Principle: Share the gospel by making
4. Vss. 15–18
Principle: Identify the connection between
5. Vss. 19–26
Principle: Express
6. Vss. 27–38
Principle: People are not the problem.
7. Vss. 39–42
Principle: Find ways to go deep with