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How are disciples made?

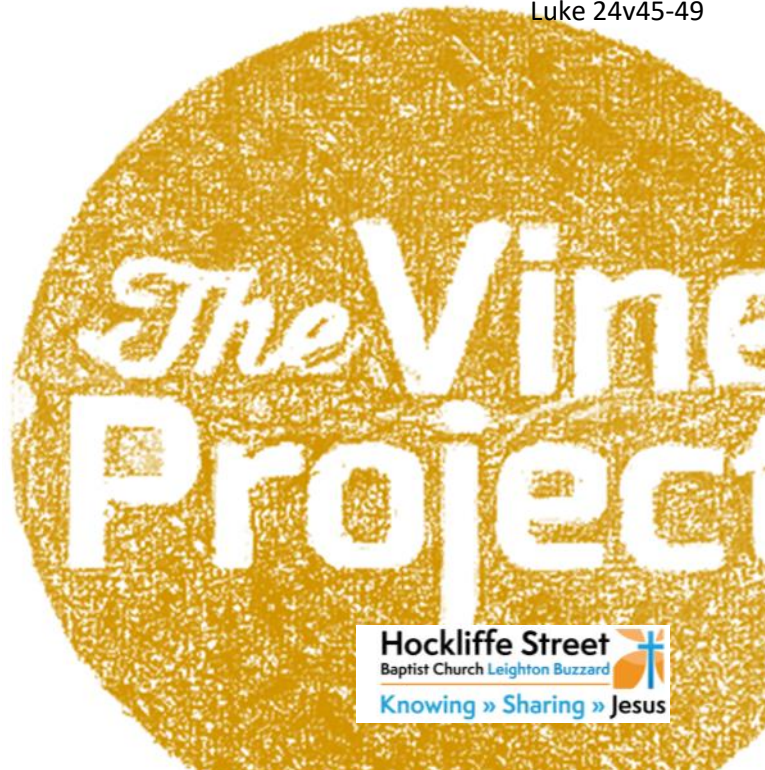
Disciples with Amnesia?

•Is it easy to forget?

•The beginning—God's great news

Luke 24v45-49

•SPUR



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●Hebrews 10v19-25

⇒ **v19-22**

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●Disciples are made by Speaking the word of God

1 Thessalonians 1v4-5, 7-8, 2v13

'If we believe that the Bible's word is the powerful speech of God, then in many respects what we want to see flourish in our church culture is as many instances as possible of the Bible being spoken, read, studied, preached, explained, taught, discussed, memorized, prayed over, meditated upon and sung...There are many ways this word can be spoken. The central gathering is particularly foundational, but it is important to notice that the contexts in which the word might be spoken are broad and multifaceted. One symptom of a congregational culture that is weak in 'disciple-making' is that there are few contexts or instances beyond the Sunday sermon in which the Bible's word is regularly spoken' (p85-86)

●Disciples are made by Prayerfully depending on the Holy Spirit

'Our level of trust in this principle will be demonstrated by our constant dependent prayer for God to give the growth. Prayerlessness, like Wordlessness, is a classic symptom of a sick disciple-making culture.' (p90)

- Disciples are made by **Urging** one another to speak and live out the gospel

1 Thessalonians 1v6, 2v14

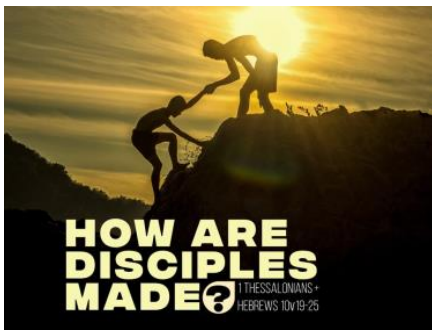
- Disciples are made by **Repeating** this, day in, day out

- A personalised recipe

- No getting away from it

Coffee Question

What is your 'next step'? How can I spur you on?



Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

1. What most struck you from this talk/session? What do you think God was saying to you?

Disciples are made by speaking the word of God, being prayerfully dependent upon the Spirit as we urge one another to live as God's fellow workers and we keep this on repeat, persevering step by step.

2. Can you think of a particular individual who influenced you spiritually. Based on the definition in the talk, did they 'disciple' you? If so, how?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 1v1-10. How do you speak the word of God to others? List the ways others do it to you?
4. If we are not prayerful, what does it suggest about us and our desire to make disciples?
5. How does the idea of being imitated (1v6, 2v14) in your faith feel to you? Why?
6. If Christians have been 'made new', do we need to keep on working at our salvation? Why?
7. Same as Coffee question—what is the next step for you?
8. Does this understanding of discipleship sound exciting or difficult? Seen as doing nothing is not an option, what are you going to do about it?

Pray for one another as we consider whether we are disciples with amnesia