

## Becoming a Church of Disciples Who Make Disciples

One of the things I love doing on my blog is highlighting next-level resources that could help churches experience exponential growth or success in reaching their communities. Today, I wanted to take time to highlight the latest eBook from [Alex Absalom](#), [Disciples Who Make Disciples: Turning Your Church Into a Multiplying Movement](#), which he co-authored with [Greg Nettle](#). A few month's ago, I shared about their first eBook [One Of](#), in which Greg and Alex unpack the process of moving churches from an attractional model to one which is more missional in the approach to outreach and ministry. Thankfully, Alex and Greg decided to write another eBook and this one is even more incredible than the last.

In their latest book, Alex and Greg explain the importance of building a culture that combines disciple making with mission and how your church can begin the shift from merely reaching people to making disciples who in turn are equipped to go and make more disciples.

### ***Why become a church of disciples who make disciples?***

In the eBook, Greg and Alex share about the discipleship issues they faced at RiverTree. Although the church didn't have a problem attracting people, they struggled to move people towards a deeper, more serious relationship with Christ.

While some people caught the vision and trusted God with everything,

it gradually became apparent that many others had accepted Jesus as Savior but not necessarily as Lord of their life.

Alex and Greg realized that if RiverTree wanted to truly experience the kind of transformation God desires for the Church and continue to reach it's community with real life-change, they needed to adopt a new model of discipleship.

### ***5 Steps to becoming disciple-multiplying church:***

In the book, Alex and Greg highlight the 5 steps RiverTree took to become a church of disciples who makes disciples:

#### **Step 1 – From Decisions to Disciples**

After redefining discipleship, RiverTree focused on moving their church members from a spirit of "information" to one of "imitation."

#### **Step 2 – From Educating to Modeling**

As important as information is, relationships and experiences are far more effective in bringing about life transformation.

### **Step 3 – From Programs to Discipleship**

Instead of focusing on programs, RiverTree invested in developing personalized, proven discipleship strategies and practices.

### **Step 4 – From Activity-Based to Relationship-Based**

Getting people to join a community group wasn't the end goal. By building a culture where leaders release control and choose accountability, RiverTree was able to multiply community groups. The by-product... members experienced deeper relationships and became more invested in the mission.

### **Step 5 – From Accumulating to Deploying Disciples**

Ultimately, outreach and evangelism will become a natural by-product of disciple making.

#### ***What should you expect after you read the eBook?***

In the book, Alex and Greg highlight 4 things you expect to happen if you commit to becoming a church of disciples who make disciples:

- **Expect a 3-5 year process.** Overnight doesn't work.
- **If we equip people to be disciples, they will make disciples.** This is where you get exponential growth.
- **People will begin talking about discipleship as a journey and a process.**
- **More people wanting to be quick about reaching their places of mission.**

If your prayer is to become a church that multiplies disciples, I would highly encourage you to download Alex and Greg's eBook, [Disciples who Make Disciples](#). Through the book, you will get a clear understanding of your church's idea of discipleship and identify how you can develop a clearer plan for making disciples. You don't have any excuse because you can download it for free on kindle or PDF [here](#).

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#### **What benefits have you seen from becoming a church of disciples that makes disciples?**

Read more from Steve [here](#).