

## Disciple Making Takes More than a Pipeline

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20).

Disciple making is our one and only mission, as a church. This mission-based pursuit means that our measure of success is **more and better** disciples that are making **more and better** disciples. More and better disciples means have a growing pipeline, when it comes to disciples. A generic disciple-making pipeline consists of pre-disciples, new disciples, growing disciples, multiplying disciples, and catalyzing disciples. Therefore, a healthy pipeline means that we have a healthy number of disciples at every level, as described in the chart below.

Disciple-Making Pipeline

Catalytic Disciples	They multiply disciples around a specific God-given kingdom vision.
Multiplying Disciples	They have an intentional plan and are making more and better disciples.
Growing Disciples	They are grounded in the basic commands of Christ and can feed themselves.
New Disciples	They have recently embraced Jesus as the one and only way and need to be feed.
Pre-Disciples	They are open to the gospel and engaged in relationships with other disciples.

The Disciple-Making Pipeline can be a good tool for assessing your overall effectiveness when it comes to making more and better disciples. A simple place to begin an assessment is by identifying the percentage of individuals that fall into each of these categories that attend your Sunday Morning Gathering. In a healthy disciple-making culture the results may look more like a normal bell curve. ?



The Disciple-Making Pipeline is one tool, among others, when it comes to assessing our overall health and effectiveness in the area of a disciple-making culture. Other areas that you will want to include in an assessment are culture, leadership, mindset, and strategy.

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