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Taking It To The Streets (Evangelism Series)
Ep. 4 The Process
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Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Understanding the process of transformational discipleship:

1. Going 2. Making 3. Baptizing 4. Training 5. Obeying

- **Colossians 2:9** *And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are **being transformed** into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

Vs. 19 *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and **teaching them to obey** everything I have commanded you.*

"The God who made us also can remake us." - Woodrow Kroll

THE PROCESS (Steps 3,4,5): Baptizing, Training, Obeying

Baptism is/a:

Declaration— Baptism publicly declares that you are a follower of Jesus Christ.

Covenant— Baptism is a covenant agreement of one's heart with God.

- **Romans 2:29a** *No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code.*

Familial Access: Baptism affirms your familial rights and access to the triune God.

- **2 Corinthians 13:14** *May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Teaching and Obeying

Vs. 20 *teaching¹ them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

- **Disciples are hewn through training and proven in obedience.**
 - **Proverbs 22:6** *Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.*
 - **2 Timothy 3:16-17** *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*
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Small Group Questions:

1. The process of discipleship includes, going, making, baptizing, training and obeying. What would happen if you removed any of these steps?
2. The process of disciple making is meant to transform us. What does it mean to be transformed? Is it possible to be transformed without all of these steps?
3. Baptism represents familial access to the Godhead (Father, Son, Spirit). Can you articulate what that means?
4. How do you train/teach a disciple?
5. What are the consequences of leaving out the final step of obedience?

¹ <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Training>