**INTRODUCTION**

The mission of the church worldwide is to, “Go into all the world and **make disciples.**

This mission is intended to be its measure of success. Today, worship has often become the measure. Attendance has often become its measure. Jesus did not set this pattern. We did.

It’s wrong. He concentrated on the few and believed in multiplication, not merely addition.

The world can never be reached through worship services. The only way the world can be reached is through individuals who become disciples of Jesus and commit themselves in the power He gives us, to make disciples. The Gospel of Luke teaches us how to do this.

**THE MEANING OF DISCIPLE**

From the Greek language we see that a disciple is a *learner.*A person becomes a disciple when that person commits to become a student of Jesus Christ. A person begins to make disciples when that person begins to *instruct, teach,* another person about the life and lessons of Jesus of Nazareth. ***Manthano****,* to learn, is the verb; ***matheetees****,* a disciple, is the noun in the original language.

**THE PATTERN OF DISCIPLESHIP**

The pattern of discipleship is clearly seen in the Gospel of Luke particularly in chapters 1-9.

One word (and its synonyms) directs our path. That word is ***Amazement*** *(astonishment, awe).*

The amazement divides into three components: (1) **Amazement at what Jesus said**;

(2) **Amazement at what Jesus did**; and (3) **Amazement at who Jesus is**. These three components are the foundation of what it takes to be a disciple and what it takes to make one.

I. Let’s look at four places in chapters 1-4 where amazement is the effect of Jesus’ teaching.

A. Luke 2:48

B. Luke 4:22

C. Luke 4:32

D. Luke 4:36

II. Let’s look at four places in chapters 5-8 where folks were amazed at what Jesus did.

A. Luke 5:9

B. Luke 5:26

C. Luke 7:16

D. Luke 8:56

III. Let’s look at the amazing way Jesus casts the net in His fishing for men (discipleship) in chapter 9.

A. Luke 9:20

B. Consider this important lesson in discipleship: Until a person makes the Great Confession, that person cannot become part of the Great Commission.

IV. Personal Application

A. Have I come to that place in my life where I can make the Great Confession?

1. Can I state 5 amazing things Jesus said?

2. Can I tell 5 amazing things Jesus did?

B. Am I sharing these amazing teachings and deeds to help others come to realize who

Jesus is so they can do the same? That’s multiplication and that’s how the 7+ billion

people on this planet can be reached in less than 50 years – even today.

*When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died,*

*My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small,*

*Love so* ***amazing****, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*