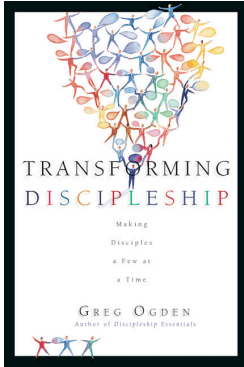


*“It is not that Jesus’ way has been tried and found wanting; it has been largely talked about but not implemented. Return to the small reproducible, long-term relationships as the means of transmission of the gospel from one generation to the next.” –Greg Ogden*



## Where Have All the Disciples Gone?

If Greg Ogden were to choose one word to summarize the state of discipleship today, that word would be *superficial*. “There appears to be a general lack of comprehension among many who claim Jesus as Savior as to the implications of following him,” Ogden explains.

In *Transforming Discipleship* Ogden addresses the need for in-depth, relational discipleship in the local church and recovers Jesus’ method of accomplishing life change by investing in a few people at a time. “Jesus brought his disciples through a process of growth to the intended outcome, which was to carry on his mission,” Ogden writes. “They went from clueless to complete in three years. How did Jesus do that?”

Ogden seeks to answer that question by looking at where we as church families are in our discipleship and where we need to go to become and make fully devoted disciples of Christ. He breaks the book down into three sections:

- I. The Discipleship Deficit: What Went Wrong and Why
- II. Doing the Lord’s Work in the Lord’s Way: The Bible as a Method Book
- III. Multiplying Reproducing Discipleship Groups: Church-Based Strategy for Disciple-Making

Ogden first addresses the symptoms and causes of the low estate of disciples today. He then explores the approach that Jesus and Paul used to make disciples. Lastly, Ogden explains how this transforming discipleship approach can and is working in churches today.

“What encourages me in the enormous discipleship challenge facing the church is that I believe that there is less of a want-to than there is a need for how-to,” Ogden writes. “When the urgency for disciple making can be fanned by the vision of the biblical pattern of investing in a few at a time and then translated into a practical strategy, there is the hope that we can truly fulfill Jesus’ mission statement for everyone of his church: ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations’ (Matthew 28:19.)”

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