

*Transforming Discipleship: Making Disciples a Few at a Time*

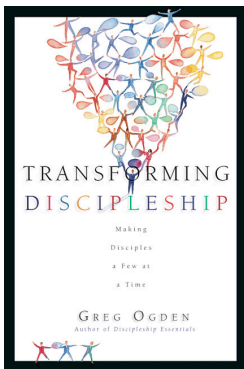
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## 8 Causes of the Discipleship Malaise

Author Greg Ogden asks: *“If I were to take today’s church to a clinic for a health checkup, how would the church doctor diagnose the symptoms?”*

1. Pastors have been diverted from their primary calling to “equip the saints for the work of ministry.”
  2. We have tried to make disciples through programs.
  3. We have reduced the Christian life to the eternal benefits we get from Jesus, rather than living as students of Jesus.
  4. Discipleship is for super-Christians, not ordinary Christians.
  5. Leaders have been unwilling to call people to discipleship.
  6. We have an inadequate view of the church as a discipleship community.
  7. Most churches have no clear, public pathway to maturity.
  8. Most Christians have never been personally disciplined.
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## Three Keys to a Disciple-Making Strategy



1. Disciple making is about relational investment.  
*“Disciple making is not a program but a relationship.”*
  2. We rightly associate disciple making with multiplication.  
*“We have not made disciples if we only help people grow to maturity without also seeing them produce fruit.”*
  3. Making disciples is a transformative process.  
*“When we bring together transparent relationships and the truth of God’s Word in the context of covenantal accountability for life change, then we have stepped into the Holy Spirit’s sweet spot that makes life change possible.”*
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