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Speaker: Tim McCardel Message Series: Disciples Who Make Disciples Today's Message: Pressing On In the Process of Change

A Disciple: Follows Jesus – Is By Jesus – Joins Jesus on His Mission

Philippians 1:9, 10 "And I pray this... that you can determine what really matters."

<u>Romans 6:6, 11, 14</u> "We <u>know</u> that our old self was <u>crucified</u> with Him... so that we <u>would no longer be</u> <u>enslaved to sin</u>... For sin <u>will have no dominion over you</u>... <u>So you</u> also <u>must consider yourselves dead to</u> <u>sin</u>."

## I. How Are You Doing?

• <u>Most of us are</u> and have a <u>feeling</u> that <u>something</u> isn't <u>quite right</u>.

• Many <u>feel</u> like nobody really \_\_\_\_\_\_ about them and are <u>disappointed with God</u>.

<u>Romans 8:20, 21</u> "For the <u>creation was</u> subjected to <u>frustration</u> (futility)... by <u>the will of Him</u>... in hope that the <u>creation</u> itself will be <u>set free</u> from its bondage to corruption and <u>obtain the freedom</u> of the <u>glory</u> <u>of the children of God</u>."

Truth: God allows misery in our lives so that we would \_\_\_\_\_\_ to Him and away from idols.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 "God has set eternity in the human heart..."

Zechariah 4:10 "Despise not small beginnings..."

## II. What Do You Want?

Notice: Jesus didn't say "Come and be discipled" - but rather - "Go and make disciples."

• We want a \_\_\_\_\_\_ that can \_\_\_\_\_\_ our deep desire for <u>value</u> and <u>meaning</u>.

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works..."

John 15:8 "This is to My Fathers glory, that you bear much fruit."

- "Until you find a <u>cause</u> worth dying for, you will not have a <u>cause</u> worth living for."
- "I would rather die for a worthy cause than live for no reason."

**Reality:** Unless we are discipled to want—what we <u>need</u>—we will settle for <u>wants</u>, <u>futilities</u> that will <u>always disappoint</u>.

<u>Matthew 11:28-29</u> "<u>Come to Me</u>, all you who are <u>weary</u> and <u>burdened</u>, and <u>I will give you rest</u>. Take <u>My</u> <u>yoke</u> upon you and <u>learn from Me</u>, for I am gentle... and you will <u>find rest</u> for <u>your souls</u>."

## III. So... What's Stopping You?

Psalm 106:13, 15 "But they soon forgot His works... He gave them what they asked, but sent a wasting

disease among them."

<u>Romans 1:25</u> "... they exchanged <u>the truth about</u> God <u>for a lie</u>..."

Symptoms of Success Sickness: <u>The Rate Race</u>—<u>An Unexamined Life</u>—<u>A Cultural Christian</u>

Romans 6:11 "So you must also consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."