

Embracing God's desire to use you

Acts 11:25-30; 12:24-25

- I. Disciplemaking requires a training process (Acts 11:25-26).
 - A. *Available* – Paul took the opportunity when invited to serve (25).
 - B. *Teachable* – Paul learned by teaching with Barnabas before becoming a missionary (26a)
 - C. *Faithful* – Paul served consistently over time to develop his giftedness (26b).
 - D. *Measurable results* – More disciples became known for following Christ (26c).

- II. Disciplemaking begins with caring enough to sacrifice (Acts 11:27-30).
 - A. *Needs* – God has planned opportunities for us to serve Him (11:27-28; Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15).
 - B. *Generosity* – Disciples respond to needs by giving as God enables them (11:29; 1 Corinthians 16:2).
 - C. *Accountability* – Financial stewardship requires transparent financial accountability (11:30).
 - D. *Measurable results* – True disciplemaking results in the spread of the gospel and more disciplemaking (Acts 12:24-25).