

## Disciple Making in Renew Movement Church Plants

Renew Movement seeks to plant churches with the disciple making commitment and DNA described below.

1. **Core Mission** - Jesus-style disciple making is the core mission of the church – it is motivated by love to reach the lost and love to help the saved become more and more like Jesus - the fruit is a church which *multiplies* disciples, disciple makers, and churches.

*Disciples who make disciples who plant churches that make disciples ....*

2. **Lead Minister/Pastor/Planter and Team** - the plant team epitomizes by personal lifestyles and track record effectiveness in a) discipling lost people; and b) in raising the saved up to become disciple makers. The initial leaders create culture—there is no culture of disciple making without a plant team that lives out relational disciple making.
3. **Cultural Identity** – disciple making will be *the* cultural identity of the church – reflected in the multiplication of the church’s values, actions, words, and celebrations (what you measure and celebrate is the standard to which people will aspire).
4. **Decision Making** - decisions made and money spent passes through the filter: “how does this help us to be and make mature disciples?”

The following definitions guide our focus, decision making, and practices:

1. **Disciple** – someone who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is engaging the mission of Jesus (Matt. 4:19).
2. **Disciple Making** – entering relationships to intentionally help people follow Jesus, be changed by Jesus, and join the mission of Jesus (Matt. 28:18-20).
3. **Disciple Maker** – a disciple of Jesus who effectively enters relationships to intentionally help people follow Jesus, be changed by Jesus, and join the mission of Jesus (Matt. 28:18-20).
4. **Local Church** – A spiritual family of disciples who are growing in surrendered obedience to all the teachings of Jesus Christ, who are gathering regularly under biblically recognized leadership for the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission (making disciples who obey all of Jesus’ teachings) and the Great Commandment heart (loving God, loving people), and who functionally form a disciple making culture. *Note: Renew Movement church plants will be led by a male teacher/planter/evangelist and multiple male elders (2 Timothy 4:5; Titus 1:5-9).*
5. **Disciple Making Culture** – The interconnected values, beliefs, behaviors, and narratives of a local church that consistently and repeatedly make it clear to insiders and outsiders that the teachings and methods of Jesus, through relationships and relational disciple making, are top priorities that guide and shape the life of the church.
6. **Fruitfulness and Reproduction** - the church is committed to making mature, relational disciples, and raising up disciple making leaders out of the harvest created by these activities. The overflow of the fruit of this disciple making is the repeated planting of new disciple making churches into new mission fields.