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# Lifelines Outreach

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Lifelines Outreach shares the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and by making disciples in the greater Nashville area. Sharing includes feeding the hungry and loving our neighbors.

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And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB)

The first thing that I realized is that we are sent in to the world John 20:21. Take a little time to meditate on this passage. Saturday night I had the privilege of teaching people from Nepal the basics of being a disciple of Jesus. We are on a journey together to learn how to follow Jesus and to fish for men. They are learning how to share their stories, witness, assurance of salvation to those who believe, pray, spend time alone with God, what the Bible says about the love of God, what is the church, and how to read, study, meditate, and memorize Scripture. I instruct them to pass on what they are learning to others so that they can teach others. This past Saturday night I was in a two-bedroom apartment with 35 people sitting on the floor with Bibles in hand and ready to learn. I have to teach them through an interpreter so that they can understand and hear it in their heart language. The apartment is located near Southern Hills Hospital. It is the Stonebrook apartments. When you enter the apartment community, you realize that the world has come to Nashville. They have had two families join the church since January. They were Hindus before being Christians. Hindus worship many gods. I usually teach from 4 pm to 5:30 pm. Everyone who enters the apartment takes their shoes off and leaves them by the front door. They greet you by folding their hands and bowing. They will also shake your hand after they bow, but I think they learn this as an American tradition. The Nepali's are very loving and respectful people. They are also very hungry to learn about Jesus and to follow Him.

God has been providing so many opportunities to disciple individuals and small groups of believers. Some of them have just made Jesus Lord and others have been Christians for a number of years but have never been challenged to follow Jesus and fish for men.

After Resurrection Day, I will begin training a group of Swahili's that meets at Woodmont Baptist Church. Pastor Memba and about ten others will go through the Timothy Initiative training. Tom Dooley, who is a member of Judson Baptist Church, will help me teach the group. Tom has been on several mission trips overseas to the Swahili people. He has a real love and heart for this people group and is looking forward to spending some time with them.

Robby Gallaty, is a pastor at Brainard Baptist Church in Chattanooga. He was a member of the Church at Brookhills in Birmingham where David Platt was pastor before he assumed the leadership of the International Mission Board. Robby was a layman who was discipled by David and now he is leading a disciple making church. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. We are so very thankful for your donations that make this work possible! Remember to pray and to read your Bible everyday! —*Richard Gay*

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**"Discipleship without reproduction is not biblical discipleship," Gallaty said.**

Groups like Sunday School classes, Bible study groups and home fellowship groups have a role in the church. But if they are not reproducing, they are not biblical, he said. "How many generations of groups have you seen replicated in your church? How many groups who have invested in groups, who have invested in groups, who are replicating the process?"

Gallaty offered a four-fold process of making disciples based on [2 Timothy 2:1-2](#).

-- First, Christians need to abide in the power of Christ. "We cannot underestimate the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit in our lives," he said. Paul reminded Timothy that God has not given him a spirit of fear, but power, love and self-control.

Paul emphasized to Timothy that he must rely on the abiding power of Christ, Gallaty said. "When your people tell you, 'Hey pastor, I can't make disciples. I'm not smart enough. I'm not intellectual enough. I don't have enough maturity under my belt. I don't know enough. I just need one more class, one more seminar, one more conference. I feel inadequate.' Do you know what you say to them? 'You're exactly where you need to be.'"

-- Second, Gallaty said Christians must accept the principles of Christ. "One of the most overlooked commands of the Great Commission is the little word 'obey.' ... To the Jew the word 'hear' is synonymous with the word 'obey.'" Referring to the book of Deuteronomy, the book Jesus quotes more than any other, he said the Bible teaches that hearing and doing have the same meaning.

-- Third, invest in the people of Christ. Paul's word to Timothy was to teach "faithful men who will teach others," he said. "We must take discipleship to the next level and entrust the truth to faithful men who are able to teach others also. The discipleship process is not complete until the player becomes the coach."

-- Fourth, reproduce the priority of Christ.

He illustrated a common fault in churches. "Would you ever [take your child to church], walk into the preschool room with nobody in there, put the child on the ground, and as you're leaving, throw them the bottle and say, 'By the way, feed yourself'? You'd never do that! We do it every week. We call it church."

Evangelism and discipleship are two oars on the same boat, he added. If there is discipleship without evangelism a time will come when there are no more people to disciple. And if a church emphasizes evangelism without discipleship there will come a time when evangelizing dies.

Robby Gallaty co-founded Replicate Ministries to educate, equip and empower believers. For more information, visit [ReplicateMinistries.org](http://ReplicateMinistries.org). Article from the Baptist Press, March 19, 2015

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# Thank You!

Without your prayers and financial donations, this ministry would not be possible! We so appreciate those of you that continue to faithfully give to Lifelines Outreach. You have helped us be able to help others in so many different ways.

From sharing the Good News daily, teaching Bible study in Section 8 housing, the Food ministry, and being able to give Bibles to those who desire to learn more about God. Did you know that those who come to the food ministry who get saved, get to a point where they no longer return for help? They now have the ultimate Helper and God takes over in their lives. It is an amazing process we are privileged to watch.

Time and time again, God positions Lifelines to go to places where the lost have not heard of Jesus. Sometimes we speak into a life for three weeks and they get saved and then pass away. Sometimes it's years and one day they choose to ride their chair down to Bible Study and get saved on a Tuesday and pass away before the weekend comes. In a way it's sad how many times this happens to us, but on the other hand salvation is a glorious part of God's plans and He pursues His children until the very end.

We are often the only church these Bible study attendees have. Praise God for His provisions! This Resurrection season please remember what Jesus has done for you and your family. Remember His faithfulness and how you too can share Him with others in your life. May you be blessed for being a blessing in Jesus' Name!