



Transition in the Making-Disciples Process



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Mark 3:14

SELECTION

PREPARATION

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SERVANTS

MAKING-DISCIPLES PROCESS (Gospels)



Timeline

| Early Ministry (12 Mon.) | Galilean Ministry | | | Later Ministry | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 1st Tour (5 Mon.) | 2nd Tour (12 Mon.) | 3rd Tour (6 Mon.) | Judea (3 Mon.) | Perea (3 Mon.) |



*Distinction in Disciples

D I S C I P L E S

Following

Departing

Fishing

Adapted from: *A Harmony of the Gospels for Students of the Life of Christ*
A.T. Robertson/Harper & Row

MAKING-DISCIPLES PROCESS (Gospels)

| STEP | EVENT | TEXT | PARTICIPANTS | QUALIFICATIONS | PURPOSE |
|------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Jesus Appointed 12 Disciples | Mark 3:14 | Multitude of Disciples | Intimate Fellowship "With Him" | Prepare for Ministry & Leadership |
| 2 | Jesus Sent Out 12 Apostles | Mark 3:14; Mark 6:7 | The Twelve | Intimate Followers "Sent Out" | Perform in Ministry & Leadership |

TRANSITION IN TERMS (Usage)

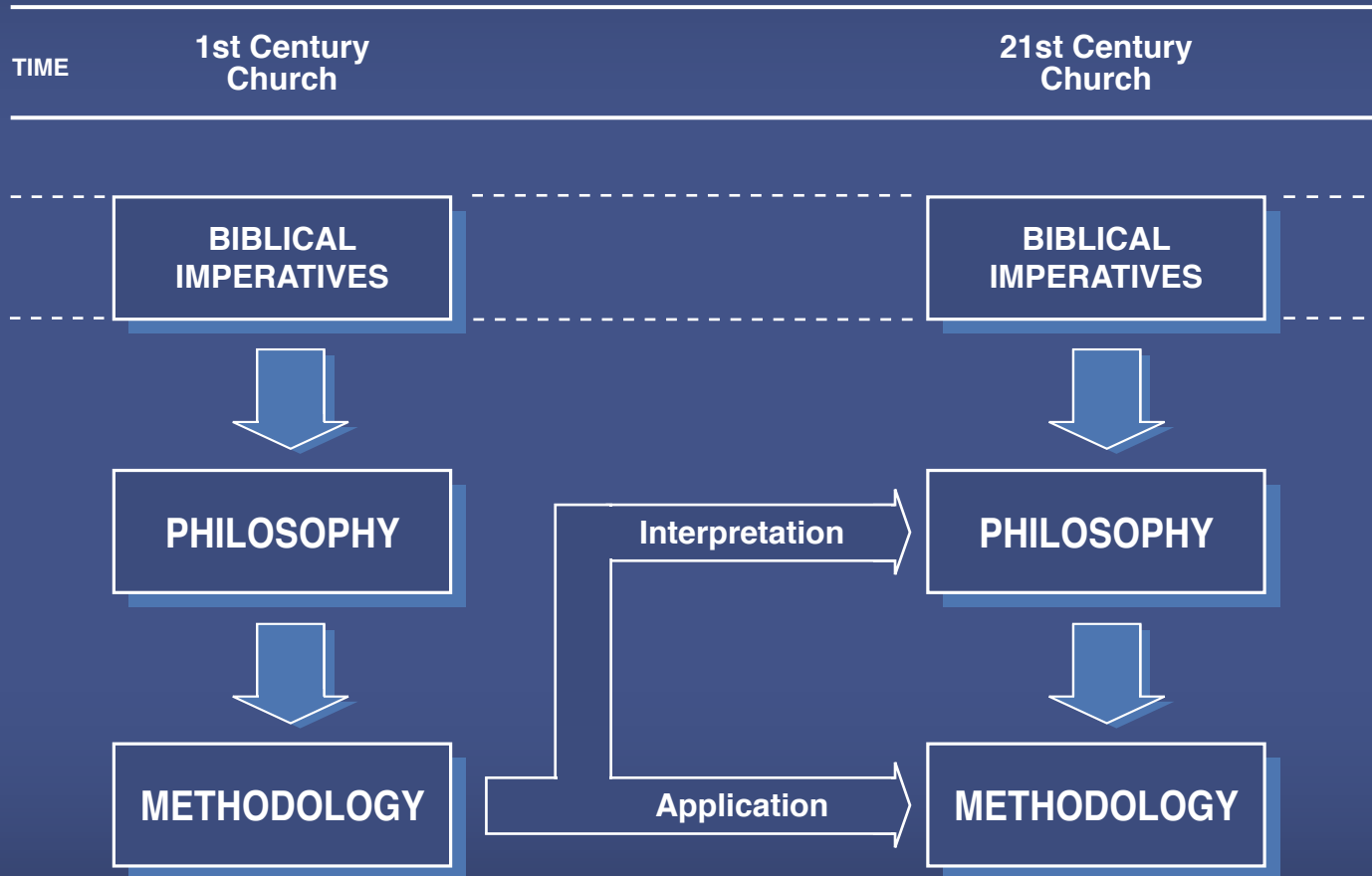
| <u>Term</u> | <u>Matt</u> | <u>Mark</u> | <u>Luke</u> | <u>John¹</u> | <u>Acts²</u> | <u>Paul</u> | <u>Others</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Disciples | 74 | 45 | 37 | 81 | 30 | — | — |
| Brethren ³ | — | — | — | — | 32 | 133 | 57 |

1—Disciple usually refers to the Twelve

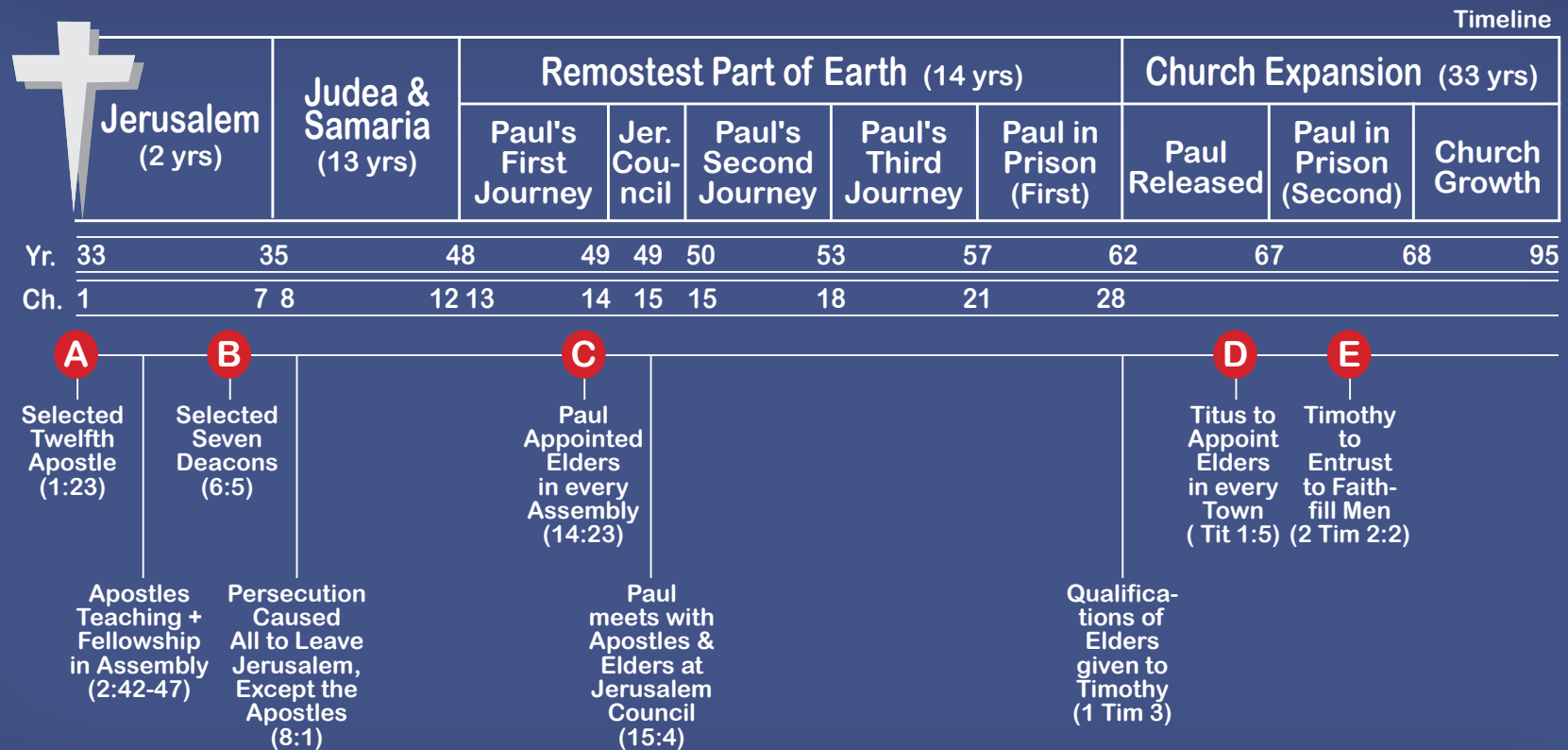
2—Disciple never refers to the Twelve

3—Not a physical relative

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE MINISTRY



MAKING-FOLLOWERS PROCESS (Acts & Epistles)



Adapted from: *A Chronological Table of the Apostolic Age*, Doc. Diss., 1964, Revised 1972
Dr. H.W. Hoehner/Dallas Theological Seminary



QUALIFICATIONS for "SELECTION" or "APPOINTMENT"

| EVENT | TEXT | QUALIFICATIONS |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Apostle Replacement | Acts 1:21-22 | Accompanied us—beginning with baptism of John until the day Christ was taken up from us A witness with us of Christ's resurrection |
| Selection of Deacons | Acts 6:3 | Good Reputation Full of the Spirit and of Wisdom |
| Appointment of Elders | 1 Tim 3:2-7 Titus 1:6-9 | <p style="text-align: center;">Qualities:</p> <p>Above Reproach, Husband of One Wife, Temperate, Prudent, Respectable, Hospitable, Not Addicted to Wine, Not Pugnacious, Gentle, Uncontentious, Free from Love of Money, Children under Control, Good Reputation with those Outside, Blameless, Not Self-Willed, Not Quick-Tempered, Not Fond of Sordid Gain, Loving what is Good, Just, Devout, Self-Controlled</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Abilities:</p> <p>Able to Teach,¹ Manages His own House Well</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Knowledge:</p> <p>Not a New Convert, Holding Fast the Faithful Word</p> |

1—διδακτικος = Skilled at Teaching, not διδακτος = Teachable (BDAG, 240)



MAKING-FOLLOWERS PROCESS (Acts & Epistles)

| STEP | EVENT | TEXT | PARTICIPANTS | QUALIFICATIONS | PURPOSE |
|------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Functioning Body of Christ | Acts 2:42-47 Eph 4:11-16 1Tim 5:17 Heb 10:24-25 | Body of Christ | Intimate Fellowship; Mutual Ministries | Prepare for Ministry & Leadership |
| 2 | Eleven Proposed Replacement | Acts 1:23 | Gathering of 120 Brethren | Accompanied Us during Jesus' Time | Share in this Ministry |
| | Assembly Selected 7 Deacons | Acts 6:5 | Whole Group of the Disciples | Good Reputation, Full Spirit & Wisdom | Serve the Body; Apostles Teach |
| | Paul Appointed Elders | Acts 14:23 | Assembly of Believers | Qualities, Abilities & Knowledge | Lead & Teach the Assembly |
| | Titus to Appoint Elders | Titus 1:5 | Assembly of Believers | Qualities, Abilities & Knowledge | Lead & Teach the Assembly |
| | Timothy Entrusted Faithful Men | 2 Tim 2:2 | Assembly of Believers | Qualities, Abilities & Knowledge | Lead & Teach the Assembly |



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in the Gospels

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the **COMMISSION**
in Acts & Epistles

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.

Matt 28:19-20



TRANSITIONAL PERIOD MAKING-DISCIPLES/FOLLOWERS PROCESS

FOLLOWERS



PREPARATION



SERVANTS

