

FILLED TO EMPTY – SEASON 3

EPISODE 0

INTRODUCTION

The first two seasons of Filled To Empty followed the same format.

First, we learned the tension we were asking God to solve. What were we feeling or thinking or doing that was causing us to misunderstand the mission God has given us?

When we understood the tension, we moved on to God's Word to be filled by His wisdom, His love, His Spirit. We learned the godly way to solve the tension and leave behind our misunderstanding.

Once we were filled with God's way to solve the tension, we asked him to empty us into the lives of others. How can what we learned help us to influence others for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven?

In the third season, we are enlarging the format. It's the same idea—we are filled to be emptied—but requires a deeper dive to help us become disciple-makers.

Where we're going...

Have you been involved in a church that discipled well? What did they do to make you feel that way?

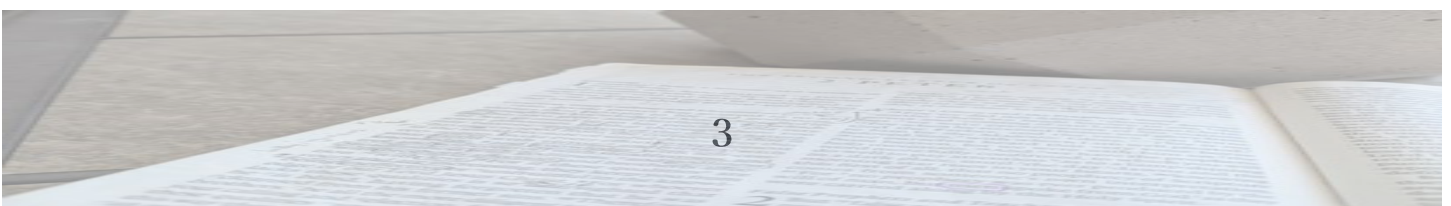
Were you part of a church that didn't disciple well? What would you say was their focus if they were not focused on discipleship?

Have you been frustrated with the church? What are your top three frustrations?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Are you willing to admit you *are* the church? How does that statement make you feel?

Are you willing to learn to let love be your motivation to refocus the church? How would that change things for you?



The purpose...

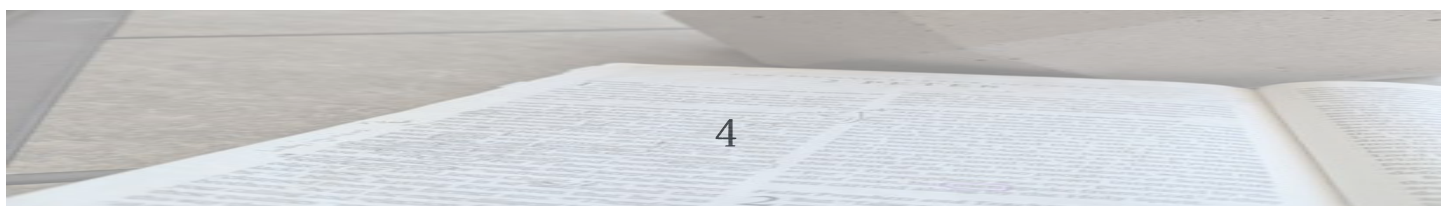
Do you consider yourself a frustrated believer? Why or why not?

Explore more closely the frustrations you listed on the last page. What would you decide to do differently if you were leading the church?

What did you do to join in the disciple-making ministry of the church that you felt did well in discipleship?

What efforts did you make to effect change when you were in a church that frustrated you?

What could you have done differently to effect that change? If we're the solution, what do we do?



The foundation...

What is the difference between the Gospel *of* Jesus and the Gospel *from* Jesus?

How is the Kingdom a bigger part of the Gospel *from* Jesus?

What does the phrase “Kingdom of God” mean to you?

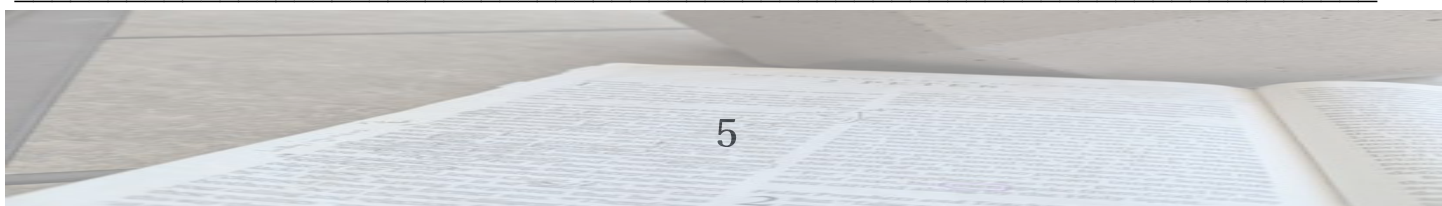
Have you considered what it means to be in enemy territory, even in our churches? If pastors are operating forward bases in enemy territory, does that change your view of them?

Do you have a favorite passage that describes, for you, what a disciple-maker looks like? Write your passage here and compare it to 2 Peter 1:1-8: _____

What are the similarities? _____

What are the differences? _____

If you don't have a favorite passage, how have you known that your church is or is not making disciple-makers?



Is this for you?

Have you thought for a while there must be more to following Jesus? What does it mean to be called to something greater than church attendance?

How would you paraphrase the Great Commission?

In your mind, what is the difference between evangelism and discipleship? What does it mean for “disciple-making” to encompass both?

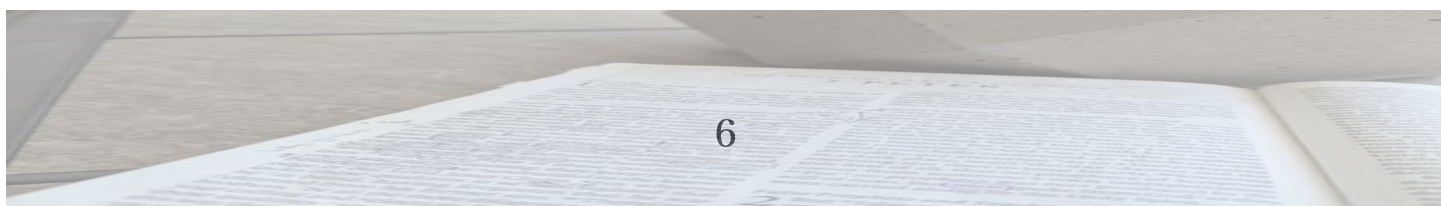
Do you have a Paul, a Silas, and a Timothy? List them below:

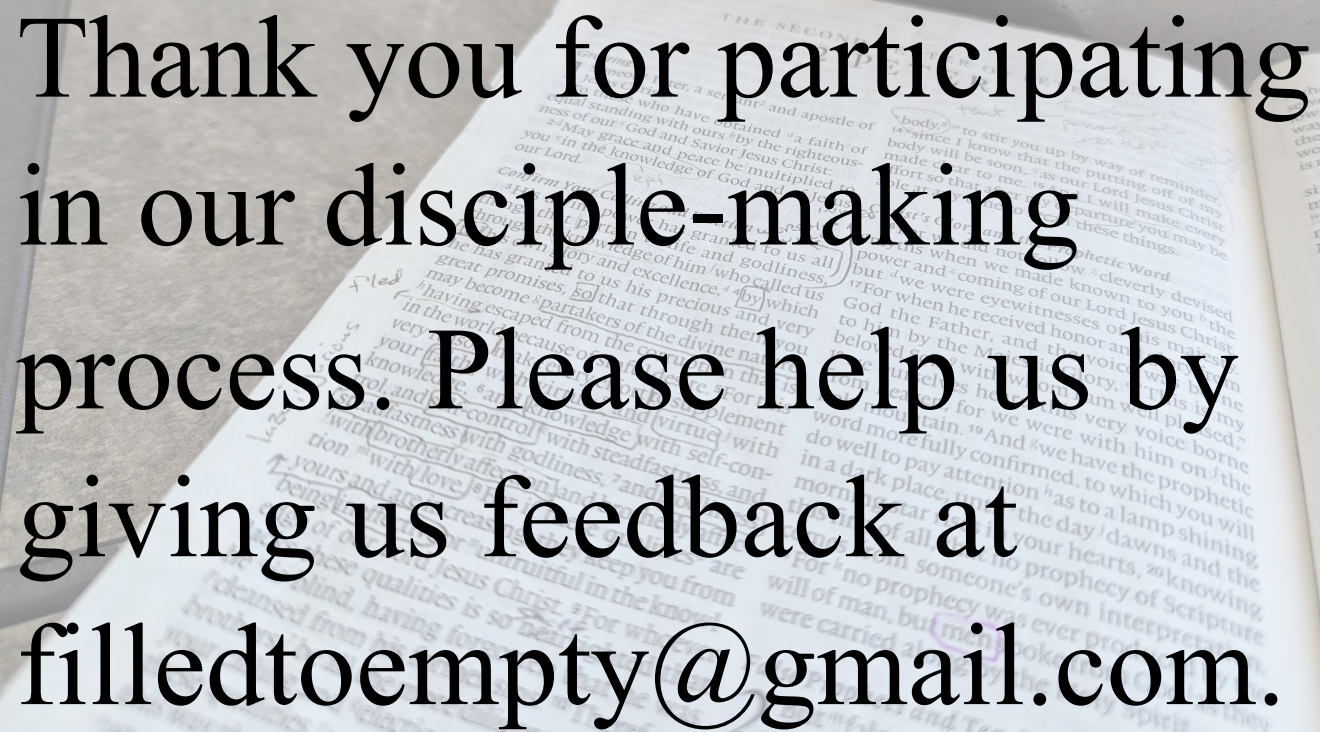
Your Paul _____

Your Silas _____

Your Timothy _____

Do you believe you can be Christlike? Why or why not?



An open Bible is shown from a high angle, lying on a light-colored tiled floor. The pages are filled with text, and the spine of the book is visible in the center. Overlaid on the Bible is a large, black, serif text that reads: "Thank you for participating in our disciple-making process. Please help us by giving us feedback at filledtoempty@gmail.com." The text is centered and spans across the width of the Bible.

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