

# TANGIBLE KINGDOM: BECOMING AN APPRENTICE

The ancient word “disciple” has been lost on us. Most Christians think the phrase “make disciples” means getting people to join the church. That is a sad deception. “Have apprentices” and “be an apprentice” is closer to our truth today. You and I are learning from Jesus and from more mature Christians. If we are doing it right, there will also be people learning to do what we do.

## First Step

**John 14:12 (This week’s sermon text)**

Philippians 2:1-5

Titus 2:7-8

## Step In

Tell about a time when you were an apprentice to someone (i.e.- job, hobby, sports).

What did this week’s sermon say about being an apprentice for God?

## Step Up

Often we are more comfortable being passive Christians growing in our faith by attending church and studying the Bible. It might not occur to us that Jesus requires us to move from our comfort zone out into the world.

Where are some places we can work beside others and share God’s love?

How can we avoid being judgmental and build deeper relationships?

How can we connect with others without being judgmental?

## Step Out

Apprentices must endure hard work, criticism, and possible failure.

Do you have a mentor who can apprentice you through difficult times?

To apprentice others in the faith, we must be willing to share our own weaknesses and flaws. How can I learn to do that?