Week 9.

So far in Making More Disciples we have focused on how we can bless, encourage, challenge and share our faith with people today. In this closing prompt we are focusing on how we can help to make more disciples in future.

Someone we know has a relative who has researched their family history. There was an old lady who was born in the mid 1700s and lived to a great age, well into the 1800s. In her declining years she was frail and couldn’t get out much. But her mind remained clear. So she decided to pray for her family, and for the children and grandchildren they would have, even if she never met them.

A few years ago there was a family reunion among the lady’s descendants. Over 90 people were there. In chatting and getting to know each other they discovered that all but a few were committed Christians, and 5 or 6 were ordained clergy in different churches. Why should 90% of them be Christians, compared with perhaps 10% in the country as a whole? They traced the story back to the prayers of the old lady.

Do you have children or grandchildren? Pray for them and the children they may have. If you don’t have children of your own, pray for the children in the church family. Ask someone to tell you about their families. Learn their names. Ask to be kept up to date on school, college, work etc, as their lives develop. And pray that they may find Jesus for themselves.

Who knows, through the grace of Jesus you may do more to bless individuals you never know and, through them, the whole world, than you could ever dream!

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