## Discipleship Principles from the Patriarchs – Part 1 Jim White

## I. Introduction.

- A. If we get a vision from God and surrender to God, we are good seed and will multiply. (Jeremiah 20:9)
- B. God has a vision for us in disciple making. (Matthew 23)
- II. The kind of man God uses. (Jeremiah 23:21-22)
  - A. One may walk away with tremendous results and not do things the way God wants.
  - B. God wants someone to listen to his counsel.
  - C. We need to work smarter and not harder.
- III. We should not focus on ourselves in our ministry. (Romans 15:3-4; John 3)
- IV. When God said "go," Abraham went out by faith. (Genesis 12; Hebrews 11:8-10)
  - A. We have to be careful in planning so as to prevent God from changing things.
  - B. The mature Christian knows he must take all steps trusting God.
  - C. Isaac left Abraham and became conscience of God's presence.
  - D. We must live available and mobile in disciple making. (Genesis 24; 2 Timothy 2)
- V. If we are not putting God at the center, our families are at danger.
  - A. In sin, we try to cover our own skin.
  - B. God is the one who covers us and helps us identify with his righteousness.
  - C. There is no substitute in whatever we do for worship. (John 12:26)
  - D. God is with you in all that you do. (Genesis 21:22; 26:28; 28:15; 39:3; Romans 11:29; Galatians 1)

## **Application questions:**

1. What does faith look like in disciple making?
2. What place does worship take in disciple making?
3. How will you grow as a disciple maker? Explain.