YAG 21st RETREAT 26-27 JUNE 2015 "THE GREAT COMMISSION"

Saturday, 27 June 2015 Session # 3

MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS

- 1. The Challenge to understand "Discipleship"
 - a) Salvation is the first step
 - b) Seeking the Kingdom of God is necessary follow-through
 - c) Discipleship was certainly the focus of the Lord Jesus
- 2. The Example of the Lord Jesus in calling disciples
 - a) Calling of disciples:

"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men" Matthew 4:19

i) Calling of Peter and Andrew Matthew 4:18-20

ii) Calling of James and John Matthew 4:21-22

iii) Calling of Matthew 9:9-13

- b) Responses of the disciples
 - i) Immediately
 - ii) They left their nets
 - iii) Followed Him Matthew 4:20, 22
- 3. The Discipleship program
 - a) Concerning Character Matthew 5:1-16
 - i) Salt
 - ii) Light
 - iii) City
 - iv) Good works
 - b) Concerning the Scriptures Matthew 5:17-48
 - i) You have heard
 - ii) But I say to you
 - iii) Knowledge of the teachings of Jesus
 - iv) Correction of wrong understanding of the Scriptures

c) Concerning charitable deeds		Matthew 6:1-4
	i) Before men	
	ii) Before God	
d) Prayer		Matthew 6:5-15
	i) Wrong practices	
	ii) Right practice	
e) Fasting		Matthew 6:16-18
	i) Wrong practices	
	ii) Right practice	
f) Wealth		Matthew 6:19-34
	i) Treasures on earth	
	ii) Lamp of the body is the eye	
	iii) Serving only one Master	
	iv) Our life on earth (Do not worry)	
	v) The place of faith	
	vi) Seeking the Kingdom of God	
g) The problem of Judging		Matthew 7:1-6
	i) Not having a judgmental spirit	
	ii) Dealing with hypocrisy	
h) More words about praying		Matthew 7:7-11
	i) Relating to God as Father	
	ii) Believing in God	
i) The sum of the Law and the Prophets "The Golden Rule"		Matthew 7:12
j) Choosing between Two ways of life		Matthew 7:13-14
	i) The broad way	
	ii) The narrow way	
k) Distinguishing between true and false teachings		Matthew 7:15-20
	i) Beware false teachers/ prophets	

- ii) A tree is known by its fruits
- I) Entering into the Kingdom of God

Matthew 7:21-23

- i) Not by mere confession of faith
- ii) But by doing the will of God
- m) Two foundations

Matthew 7:24-27

- i) Foolish man: He builds his house on sand
- ii) Wise man: He builds his house on a rock

WHAT DISCIPLESHIP IS ALL ABOUT

- 1. It's about Life
 - a) Not just right beliefs
 - b) But how we actually live
- 2. It's about the teachings of Jesus
 - a) False teachings abound
 - b) Jesus' teaching as the gold standard
- 3. It's about correction
 - a) Correction of wrong views
 - b) Wrong views can be deadly
 - c) Changes must take place if there has been correction
- 4. It's about making disciples of the nations
 - a) Through the teachings of Jesus
 - b) Through the impact of our own life
 - c) Through patient teaching
 - d) Through correction
 - e) Through faith
 - f) Through practice

CHALLENGES

- 1. Difficulties are to be expected
- 2. Overcoming all difficulties through focusing on the teachings of Jesus
- 3. Finding faith in the Lord to help us find success in following Jesus