A close-up photograph of a hand holding a rolled-up white scroll. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with fingers wrapped around the scroll. The scroll is held diagonally across the frame. The background is dark, making the hand and scroll stand out.

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2 Timothy 2:2

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Sample numbers from Believer Bible Chapel, Carrollton, TX

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God created man with authority to go and make (multiply) many who would reflect God’s image and likeness

Sin took away that authority

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Hebrews 2:6-9

6. But one testified in a certain place, saying: “What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him?”
7. You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands.
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Mark 16:15-16

15. And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

16. He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned.

The goal is to:

- “be fruitful and multiply”
- Create other images of Christ (Acts 11:25-26)

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2. Elijah found Elisha and basically told him “your it”
3. Elijah passed his mantel to Elisha (1 Kings 19:19)

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- Who taught Paul about Evangelism?
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- Barnabas and Paul worked together
- Paul replaced Paul

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- What are examples of what to teach?
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- Social life (discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, etc...)

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Additional Thoughts/Conclusion

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2. Can I objectively identify those whom I have made disciples?
3. How is discipleship impacting my local Church?
4. Discipleship is the starting point for every activity in the Church
5. If I am not making disciples am I really following Christ even if I am involved in ministries or am I playing man's version of Church

A dark, low-key photograph of two hands holding a rolled-up scroll. The hands are positioned on either side of the scroll, with fingers gently gripping it. The scroll is the central focus, appearing as a light-colored cylinder against the dark background. The overall mood is one of care and preservation.

Making Disciples is
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Sermons We See

(Edger Guest)

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

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I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do;
For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

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When I see a deed of kindness, I am eager to be kind.
When a weaker brother stumbles and a strong man stays behind
Just to see if he can help him, then the wish grows strong in me
To become as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.
And all travelers can witness that the best of guides today
Is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the way.

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One good man teaches many, men believe what they behold;
One deed of kindness noticed is worth forty that are told.
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