

## EDITOR'S NOTES

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Jesus told his apostles, "Go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them...." What does it mean to make a disciple, or even to be a disciple? The word *disciple* is related to the word *discipline* or *instruction*. In this issue we will look at the discipline and discipleship in the heart, the individual Christian's growth in the Lord. The following issue will continue this theme with the application of discipline and discipleship in the corporate body, especially in the church.

We start off with the Keynote by Doug Sukhia on what it means to be a disciple. Jesus as a maker of disciples and Paul as an example of a disciplined life are the topics discussed exegetically by Len Pine and Tom Lyon. Chris Lensch applies the principles of discipline to the community's manners and social customs. My article compares the Roman Catholic to the Reformed ideal of the disciplined life. Then comes a classic article by B. B. Warfield, "The Religious Life of the Theological Student;" unfortunately, it had to be shortened to fit into this issue, but even so, its timeless advice will be especially helpful to all students of theology. Finally, Bryan Pollack reviews the runaway best seller *The Prayer of Jabez*, comparing its ideal of discipleship to that of the Bible and Reformed theology.

Taking over the editorship of the *WRS Journal* is a daunting task. Len Pine, who has been the editor since its inception, provides an excellent example; his shoes will be hard to fill. Thank you so much, Len, for all the hours and labors you have dedicated to the *Journal*. Our prayers are with Len as he transitions to work with the Presbyterian Missionary Union; we're glad that he will continue to contribute to the *Journal* and minister for WRS. Thank you also, reader, for your continuing interest in the *Journal* and in the work of the Lord. May he make us all better disciples!