

Discipleship Model - Simple and Reproducible

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 **Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 **teaching** them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20 New King James Version (NKJV) Amen.

The Great Commission

First, ask if the Lord is calling you to this simple one-on-one mentoring model. You need to know the Lord is calling you to this! He will give you wisdom and His heart for others.

Ask the Lord to give you names of three people that He is calling you to disciple/mentor.

Plan to spend 1 to 1 ½ hours a month with each person face-to-face, one-on-one.

Approach each person and indicate that the Lord has put them on your heart. Ask each person if they would they consider praying that the Lord would confirm a call for you to spend focused time together one-on-one each month to honour Jesus' Command (Matthew 28:16-20) "to make disciples." Ask for a commitment of at least one year – 12 mentoring sessions.

Pray for the Lord to direct you to one person with whom you will meet to support you in living into becoming more like Jesus (1 John 2:6) using the "four question strategy."

So...in each of three weeks in every month you meet with a different person to "disciple them" into Christlikeness – character, words, and deeds. Once a month (in the fourth week) you meet with a person who will disciple you!

Men with men. Women with women – One-on-one.

Questions:

Here are the questions –

1. Where do you see The Lord at work around you?
2. What are you learning about Jesus as you read the Bible?
3. What challenges are you facing? How do Scripture and Prayer relate to the situation? (NOTE: This is not a chance to fix people but to support them to find Biblical principles and to grow in prayer as they work through issues!)
4. How are you sharing God's love with others in word and deed?

After 9 months, ask if the folks you are mentoring are settling into the "process." Ask them to begin praying about supporting others by taking on the responsibility of reaching out to others and supporting them towards a closer walk with God. If they feel called (most will!) then encourage them to ask the Lord to place three people on their hearts that they could approach to mentor/disciple.

This discipleship plan has a multiplication factor – If, after a year, each of the three recruits three people to mentor, that will expand the number by 9... the next year by 27... then by 81... So the number of people influenced can grow very quickly!

Jesus commanded us to make disciples (Matthew 28:16-20). Now that you have a clear and simple model to follow. Will you make disciples?

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For Further Study – Read "The Training of the Twelve" by AB Bruce

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