

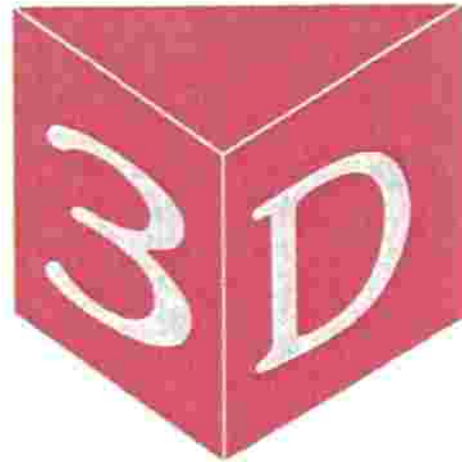
Discipling Disciples To Disciple

STRATEGIC PRAYER FOCUS

Each of you in the group is to identify two or three whom you feel led to pray for their salvation. List the names of all those identified in the group on each card so that all of you pray for each of the lost souls weekly. We recommend that you keep this card in your Bible as a bookmark for your daily reading so that each time you open your Bible you are reminded to pray for them.

1. Lord, I pray that You draw _____ to Yourself. (John 6:44)
2. I pray that _____ will seek to know You. (Acts 17:27)
3. I pray that _____ will hear and believe the Word of God for what it really is. (1 Thess. 2:13)
4. I ask You, Lord, to prevent Satan from blinding _____ to the truth. (2 Cor. 4:4; 2 Tim. 2:25-26)
5. Holy Spirit, I ask You to convict _____ of sin and the need for Christ's redemption. (John 16:7-14)
6. I ask that You send someone who will share the gospel with _____. (Matt. 9:37-38)
7. I also ask that You give me or _____ the opportunity, the courage and the right words to share with _____. (Col. 4:3-6)
8. Lord, I pray that _____ will turn from sin and follow Christ. (Acts 17:30-31; 1 Thess. 1:9-10)
9. Lord, I pray that _____ will put all of his/her trust in Christ. (John 1:12; 5:24)
10. Lord, I pray that _____ will confess Christ as Lord, grow in faith and bear fruit for your glory. (Rom. 10:9-10; Col. 2:6-7; Luke 8:15)

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"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

John 4:35



What is a Discipleship Group?

A Discipleship group is a simple way to release the most essential elements of a vital spiritual walk to people who need Jesus to change their lives from the inside out. It is a grassroots tool for growth which encourages and supports people to follow Christ by fueling internal motivation rather than applying external pressures and ploys. This tool empowers the common Christian to accomplish the uncommon work of reproducing spiritual disciples who can in turn reproduce others.

Here is a simple overview of a Discipleship Group:

- Groups meet once a week for approximately one hour.
- Groups consist of three people (the addition of a fourth person is the beginning of the second group and multiplication is imminent).
- The groups are not co-ed.
- There is no curriculum, workbook or training involved.
- There is no leader needed in the group.
- Only three tasks are to be accomplished in a group:
 1. Sin is confessed in mutual accountability.
 2. Scripture is read repetitively in context.
 3. Souls are prayed for strategically, specifically, and continuously.

The process is simple yet powerful. It incorporates the values of community, internal life transformation and reproduction of disciples.

Who should be in a Discipleship Group?

There are only two suggested qualifications for starting or joining a group:

1. A desperate need for Jesus Christ. (Luke 5:29-32)
2. Faithfulness in the process itself. (2 Tim 2:2)

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3. A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (made up of 15-17) disciples all of the same gender who meet weekly for personal accountability for their spiritual growth to develop, specifically, designated that two or three is best for the confes-

The Strength of Two or Three

4. FLEXIBILITY (Matt. 18:20) It is much easier to support two disciples in a smaller group rather than a typical small group of fifteen.

5. PERIODICITY (Eccl. 2 Tim. 1:2) There is no greater foundation smaller than a group of two or three and more a complex one. Perhaps that is why the Lord commanded us to make more disciples rather than cell groups or churches. (Matt. 28:18-20)
2. ACCOUNTABILITY (1 Tim 5:19): Few things would

Each group decides on a book of the Bible they will read that week. The goal is to create an internal appetite for the rich Word of God, so a larger volume of Scripture is desired. It is recommended that one strive to have 25-30 chapters of reading each week as a goal. Sample reading exercises would be as follows... If the group selects a smaller book such as Ephesians or Jonah, the group should read it five times in a week. A moderate sized book, such as Romans or 1 Corinthians can be read twice in a week. A lengthy book, such as Acts or Proverbs can be read once in its entirety in a week.

Making and Multiplying Disciples

When the group comes together the next week they ask one another if the reading was completed. If any person was unable to complete the reading that week then the whole group does the same reading again.

1. SIN IS CONFESSED IN MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY. This is not a bad thing. Reading the Word of God in repetition yields rich rewards. Christians need one another (Heb. 10:24-25). There is strength in relationships that are built around supporting one another. The first thing the group does together is ask each other the questions listed under the card (right) which functions as a Bible bookmark. The meetings start here because it is easy to lose time talking about other things. It is also helpful to begin with the confession of sin which tends to sanctify the heart. Each member of the group is to identify two or three people whom the Lord lays on their hearts that need Jesus. The names of these people are then written down on the card of every member of the group. Each person in the group prays throughout the week for those on the list. It is best to choose one name from the list each day and pray for them. Those who begin to seek Christ become perfect candidates for the next group. The power of this process is in the unleashing of God's Word in the lives of people. Jesus made it clear that the Word of God is the seed of new life (Luke 8:11, 15). To expect lives to be changed and bear fruit without first planting the seed is foolish and disappointment will result.
2. SCRIPTURE IS READ REPETITIVELY—IN CONTEXT AND IN COMMUNITY. The card (right) which functions as a Bible bookmark has the Character Conversations Questions printed on one side and the Strategic Prayer Focus printed on the other. This is to remind each in the group to pray specifically for each of the people named on the card as they read their Bibles throughout the week. The questions are straight forward. Each person takes turns answering the same question! The group must be a safe place to be honest in confession of sin prepares the soil of people's hearts for the Word of God being read each week.

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your most important relationship this week?
Week? Explain.
Character Conversation Questions

7. Have you continued to remain angry toward another?
 8. Have you secretly wished for another's misfortune?
 9. Have you personalized accountability questions?
- They are to stimulate conversations of character and confession of sin in a safe environment which values honesty, vulnerability, confidentiality, and grace.

1. Have you been a testimony this week to the greatness of Jesus Christ with both your words and actions?
2. Did you finish the reading and hear from God? What are you going to do about it?
11. Have you been completely honest with me?

"Confess your sins one to another, and pray for one another." James 5:16

4. Have you been honoring, understanding and generous in