Making Disciples

Notes for Session Twenty-six

Sharing your Faith and Making Disciples

Session Goals

1. The disciple will identify subjects from any of the sessions they would like to study, discuss or practice further.
2. The disciple will identify two or three changes in their life since the beginning of this group.
3. The disciple will reflect on family and friends' reactions to those changes in discussion during today's session.

Begin the session praying together and reviewing the Action Steps from the previous week. The leader of the group should pray with individuals who had difficulty applying the information from last week. Thank God where there were successes in the implementation.

You have made it to the last session and our hope is that you know God better now than when you started and that you have fallen more in love with Jesus and have learned to trust His promises to you. Today's goals apply to how your time invested in becoming a disciple has changed your life. We want to hear! Tell us. Anytime you tell others what God has done in your life it is a testimony and it is a powerful thing. The very first session your Action Step was to share your testimony with the group the following week, in preparation to share with others. We will finish talking about that further in this session.

Revelation 12:11 "They triumphed over him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony."

Sharing Your Faith

Pray for opportunities to share your faith and ask for the Holy Spirit's Guidance.

- Sharing your testimony is one way you can share your faith. It can relate to how you came to Jesus or something he has done in your life, or even something He has done through you for someone else.

Peter's testimony to Cornelius included what he witnessed when he was with Jesus.

Acts 10:34-43, He finished the testimony with an invitation, "...everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

- Sharing the gospel, (the good news), of the kingdom of God, (the realm God rules in, our lives).

Matthew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come."

- Be gracious (kind, gentle, positive, helpful, and insightful) in your interactions and conversations with those outside of the faith.

Colossians 4:5-6 "Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders. Make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace. Seasoned with salt so that you may know how to answer everyone."

- Make a defense to anyone who asks you the reason for the hope within you.

1 Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

- Build relationships with those you talk to about your faith.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 "So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us."

- Listen as others talk to you.

James 1:19 "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger."

- Pray with others, demonstrate the power of God.

Matthew 4:23 "And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every affliction among the people."

Psalm 147:3 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

- Pray for others.

1 Timothy 2:1,3-4 "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men...for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

James 5:16 "...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

- Invite non-Christians to church or other meetings or social gatherings.

Hebrews 10:24-25 "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,"

- Use social media.

Philippians 2:15-16 "That you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish, in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life..."

- Do good works.

Matthew 5:16 "In this same way, let your light shine before others, So that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven."

In Session Two we talked about what is a Christian and what is necessary to be a Christian. Double check that you know that information as you prepare to pray with others for salvation. Follow the Holy Spirits' leading as you pray. A guide for prayer is below.

What to include in a prayer for salvation

Individuals can pray their own prayer or pray after you.

- Repenting from sin and asking for forgiveness.

Acts 2:38 "And Peter said to them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Luke 15:7 "Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

- Confessing the Lord, and faith in Him.

Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Matthew 10:32 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my father which is in heaven."

1 John 4:15 "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith-and this is not from yourselves. It is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast."

- Asking for and receiving the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 4:6 "And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts crying. Abba! Father!"

Acts 2:38 "And Peter said to them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Galatians 3:2 "This is the only thing I want to find out from you. Did you receive the spirit by the works of the law, or by hearing with faith?"

- Be baptized, it happened right after conversion in the New Testament.

Acts 8:36-38 "And as they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, see, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized. And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him."

Galatians 3:27 "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Acts 2:41 "So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls."

Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Making Disciples

From the beginning of these sessions the intention was to help you to become a disciple and to learn to make disciples. Jesus' command is to make disciples not just converts, so your role goes beyond leading your friends and family to Christ. Do you think you can do it?

- Making disciples is not just about teaching what Jesus taught, it is loving as Jesus loved.

John 15:9-12 "As the father loved me, I also have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

- The power of small groups.

You have been part of a small group, maybe you would like a smaller, small group. Whatever way you choose you are free to use these materials, they are mostly scriptures compiled relating to the specific topics. The goal is not to learn these things but to live them, you have applied these things to your life so you can demonstrate to others how to apply them to their lives.

You are free to make one disciple or to make six more, whatever you do use what you have gained to disciple others.

We are anticipating a great harvest and need as many people participating in helping those converts to become disciples who make disciples as possible. The effect of small groups making disciples is amazing. For example, if a group of six and a leader all make disciples when their group is finished there will be forty-two more disciples. That makes forty -nine in the first year. If forty-nine disciples make disciples in six months there will be three hundred and forty-three disciples(49x7). If after six months there are three hundred and forty-three disciples, each with six in their groups, there will be two-thousand four hundred and one disciples after another six months. If they repeat that again two-thousand four hundred and one disciples with six in each group make sixteen thousand, eight hundred and seven disciples after six more months. The multiplication is incredible and so we need disciples who will make disciples.

Matthew 10:8 "...Freely you have received freely give."

- Forming a group.

Your group leader will continue to pray for you and help you as you start your groups. You may have family members or friends you want to disciple. It is best if people commit to attending as much as they can and complete all the sessions if possible. This group is not a group to add different people every week as relationships should be given the opportunity to develop and members should pray and support each other.

James 5:16 "Confess your faults one to another. And pray for one another that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

- Planning.

A web site is being set up to direct you to resources and reading that will help you lead a group. You can also discuss it with other group members and your group leader. You can do this group online, in your home, or in another location. You will need to plan which is best and talk to the people you live with. You will need to plan a day and time you can commit to for six months.

Luke 14:28-30 "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it- lest after he has laid the foundation and is not able to finish it all who see it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build and was not able to finish?"

There is no pressure to start a group right away but be open to the Holy Spirit's leading. You are a disciple, and your life is His in whatever you do be guided by the Holy Spirit. Do not live your life for His own desires.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own, for you were bought at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Use the remainder of the session to discuss plans and ask any questions you might have. Please let your leader know the things you found most helpful and the things you want to read more about. Blessings to you as you continue to grow in God. If you want to contact me directly, I would love to hear from you, use this email address; cathysiete@hotmail.com

Additional Reading List

Session 2

Discipleship: What it Truly Means to Be a Christian--Collected Insights

By A W Tozer, published 2018
Available in paperback and ebook

Session 4

Jesus Person Promise Book

David Wilkerson, originally published 1972
Available in paperback and ebook

Session 7

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

By Derek Prince, published 1995
Available in paperback and ebook

Session 8

Smith Wigglesworth on Spiritual Gifts

By Smith Wigglesworth, published 1998 Whitaker House
Available in paperback and ebook

Session 12

The Essential Guide to Prayer: How to Pray with Power and Effectiveness

By Dutch Sheets, published 2017
Available in hardback, paperback and ebook

Experiencing God Through Prayer

By Jeanne Guyon, published 1984 by Whitaker House
Available in paperback and ebook

Session13

The Prayer of Jabez: Breaking Through to the Blessed Life

By Bruce Wilkinson, published 2000
Available in hardback, paperback and ebook

Session14

Ever Increasing Faith

By Smith Wigglesworth, published 2001 Whitaker House
Available in hardback, paperback and ebook

Session 16
Keep the Blood Warm (about communion)
By Peter K Louis, published 2020
Available in paperback and ebook

Session 21
Overcoming Evil in the Last Days
By Rick Joyner, published 2003
Available in paperback and ebook

Session 23 and 24
Free To Be Like Jesus
By Tommy Hays, originally published in 2009
Available in paperback and ebook

Session 26
Visions of The Harvest
By Rick Joyner, originally published in 1998
Available in paperback and ebook

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