

STRATEGIC IMPACT - JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD
TOOL: ESSENTIALS FOR DISCIPLING OTHERS v3.0

Your call is to make multiplying disciples which will result in starting multiplying churches. As you faithfully share the Gospel, some people will trust in Christ as Savior. It is very important to help them grow into maturing and multiplying disciples. Visit people in their homes, schools and work places. Disciple new believers individually or in groups of 3 to 5 people. If possible, visit a new believer within 48 hours of when they trust in Christ. Provide them with at least a Gospel of John if you are able. Use the guidelines for 4 Topics/ 4 Visits from the Gospel of John found on the the *SI GROW & MULTIPLY TOOL*. After the first visit, schedule to meet at least each week until you finish the first four Foundation Visits.

Essential follow up and *SI GROW & MULTIPLY TOOL*

Helping new believers grow into maturing and multiplying disciples involves much more than a Bible study! The following are the essential tools for discipling others:

1. The **Bible** is the most important “curriculum” you can use to disciple others (2 Timothy 3:16-17)!
2. **Pray** faithfully for and with your new disciples (Ephesians 1:15-23).
3. Encourage new believers to rely on the **Holy Spirit** to transform them into the likeness of Christ (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).
4. **You!** Your influence with a new believer is vital. Spend time with new Christians informally apart from your Bible study. Take them with you to evangelize others. Let them “see” you follow Jesus in your daily life (2 Timothy 3:10-11).

After the first four visits, ask those who have been faithful to meet with you for 20 more visits. Help them grow into multiplying disciples by: **1.** Learning the Bible and how to follow Jesus (**Grow**); **2.** Showing them how to tell others about Jesus (**Witness**); **3.** Encouraging them to use these tools to disciple others (**Multiply**).

Follow this basic 5 Step Process as you meet together

1. **RELATE:** Ask how they are doing and what has happened since your last meeting.
2. **ENCOURAGE:** Ask and answer *SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS* (based on Galatians 5:22-23): **This week...**
 - A. Have you submitted to the Holy Spirit and maintained a passionate love for Jesus?
 - B. Have you walked in love, peace, patience, kindness, and forgiveness in your relationships with family, friends, fellow believers, neighbors, and enemies?
 - C. Have you grown in your love and devotion to Christ this week? How?
 - D. Did you exercise self-control and honor Christ in your financial dealings?
 - E. Did you exercise self-control over sexual thoughts and actions, and any addictive behavior?
 - F. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?
 - G. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and “I WILL” commitment(s) this week?
3. **DISCUSS:** Read and discuss the Bible passage for that visit’s topic using the following **6 Question Format** (as described in the *SI GROW & MULTIPLY TOOL*)
4. **PLAN:** Agree to read a portion of the Bible during the week. (3 chapters per day is suggested).
5. **PRAY:** Pray together for each other and commitments made from Questions 5 and 6.

CORE TRUTH: ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR DISCIPLING OTHERS ARE THE BIBLE, PRAYER, THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU.

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 - a. Make sure everyone feels comfortable discussing the questions together based on the Bible. [NOTE: This is **not** the place for a sermon. You are helping the new believers learn how **they** can study and apply the Bible in their lives.]

6 QUESTIONS

Read the passage aloud.

Discuss and **interact** over the following questions:

1. What did you like or find encouraging in this passage?
2. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

Have someone else **read** the passage aloud **AGAIN**.

Discuss the next two questions:

3. What do you learn about people in this passage?
4. What do you learn about God in this passage?

Have someone **read** the passage aloud for the **THIRD TIME**.

Discuss the final two questions:

5. *Because of what I learned in this passage, this week, I WILL...*
Make a commitment of obedient action for the coming week. Be specific.
(NOTE: Write down their answers and follow up about this at the beginning of the next visit.)
6. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple using this material? (NOTE: Name someone and tell why and when you will tell him or her. Write down the names of those they want to talk to and follow up at the beginning of the next visit.)

FOUNDATION VISITS

Visit 1: Who is Jesus?
John 14:1-11

Visit 2: New life & God's Love.
John 3:1-18

Visit 3: Being sure of your
Salvation.
John 10:27-30

Visit 4: Abiding in Jesus.
John 15:1-11

- b. **Visit 1's** topic is "Who is Jesus?" and the passage in the Bible is John 14:1-11.
 - c. When you have finished this first discipleship visit, you and the new believer will have **read the same Bible passage** out loud a total of **three times**.
 - d. You both will have **answered the first four questions** which should have provided some helpful **insights** into the Bible passage.
 - e. You both will also have made **commitments** toward **obedient actions** based on what you both have learned, and **committed to share Jesus** with a specific person.
 - f. On your **next visit**, be certain to **follow up** with each other regarding how you fulfilled your "I Will..." obedience commitments made in Question 5 and evangelism commitment made in Question 6 the last time you met for discipleship.
 - g. There are three more topics and Bible passages provided as **Foundation Visits** for future discipleship. It is important to remember that the goal is for this new believer to be able to read, understand, and obey the Bible on their own as they grow in relationship to Jesus and to other believers.
 - h. After the four **Foundation Visits**, it is a good time to stop to assess the progress of the new believer and decide whether to continue on to the **Grow & Multiply Visits**. If they have remained faithful to continue to meet, have grown in faithfulness toward keeping their weekly commitments, and have shared Jesus with others in their life, you should definitely continue to disciple them toward maturity and should bring them into the church.
4. **PLAN:** Agree on a portion of the Bible that each will read individually during the week. (3 chapters per day is suggested).
 - a. Be sensitive to those who do not know how to read or struggle to read.
 - b. Provide alternatives like audio Bibles if possible.
 - c. Make sure to write down the answers from Questions 5 and 6 for follow up in your next visit.
 - d. Schedule your next Discipleship Visit.
 - e. Observe who is committed and faithful to participate - doing the reading at home, and ready to learn more about Christ and to share Jesus with others. **THESE** are the people whom you should continue the discipleship relationship with after the initial 4 Visits.
 5. **PRAY:** Conclude your time by praying together for each other and confirm the commitments made from Questions 5 and 6.

Bible Passages and Topics for Discipleship

Foundation Visits - The first four discipleship visits to assure commitment and foundational doctrine.

1. Who is Jesus? John 14:1-11.
2. New life & God's Love, John 3:1-18.
3. Be Sure of Your Salvation, John 10:27-30.
4. Abide in Jesus, John 15:1-11.

Grow & Multiply Visits - Meet together at least weekly to discuss these passages and topics:

5. Prayer, Matthew 6:5-15.
6. Confess your sins, 1 John 1:5-2:2.
7. Your Testimony: Tell Others How Jesus Changed You, Acts 26.
 - a. Use the 3 point outline to help them think through their own testimony:
 - i. What my life was like before I trusted Jesus.
 - ii. How I met Jesus.
 - iii. The difference Jesus has made in my life since I put my faith in Him.
 - b. Have them share their 1 minute testimony with someone before your next visit.
8. Witness: Tell Others About Jesus, Acts 1:1-11 (2 Corinthians 5:16-21).
 - a. Train them how to use the *SI HOPE & LIFE TOOL*.
 - b. Go with them to tell someone about Jesus using the Tool.
 - c. **Note:** If they lead someone to Christ help them learn how to use this *SI GROW & MULTIPLY TOOL* to start discipling the new believers!
9. Fellowship with Other Believers in a Church, Acts 2:40-47 (Hebrews 10:19-25).
 - a. Invite your disciple to come to the new church.
 - b. Help your disciple to commit to being a participating member of a new church.
10. Be Baptized, Acts 8:26-38 (see also Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:40-41).
 - a. Invite the new believer to be baptized.
 - b. Have the new believer invite family and friends (especially those who may not know Christ) to witness his/her baptism.
11. Communion: The Lord's Supper, Luke 22:14-20.
 - a. Invite the new believer to celebrate Communion with you and other believers .
12. Obedience, John 14:15-21.
 - a. Ask what area of life they sense the Lord is asking them to obey.

13. Devotional Time, Read and Study the Bible, Psalm 1 (Luke 5:15-16).
 - a. Have the new believer set aside a time daily to read the Bible and pray.
14. Forgive Others, Matthew 18:21-35.
 - a. Ask specifically who they need to forgive.
15. Submit to the Lordship of Christ; Submission to the Sovereign God, Romans 14:5-12.
16. God's Purpose for Your Life, Matthew 28:18-20 (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).
17. What is the Gospel? 1 Corinthians 15:1-8.
18. Marriage and Family, Ephesians 5:22-6:4.
19. Walk in the Holy Spirit, Galatians 5:16-26.
20. Identity in Christ, Romans 6.
21. The priority of Love, 1 John 4:7-21.
22. The Authority of the Bible, 2 Timothy 3:14-17.
23. Stewardship of Life, Luke 19:10-27.
24. Spiritual Warfare, Ephesians 6:10-18.