

STRATEGIC IMPACT SCHOOL OF MULTIPLYING CHURCH PLANTERS
TOOL: MAKE MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

Our calling as Christ followers is to make multiplying disciples which results in multiplying churches.

When you faithfully share the Gospel with people, some will respond and trust in Christ as their Savior. It is vitally important to establish these new believers in their new faith in Christ and then help them grow into maturing and multiplying disciples.

In order to do this it is important visit the people where they are - in their homes, places where they work or go about their daily lives. Begin to disciple these new believers individually or in small groups of 3 to 5 people.

If possible, make your first follow up visit with a new believer within 48 hours of when they trust in Christ. Don't let too much time go by before you visit them to establish them in their new faith. New believers need to start understanding God in His World. If possible, start by providing them with at least a Gospel of John. Use the guidelines and 4 topics for 4 visits from the Gospel of John found on the back of the SI Evangelism Tool. After the first visit, schedule to meet them again within one week, and then at least each week after until you finish the first four visits.

Essential follow up and discipleship tools

How will you help new believers become multiplying disciples? There are many fine Bible studies and discipleship curriculums available. But, discipling others is much more than just a Bible study! The following are the essential tools necessary:

1. **The Bible.** Use the Word of God to disciple new believers. This is the most important "curriculum" you can use! *(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*
2. **Prayer.** Pray faithfully for and with your new disciples. *(Ephesians 1:15-23)*
3. **The Holy Spirit.** Depend on and encourage the new believers to learn to rely on the Holy Spirit to transform them into the likeness of Christ. *(2 Corinthians 3:17-18)*
4. **You!** Your involvement and influence with the new believer is vital. Discipleship is a life-on-life process. Spend time with the new Christians. Take an interest in their lives apart from just your Bible study. Have them go with you to make other visits or to evangelize. Spend time with them informally. Eat together. Let them "see" you follow Jesus in your daily life. *(2 Timothy 3:10-11)*

After the initial four visits, present the believer with a "graduation" gift of a New Testament, if they have been faithful to meet with you and carry out their commitments. Then ask them to continue to meet with you for 20 more visits to help them grow into multiplying disciples.

As you spend time with these new Christians,

- help them to learn the Bible and how to follow Jesus. *(Grow)*
- Show them how to tell others about Jesus. *(Witness)*
- Encourage them to start using these same tools to disciple their friends and family. *(Disciple others)*

Your goal is not just to make a **growing** disciple of Jesus, it is to make a **multiplying** disciple. This is the heart of the Great Commission and the call of God on your life. It is the most significant thing you can do to serve Christ.

Below are major topics/issues from the Word of God for you to use to help your disciple to understand and apply to their lives. Of course, there are many other important issues for a Christian, but these are foundational for a life pleasing to God. Please meet at least every week and use the Word of God to learn these issues.

What specifically will you do when you meet together?

Follow this basic 5 Step Process as you meet together

1. **RELATE:** Ask how they are doing and find out what has been happening in their lives since your last meeting.
2. **ENCOURAGE:** Begin your time mutually answering encouragement/accountability questions:
 - A. *Did you spend time alone with God in His Word and prayer every day since we last met? What did God say to you?*
 - B. *Have you walked in love in your important relationships with others in your family, friends, neighbors and church?*
 - C. *Have you given into an addictive behavior?*
 - D. *Did you complete the commitments that you made from our Bible study last time? How?*
3. **DISCUSS:** Read and discuss the Bible passage assigned to that visit's topic using the following 6 question format:

Read the passage aloud (while others listen or read along in their Bibles.)

DISCUSS and **INTERACT** over the following questions:

1. *What did you like about this passage?*
2. *What did you not like, or find confusing, about this passage?*

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

Discuss the next two questions:

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

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

Discuss the final two questions:

5. *In light of this passage, how will your life be different this 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.)*

4. **PLAN:** Agree on a portion of Scripture that you will read during the week. (3 chapters per day is suggested).
5. **PRAY:** Conclude your time by praying together for each other and the commitments made from Questions 5 and 6.

The Discipleship Bible Passages and Topics

Foundational - on the back of the SI Evangelism Tool with 6 Questions & Central Passages from the Gospel of John

1. Who is Jesus? John 11:17-27
2. Understand God's Love, John 3:16-18
3. Be Sure of Your Salvation, John 10:27-30
4. Abide in Jesus, John 15:1-11

Growth - 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 Evangelism 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 guide 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 cell church.
 - b. Help your disciple to commit to being a participating member of a new cell 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 Word of God, 2 Timothy 3:14-17
23. Stewardship of Life, Luke 19:10-27
24. Spiritual Warfare, Ephesians 6:10-18.

Multiply Your Disciples

During the process of “discipling” the new believers to maturity and multiplication, help them to

- become part of a new cell church
- start witnessing to others
- start discipling other new believers they win to Christ and bring them into the new cell church.

When you finish the 24 topics, you will find “faithful” men and women who have a hunger for God, who are growing in their new faith, and who are winning other people and discipling others. As you discover these “faithful” disciples, challenge those with the greatest potential to enroll in the *School of Multiplying Church Planters* and take them through the same process: Learn and Live the Great Commission!

After reading through this tool together, use the 6 Question Bible Discussion to discuss John 15:1-7 together.