

Making Disciples Like Jesus

MISSION OBJECTIVES

- A. I will deepen my understanding of what it means to be a disciple and Jesus' method of making disciples.
- B. I will make a plan of discipleship and follow it for my friends from other cultures who are responding to the good news I have been sharing.

TEAM CARE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (20 Minutes)

1. Tell us with whom you shared the story of Jesus' death or anything else you did to help someone move up a step in knowing about God, Jesus, the Bible, etc.
2. What Bible studies or other resources did you find that you think will be useful in sharing with the people you are helping?
3. What other experiences have you had in following up on your international contacts. (Keep updating and referring to your *Contact Log*).
4. What did you learn from study #8 in *My Favorite Missionary* and the video clips?
5. What needs or challenges are you facing that we can pray for?
6. Pray together, especially for each other and the friends from other cultures whom you have met.

PRESENTATION (19:30 Minutes)

Watch: *Making Disciples Like Jesus*

*For details of the numbers in the presentation look at *Disciple Multiplication* at the end of the lesson.

DISCOVERY AND DISCUSSION (35 Minutes)

1. Based on the presentation and your own previous learning, what is a disciple of Jesus? Share any texts that are especially meaningful to you.

REACH THE WORLD NEXT DOOR: LESSON 9

2. Reread Matthew 28:16-20. What does this important passage teach about Jesus' method for making disciples?

3. Read Matthew 4:17-5:2. How does this passage demonstrate or add to what you have already said about Jesus' way of making disciples?

4. Read 2 Timothy 2:2. What capability has God given you that you want to "disciple" others to be able to do as well and even help them pass on to others?

5. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, 10-12. Discipling, like parenting, takes a committed, godly love. Consider carefully the people in your life including your family, your church, your workplace, your neighborhood, and those you have been making friends with from other cultures and religions. Which of those individuals do you believe God especially wants you to devotedly help be a disciple of Jesus?

6. Take a few minutes to individually reflect on one of the persons you chose in number 5 above. Write what you think you can do to disciple that person. Some of the areas may not apply yet, but you can still think about what you will do in the future as he or she grows. (You can study the Bible verses another time, considering how you yourself can become a more devoted disciple of Jesus.)
 - A) *Vine-and-branch closeness and dependence on Jesus* (John 15:1-16; Mark 3:13-14). What can I do to help my friend spend meaningful, impacting time with Jesus in Bible study, prayer, and heartfelt worship?

 - B) *Love Jesus more than anyone else* (Luke 14:26; Matthew 10:37). What can I do to help my friend respect and listen to Jesus more than any friend or family member?

 - C) *Love Jesus more than any desire* (Luke 14:27; Matthew 16:24-27). How can I help my friend value God's commandments and way of living more than any desire, including in areas like relationships, entertainment, food, drink, etc.?

D) *Love Jesus through suffering, even to death* (Matthew 10: 24-25; Luke 14:26-27). How can I help my friend be courageous through trials, becoming more humble, trusting, and thankful?

E) *Love Jesus more than any possession* (Luke 14:33; Matthew 19:16-30). How can I help my friend enjoy being generous with her time and money for those in need rather than being wasteful and spending primarily on herself?

F) *Obey Jesus' teaching through the power of His creative word* (John 8:31-36). How can I help my friend have victory over any bad habits or failures? What Bible promise might really help?

G) *Love people like Jesus did* (John 13:34-35; Luke 6:40). How can I help my friend forgive anyone s/he's upset with and care for family members, church members, and others like Jesus would?

H) *Tell God's stories* (Matthew 13:52; Mark 3:14). How can I help my friend share personal experiences/testimonies and tell God's stories effectively?

I) *Set people free from sicknesses and Satan's power* (Mark 3:15, Mark 16:17-18). How can I help my friend do tangible things to serve others?

J) *Make disciples of all the nations* (Matthew 28:18-20). How can I help my friend make disciples of Jesus as I have done for him?

7. Discuss together some of your plans for making disciples of your international friends. Especially consider how Jesus' great commission in Matthew 28:18-20

calls you to go and serve while working for the deep conversion and obedience of those disciples.

ASSIGNMENTS (5 Minutes)

1. What have you learned today and how will you use it this week?
2. What do you plan to do to follow up on any of the friendships you have developed?
3. Spend more time prayerfully going over the discipleship texts under number 6 above in order to make a plan for further discipling the people you have been witnessing to. Do something specific for the individual(s) you selected to disciple. Use the *Disciple Log* to keep track of important areas of growth. You can now use this to replace the *Contact Log* or staple them together and use both.
4. Mobilize and Multiply. Share with a friend or family member what you learned about being a disciple and making disciples. Encourage him or her to choose someone who is eager to grow and help that person advance in the ability to study the Bible, pray, witness, and other areas of discipleship.
5. Watch the following video clips (check online for updates):
 - Pastor Saeng Saengthip tells how being a disciple almost cost him his family; see how God uses different links in the chain to complete disciple-making beginning with Judy Aitken.
6. Complete study #9 in *My Favorite Missionary* and focus your prayers on those who are “Hindu” in *Praying for the World Next Door*.
7. Complete the form: *Field Report #9*

TEAM PRAYER (10 Minutes)

Pray together to be the kind of disciples we have been studying about; that you will be effective in helping your international friends become true disciples of Jesus.

Promises to Claim:

- *For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy (Colossians 1:9-11).*
- *Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible be delivered; for I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children” (Isaiah 49:25).*
- *The mother of Augustine prayed for her son’s conversion. She saw no evidence that the Spirit of God was impressing his heart, but she was not discouraged. She laid her finger upon the texts, presenting before God His own words, and pleaded as only a mother can. Her deep humiliation, her earnest importunities, her unwavering faith, prevailed, and the Lord gave her the desire of her heart. Today He is just as ready to listen to the petitions of His people. His ‘hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear;’ and if Christian parents seek Him earnestly, He will fill their mouths with arguments, and for His name's sake will work mightily in their behalf in the conversion of their children” (Testimonies Volume 5, 322).*