

EVERYDAY DISCIPLESHIP

AN ORIGINAL CREW SERIES

PART 3 - TOOLS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

BIG IDEA

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AN EXPERT. YOU JUST NEED TO BE AVAILABLE.

OPENING PRAYER & INTRODUCTION

BEGIN BY ASKING GOD TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSION AND OPEN HEARTS TO HOW HE WANTS TO USE EACH PERSON AS A DISCIPLE-MAKER.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. BELIEVERS ALREADY POSSESS ALL THE TOOLS NEEDED FOR DISCIPLESHIP; THEY ONLY NEED TO BE AVAILABLE, NOT PERFECT OR EXPERT
2. PRAYER AS THE FIRST TOOL: PRAY FOR PEOPLE, PRAY WITH PEOPLE, AND PRAY IN THE MOMENT RATHER THAN MAKING IT A LAST RESORT
3. PERSONAL TESTIMONY CARRIES POWER AND SHOULD BE KEPT TO 2-3 MINUTES, JESUS-FOCUSED, WITH FOUR PARTS: BEGINNING, SEQUENCE OF EVENTS, CLIMAX, AND CONCLUSION
4. SCRIPTURE SHOULD BE USED TO TEST EVERYTHING AND HELP PEOPLE TAKE NEXT STEPS, FOCUSING ON ONE VERSE AT A TIME FOR SPECIFIC SITUATIONS
5. THE LOCAL CHURCH SERVES AS THE "TOOLBOX" THAT HOLDS EVERYTHING TOGETHER, PROVIDING RESOURCES, RELATIONSHIPS, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO GET PLANTED, NOT JUST CONNECTED
6. THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES, TEACHES, AND PROVIDES REAL-TIME WISDOM FOR WHAT TO SAY AND HOW TO LEAD OTHERS
7. PRACTICAL DISCIPLESHIP HAPPENS IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS: DRIVING KIDS TO SCHOOL, BEDTIME ROUTINES, CONVERSATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS
8. THE THREE BY FIVE CHALLENGE: USE AT LEAST THREE TOOLS WITH ONE PERSON OVER THE NEXT FIVE DAYS

KEY SCRIPTURE

1. **1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18** "REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY CONTINUALLY, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS."
2. **JAMES 5:16** "THEREFORE, CONFESS YOUR SINS TO EACH OTHER AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER SO THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED. THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE."
3. **REVELATION 12:11** "THEY TRIUMPHED OVER HIM BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND BY THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY. THEY DID NOT LOVE THEIR LIVES SO MUCH AS TO SHRINK FROM DEATH."
4. **2 TIMOTHY 3:16** (ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED AND USEFUL FOR TEACHING, REBUKING, CORRECTING, AND TRAINING)
5. **JOSHUA 1:9** (BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS; THE LORD WILL BE WITH YOU)
6. **1 CORINTHIANS 14:33** (GOD IS NOT A GOD OF CONFUSION BUT OF PEACE)
7. **PSALM 92:13** (THOSE PLANTED IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD SHALL FLOURISH)
8. **LUKE 12:12** (THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH US WHAT TO SAY)
9. **JOHN 14:26** (THE HOLY SPIRIT AS TEACHER AND GUIDE)

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GROUP DISCUSSION

BREAKING IT DOWN

1. HAVE YOU EVER FELT UNQUALIFIED TO HELP SOMEONE GROW SPIRITUALLY? WHAT HELD YOU BACK?
2. WHICH OF THE FIVE TOOLS DO YOU USE MOST? WHICH DO YOU USE LEAST? WHY?

FIVE TOOLS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

1. DISCUSS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRAYING FOR SOMEONE VERSUS PRAYING WITH SOMEONE. WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU PRAYED WITH SOMEONE IN THE MOMENT RATHER THAN SAYING "I'LL PRAY FOR YOU LATER"?
2. HOW CAN WE DEVELOP THE HABIT OF "PRAYING CONTINUALLY" (1 THESSALONIANS 5:17) IN OUR DAILY LIVES?
3. WHAT MAKES SHARING YOUR STORY FEEL VULNERABLE? HOW DOES REVELATION 12:11 ENCOURAGE US ABOUT THE POWER OF OUR TESTIMONY?
4. WHAT'S ONE VERSE THAT HAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED YOUR LIFE? HOW COULD YOU USE THAT VERSE TO ENCOURAGE SOMEONE ELSE?
5. READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16. HOW CAN WE USE SCRIPTURE TO TEACH, REBUKE, CORRECT, AND TRAIN OTHERS WITHOUT COMING ACROSS AS JUDGMENTAL?
6. HOW HAS BEING PLANTED IN A LOCAL CHURCH HELPED YOU FLOURISH? (PSALM 92:13)
7. WHAT RESOURCES, CLASSES, OR RELATIONSHIPS IN OUR CHURCH COULD YOU CONNECT SOMEONE TO THIS WEEK?
8. SHARE ABOUT A TIME WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT GAVE YOU WISDOM OR WORDS "IN THE MOMENT" THAT YOU DIDN'T EXPECT TO HAVE.
9. WHAT DOES IT PRACTICALLY LOOK LIKE TO "ASK FOR REAL-TIME WISDOM" FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN TALKING WITH SOMEONE?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. WHO IS ONE PERSON GOD IS BRINGING TO MIND THAT YOU COULD DISCIPLE OR ENCOURAGE?
2. WHICH OF THE FIVE TOOLS DO YOU NEED TO DEVELOP MORE INTENTIONALLY?
3. 3X5 CHALLENGE: USE AT LEAST THREE TOOLS WITH ONE PERSON OVER THE NEXT FIVE DAYS. EXAMPLES:
 - A. PRAY WITH YOUR CHILD BEFORE SCHOOL AND SHARE A RELEVANT SCRIPTURE AND TELL THEM PART OF YOUR STORY
 - B. PRAY WITH A COWORKER, INVITE THEM TO CHURCH, AND SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY
 - C. TEXT A FRIEND A VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT, PRAY FOR THEM, AND ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR WISDOM IN YOUR NEXT CONVERSATION