

The Master's Plan of Discipleship

Mark 3:13-19

Why be in a Life Group?

1 Because as disciples we are called to grow and be changed by Jesus. Mark 1:16-18

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

2 Because Jesus modeled how to make disciples Mark 3:13-19

He appointed twelve-- designating them apostles--that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach. . .

3 Because Paul made disciples that way 2Tim 2:1-2

*And the things **you** have heard **me** say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to **reliable men** who will be able to teach **others** also.*

4 Because the early church lived it Acts 2:41-47

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

5 Because our history affirms it

Questions for Discussion:

Look again at Mark 1:16-18 & 3:13-19

How were Jesus' disciples central His overall plan of spreading the gospel of the kingdom? What are the implications for us?

How committed was Jesus to teaching large groups?

Mark 1:33; 2:2; 3:7-10; 3:20; 4:1; 5:21; 6:34; 8:1; 9:14; 10:1; 10:46

How committed was Jesus to His small group of disciples? How does Jesus' commitment to His men inspire you in regard to the importance of discipleship at the personal level? Mark 3:14; John 13:1; 15:27; 20:21; Acts 1:8

Which of these ministries can be done most effectively in a small discipleship setting vs a large group setting? Rom 15:7; Gal 5:13; Eph 4:2; 5:21; 1Peter 4:9

What are the practical implications of Paul's word to Timothy in 2Tim 2:2 for **every** believer?

How does Jesus, Paul and the early church commitments to disciple-making at the personal level influence your thinking about Life Groups and the process of helping make disciples?

How ready are you to 1) get into a Life Group if you aren't already, or 2) to help others to your Life Group, and 3) genuinely help others grow as disciples.