

BIBLICAL DISCIPLESHIP

The call to be disciples who make disciples that make
disciples

ICEBREAKER

- Name
- How long have you been coming to Federated?
- How would you define discipleship?
- What does it mean to be a disciplemaker?

PURPOSE OF THE CLASS

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- Goal: Equip you with the basic biblical foundation of what it means to be a disciple who makes disciples that make disciples.
- Resource: The Heart of a Disciplemaker by Tim LaFleur
 - Each week we will cover guidelines from the book supported by the primary foundation of Scripture.

OVERVIEW

- Week 1: What is Discipleship?
- Week 2: The Qualities of a Disciplemaker
- Week 3: The Roles of a Disciplemaker
- Week 4: The Actions of a Disciplemaker

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

- Greek word translated as disciple more than 250 times in the New Testament – **Mathetes.**
 - Means **close follower**
- A disciple is a learner and a follower. He or she is not only learning the truth about Christ; they are putting that truth into **practice.**
 - To make disciples, you must first be a disciple.

“And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:27 NLT

“Disciplemaking happens through intentional, intimate relationships with other people.” - Robby Gallaty

“Sin demands to have a man by himself. It withdraws him from the community. The more isolated a person is, the more destructive will be the power of sin over him.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

PUT INTO PRACTICE

- Discipleship is deeper and more intimate than Sunday mornings and large-group Bible studies.

“And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.”

Luke 6:13-19 NLT

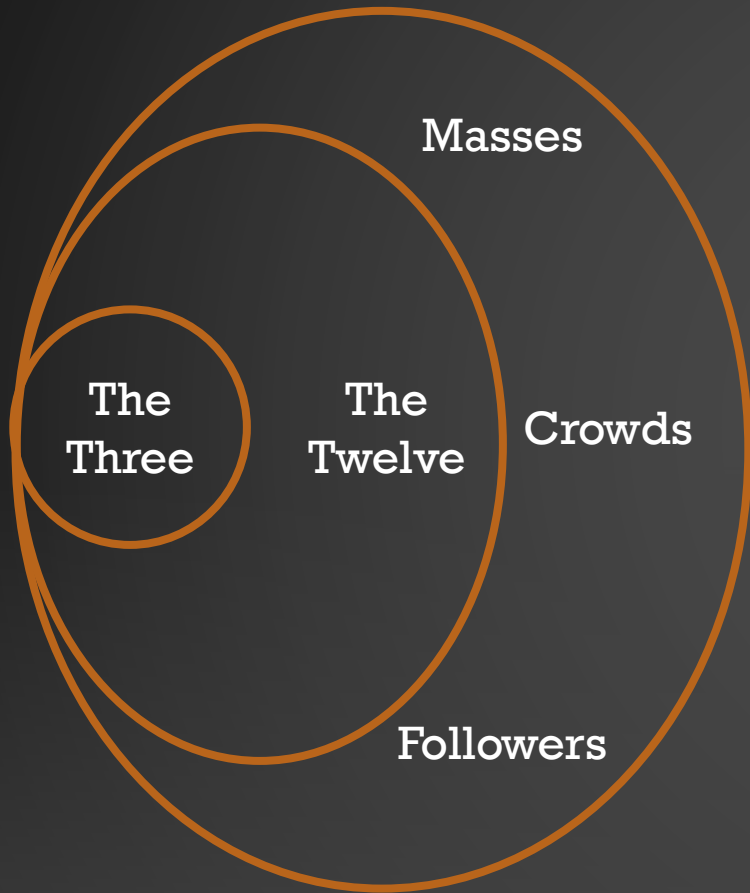
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- Discipleship happens most effectively in small groups of 2-3 individuals of the same gender.

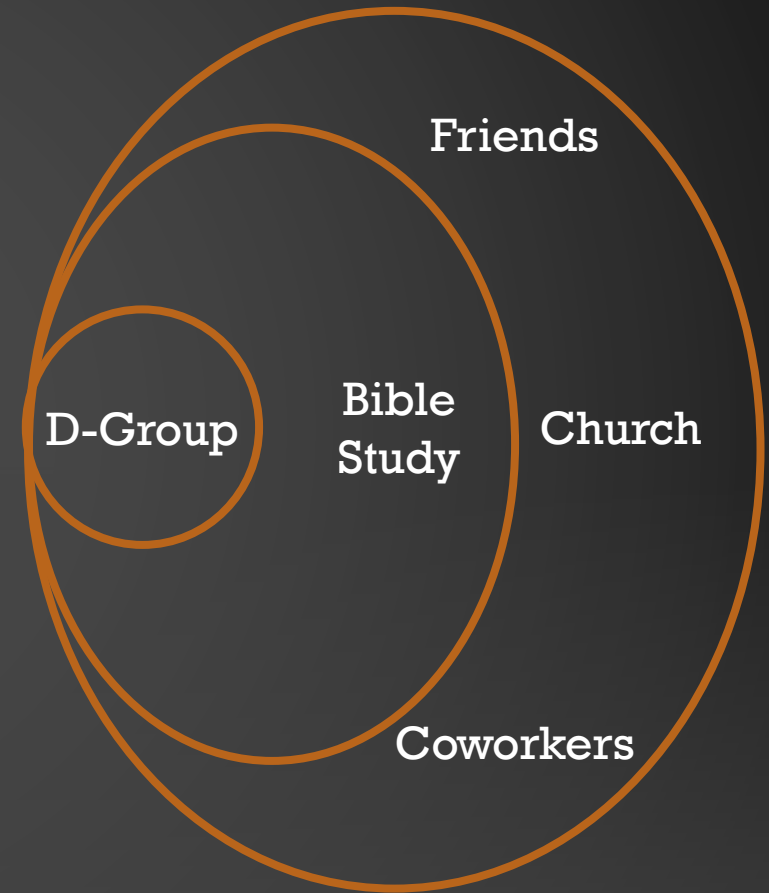
“The more concentrated the size of the group being taught, the greater the opportunity for effective instruction.”

- Dr. Robert Coleman

Jesus



Followers of Jesus



WHO DO I DISCIPLE?

“...Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.”

2 Timothy 2:2b

- Remember Jesus' command was not to win converts but to make and teach disciples.

- **FAITHFUL** – People who are faithful will persevere and endure through hardships. They are steadfast in their commitments and hold true in spite of the circumstances. (Heb 12:2)
- **AVAILABLE** – Those you invest in should be available. They are ready and willing to do the work of God. They are also committed to the time investment of required for discipling. (Rom 12:1,6,11)
- **INTENTIONAL** – They are people seeking the Kingdom of God and they see opportunities for ministry and seize them for His glory. (Eccl 3)

- **TEACHABLE** – Probably the most important of the character traits. It is a strong desire and willingness to be taught. (Acts 4:13, 1 Pet 5:5, Prov 9:9, 4:5, 12:1)
- **HUNGRY** – They should have a hunger and thirst for God. They will not be satisfied until they come to know Jesus in a deeper way. (Matt 5:6)

