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CREW LIFE DISCIPLESHIP

LESSON 8

MULTIPLICATION

Help Someone Else Follow Jesus



GROW



FISH



REPEAT

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Introduction

For the past eight weeks, we have been learning what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus. We have talked about the Church, the New Birth, spiritual formation, biblical authority, stewardship, our God-given purpose, and our mission to reach others. But **CREW LIFE** was never designed to end with us knowing more. Everything we have learned is supposed to become something we LIVE.

Last week we learned that every disciple has a mission and every believer has a testimony. We asked the question, “**Who could God reach through me?**” We discovered that the mission field is already around us—our families, friends, coworkers, neighbors, and the people God places in our everyday lives.

Reaching someone is not the end of discipleship. **IT’S THE BEGINNING.**

Jesus did not call us simply to help people have one encounter with Him. He called us to **MAKE DISCIPLES**—to help people meet Jesus, begin following Jesus, grow in Jesus, and eventually help someone else follow Jesus too.

That is why our **CREW LIFE** rhythm has never been just: **GROW**. And it doesn’t stop with: **GROW. FISH**. There is one more word: **REPEAT**.

What Jesus does **IN US** begins to work **THROUGH US**. Someone helps us follow Jesus. We help someone else follow Jesus. Then we help them learn how to help someone else follow Jesus. That is **MULTIPLICATION**.

That brings us to the final question of CREW LIFE Level I,
WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE REACH THEM?

CREW LIFE doesn’t end when someone comes to Jesus. That’s where another disciple’s journey begins.

Lesson Objective

By the end of this lesson, participants should understand that biblical discipleship is meant to multiply. They will learn how to intentionally walk alongside another person as they follow Jesus, help them grow in their faith, and prepare them to do the same for someone else.

The goal is to move from simply being a disciple to becoming a disciple-maker—living the ongoing rhythm of: **GROW. FISH. REPEAT!**

Big Idea

A disciple doesn't only follow Jesus. A disciple helps someone else follow Jesus—and teaches them to do the same.

Focus Scriptures

- * Matthew 28:18–20
- * Matthew 4:19
- * Acts 2:38, 42
- * John 1:40–42
- * 1 Corinthians 12:1
- * 2 Timothy 2:2

Lesson 8 — MULTIPLICATION - Help Someone Else Follow Jesus

I. JESUS SAID MAKE DISCIPLES

Matthew 28:18–20 — “...Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Before Jesus ascended, He gave His disciples a mission that would continue long after they were gone. We often call these words the Great Commission.

Jesus told His disciples to GO. He told them to TEACH. He told them to BAPTIZE. And then He told them to continue TEACHING those who had responded.

In other words, Jesus was not telling His disciples simply to reach people. He was telling them to MAKE DISCIPLES.

There is an important difference. Reaching someone with the Gospel is an essential part of our mission, but it is not the entire mission. We don't simply want someone to VISIT church, hear a message, or even have one powerful encounter with God. We want them to begin a life of FOLLOWING JESUS.

Think about the pattern Jesus gave us: GO → TEACH → BAPTIZE → TEACH THEM TO FOLLOW

The Gospel reaches someone, they respond to Jesus, and then discipleship continues. This is exactly what happened in the early Church. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached Jesus to the crowd.

When they asked, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”, Peter answered: “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” — Acts 2:38

Acts 2 doesn’t end with people being baptized and receiving the Word. Acts 2:42 says: “And they CONTINUED stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

They didn’t simply START. They CONTINUED. That is discipleship.

Someone EXPERIENCING the New Birth is not the finish line. It is the beginning of a new life with Jesus—and the Church has a responsibility to help that new disciple learn how to live that life.

This means our responsibility doesn’t end when someone comes through the doors of Angler Church. It doesn’t end when they come to an altar. It doesn’t end when they’re baptized. It doesn’t end when they receive the Holy Ghost.

WE WALK WITH THEM. WE WALK TOGETHER.

We help them understand the Word.

We teach them how to pray.

We help them become connected to the Church.

We encourage them when they’re struggling.

We help them discover how God has designed them.

We teach them how to share what Jesus has done in their life.

And eventually, something beautiful begins to happen:

THE PERSON WHO WAS REACHED BECOMES SOMEONE WHO REACHES.

That is where discipleship becomes MULTIPLICATION.

CREW DISCUSSION

1. What is the difference between helping someone have an encounter with Jesus and helping someone become a disciple of Jesus?

2. Why do you think Jesus included “teaching them” after He commanded His disciples to go and baptize?

II. DISCIPLESHIP HAPPENS THROUGH RELATIONSHIP

When Jesus made disciples, He did more than gather people together and teach them lessons. He invited people to [FOLLOW HIM](#).

[Matthew 4:19](#) — “...he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

The disciples traveled with Jesus. They listened to Him teach. They watched how He treated people. They saw Him pray. They watched Him minister to the hurting. They asked questions. They made mistakes. Jesus corrected them, encouraged them, taught them, and eventually sent them out to minister to others.

Jesus showed us that discipleship is more than transferring [INFORMATION](#).
DISCIPLESHIP IS SHARING LIFE. [\[IT'S LIFE STUDIES\]](#)

This is important because sometimes we think discipling someone means we must have all the answers. We may think we need years of experience, a ministry title, or enough Bible knowledge to teach a formal lesson. But discipleship can begin much more simply. It is one person following Jesus and helping another person learn to follow Jesus too.

Paul described this kind of relationship when he wrote:
[1 Corinthians 11:1](#) — “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”

Paul wasn't asking people to follow him instead of Jesus. He was saying, in effect, follow my example as I follow Christ.

That means we can help someone learn to pray, by praying with them.
We can help someone understand the Bible by opening it with them.
We can help someone become faithful to the Church by sitting beside them.
We can help someone through a difficult season by walking through it with them.
We can teach someone how to share their testimony by sharing ours.

Discipleship happens when what Jesus is teaching us becomes something we [INTENTIONALLY](#) begin sharing with someone else.

You don't have to be perfect to disciple someone. [YOU JUST HAVE TO KEEP FOLLOWING JESUS AND INVITE SOMEBODY TO WALK WITH YOU.](#)

CREW DISCUSSION

3. Who has helped you follow Jesus by doing more than simply teaching you—someone who prayed with you, encouraged you, answered your questions, or showed you by example how to live for God?

4. What are some simple ways you could begin doing the same for someone else?

III. HOW DO I DISCIPLE SOMEONE?

If discipleship happens through relationship, then what does that relationship actually look like? How do we help someone move from simply encountering Jesus to becoming a disciple who follows Him? It doesn't have to be complicated. We can begin with five simple steps:

I. CONNECT

Build a genuine relationship. People are not projects. Take time to listen. Learn their story. Care about what is happening in their life. Jesus ministered to people personally, and discipleship begins when we are willing to genuinely care about the person God has placed in front of us.

2. BRING THEM TO JESUS

Andrew the brother of Peter, gives us one of the simplest pictures of what it means to reach someone. [John 1:42](#) — “And he brought him to Jesus.”

Andrew had encountered Jesus, and one of the first things he did was find his brother Peter and bring him to Jesus. Andrew couldn't change Peter, and he had no idea what Peter would eventually become. His responsibility was simply to [BRING HIM TO JESUS](#).

The same is true for us. We cannot change someone's heart or transform their life. But we can help bring them to Jesus. We can share our testimony. Invite them to church. Pray with them. Open the Bible with them. Explain the Gospel to them. Walk beside them as they begin asking questions and seeking God. [OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO BRING THEM TO JESUS. JESUS IS THE ONE WHO SAVES, CHANGES, AND TRANSFORMS LIVES.](#)

3. WALK WITH THEM

Don't disappear after someone responds to Jesus. Sit beside them at church. Check on them during the week. Pray with them. Answer questions when you can. Help them understand repentance, baptism in Jesus' Name, and receiving the Holy Ghost. Show them how to read their Bible and develop a prayer life.

[DON'T JUST CELEBRATE THEIR BEGINNING. HELP THEM BUILD A LIFE.](#)

4. HELP THEM GROW

Think about the journey we have taken through [CREW LIFE](#). We have learned about the Church, the New Birth, spiritual formation, biblical authority, stewardship, discovering our God-given purpose, and living on mission. Now imagine helping someone else begin that same journey. You don't have to teach everything at once. Walk with them [ONE STEP](#) at a time as they learn to follow Jesus.

5. HELP THEM REACH SOMEONE ELSE

This is where discipleship becomes **MULTIPLICATION**. Eventually, we should be able to ask the person we are helping: **WHO ARE YOU REACHING?**

They begin sharing their testimony. They begin praying for someone. They begin inviting someone. And eventually, they begin helping another person follow Jesus.

That's **REPEAT..**

CREW DISCUSSION

4. Looking at the five steps—**CONNECT, BRING THEM TO JESUS, WALK WITH THEM, HELP THEM GROW, and HELP THEM REACH SOMEONE ELSE** — which one comes most naturally to you? Which one might require you to be more intentional?

CREW LIFE CULTURE

At **Angler Church**, we believe discipleship was never meant to stop with us. Jesus calls us to follow Him, grow in Him, and then help others do the same.

We believe every disciple can make a difference, every testimony can point someone to Jesus, and every person we reach has the potential to reach someone else.

CREW LIFE is not something we complete.—it is a way we live as disciples of Jesus.

We **GROW** as we continue following Jesus and becoming more like Him.

We **FISH** as we intentionally reach the people God has placed around us.

We **REPEAT** as we walk with those we reach, help them grow, and teach them to reach someone else.

The goal isn't simply to become a stronger disciple.

THE GOAL IS TO BECOME A DISCIPLE WHO MAKES DISCIPLES.

WE ARE DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES.

That is the culture of **CREW LIFE: GROW. FISH. REPEAT.**

CREW NOTES

1. Jesus told His disciples to _____. He told them to _____. He told them to _____. And then He told them to continue _____ those who had responded.

2. We don't simply want someone to _____ church, hear a message, or even have one powerful encounter with God. We want them to begin a life of _____.

3. Acts 2:42 says: "And they _____ stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

4. Someone _____ the New Birth is not the finish line.
EXPERIENCING

5. The person who was reached becomes someone who reaches. That is where discipleship becomes _____.

6. When Jesus made disciples, He did more than gather people together and teach them lessons. He invited people to _____.

7. Jesus showed us that discipleship is more than transferring _____.

8. Discipleship happens when what Jesus is teaching us becomes something we _____ begin sharing with someone else.

9. Andrew could not change Peter or know what he would become. His responsibility was simply to _____.

10. You don't have to teach everything at once. Walk with them _____ at a time as they learn to follow Jesus.