

PRACTICAL TRAINING FOUR

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Words in gray brackets italicized: *[Direction for the talent.]*

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Panel 4 (back panel)

Welcome to Practical Training number four... or PT four (PT-4). This training is called, “Discipleship Groups.”

To do this training, each person will need the sheet of paper they used for PTs one, two, and three *[show the paper]* ... and something to write with *[show the pen]*. If anyone doesn’t have their PT training sheet... no problem... just use a blank sheet of copy or printer paper folded in half... and you can transfer the contents to the other sheet later

[give the trainee some time to gather these supplies if needed]

As we mentioned, each practical training is designed to do TWO things... to train YOU to make disciples... and to EQUIP you to train OTHER disciple-makers. These videos will still be available if you need them... as well as a downloadable instruction sheet... but after each PT training... YOU become the TRAINER for that training. And all you need... is a few sheets of paper... and some pens. So remember to bring these supplies when you train others... and then remind them to bring their training sheet back to the next group meeting.

Okay, let’s begin this training.

In the top left corner, let’s write **PT dash FOUR** *[write PT-4]*... and then write the title of this training: **DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS**. Then... underneath that line... draw an arrow and write the purpose of this training... which is to... **START NEW GROUPS**. Just as God has been using a Jesus’ Disciple group to change you, He also wants to use them to change many others. Okay... then draw a line across the entire page under this heading.

Now let's divide the rest of this panel in half vertically... [draw a vertical line down the center] ... and then also in half horizontally... [draw a horizontal line across the center] ... making four somewhat equal sections.

Then let's write some words in EACH of the TOP LEFT corners.

In the top left section, let's write, WHY and box it in [write WHY in the top-left corner of the top-left section, and box it in]

In the top right section, let's write the word, WHAT and box it in [write WHAT in the top-right corner of the top-right section, and box it in]

In the bottom left section, let's write the word HOW and box it in [write HOW in the bottom-left corner of the bottom-left section, and box it in]

In the bottom right section, let's write the words, MY ROLE and box it in [write MY ROLE in the bottom-right corner of the bottom-right section, and box it in]

So in this training, we'll learn WHY we should start discipleship groups. WHAT discipleship groups are.... HOW to start a discipleship group... and MY ROLE in a new discipleship group.

Okay, let's start with WHY... Why should we start new discipleship groups?

Each of these sections will have TWO or THREE POINTS.

Number 1... [write 1 and circle it] in MATTHEW 28:19, [next to #1, write the reference verse] Jesus said GO MAKE DISCIPLES, [below the reference verse draw an arrow and write the words in CAPS] He did NOT say, GO BE DISCIPLES [draw an arrow and write the words in CAPS]

Now, does Jesus want us to be disciples? Well, of course he does! Everyone is called to be a disciple of Jesus. But the point is... Jesus not only wants us to be

disciples, He wants us to make disciples. Every disciple of Jesus is also a disciple maker.

Number 2, [write 2 and circle it] in LUKE 6:12-13, [next to #2, write the reference verse] we see that JESUS DISCIPLED IN GROUPS [below the reference verse draw an arrow and write the words in CAPS]. And wouldn't you know it...modern research tells us today that people learn better, and faster, in groups. So we can see once again, that Jesus knows exactly what He's doing. So why do we need to start new discipleship groups? Because Jesus commanded us to go make disciples and Jesus' model for us is to disciple in groups.

Now, let's talk about the second section... WHAT... What is a discipleship group?

First, it's 2 OR MORE OTHER PEOPLE [write 1 and circle it and then write the words in CAPS next to it]. Don't include yourself when you count. So again, find two or more other people. And under that, add an asterisk and write *3 to 5... [write and asterisk and 3-5] because a group of 3 to 5 people seems to be a sweet spot for discipleship groups. It's okay if you have more than five, but just remember that when you have too many people, some people will share a lot in the Group Meetings, and others will rarely share. So sometimes it's better to start a second group so that everyone can become comfortable sharing in group discussions.

And then number 2 [write 2 and circle it] the group will MEET WEEKLY FOR DISCIPLESHIP. [next to number 2 write the words in CAPS] Now, of course, many people meet with others weekly for any number of reasons, but that's not a discipleship group. Your group will meet weekly... specifically for discipleship. That's what makes it a discipleship group.

Now, let's talk about HOW... How do we start discipleship groups?

Number 1, [write 1 and circle it] we ASK PEOPLE TO MEET [next to number 1 write the words in CAPS]

Disciple makers that don't ask people to meet rarely start groups. But disciple makers that continue to ask people... continue to start groups. Now... we've

already been trained to pray for the lost I know every day ... to share our story with people ... and to share the gospel with them. But... we can do all of those things and still not start discipleship groups. We need to ask people to meet. If we don't ask people to meet, then discipleship groups won't form. Also, don't be disappointed if some people turn you down. That just means they're not ready yet. Continue to pray for them, but move on and continue asking other people to gather. When you do that, you'll find people who are ready and willing to meet.

Number 2 [write 2 and circle it] **ASK PEOPLE TO ASK PEOPLE.** [next to number 2 write the words in CAPS].

Every person who says YES has family members, or friends, or classmates, or co-workers, or neighbors they can invite. So ask them to invite them.

And number 3 [write 3 and circle it] **FOLLOW THE WEEKLY PLAN** [next to number 3 write the words in CAPS]. When you meet, have your group download the Jesus Disciple app and follow the first Group Meeting agenda. It's THAT simple!!!

So, let's close this out with MY ROLE... What is my role... your role... in a new discipleship group?

Number 1 [write 1 and circle it] I need to **START THE GROUP** [next to number 1 write the words in CAPS].

Make sure to communicate very clearly with everyone about where and when you'll meet. Once you have your first Group Meeting, everyone will understand how it works.

Number 2 [write 2 and circle it] I need to **TRAIN A NEW LEADER** [next to number 2 write the words in CAPS].

Now you may be thinking... I thought I was the leader? Well remember, you're already in a group or house church... and it's important to be a faithful disciple in your OWN group. To effectively multiply NEW DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS, we must also multiply NEW GROUP LEADERS. Some groups may require YOU to lead them for a few weeks, but for OTHER groups, a new group leader may be able to lead

them RIGHT AWAY. The key is... to only lead and attend the new group until the new group leader can lead it. If you were personally leading the group for a time, let everyone know who the new leader is... and that you'll continue to stay in touch with that leader.

And then number 3 [write 3 and circle it], I need to **COACH THE NEW LEADER** [next to number 2 write the words in CAPS].

As a coach, stay in contact with the new leader at least once or twice a week... both to encourage them... and to continue guiding them to lead the group well. Getting a new group all the way through Territory one and into Territory two requires the most effort and attention.

Okay... now we understand WHY we start discipleship groups... WHAT a discipleship group IS... HOW to start one... and what your ROLE is with the new group.

And there you have it... PT-4. Now practice this training with each other in the group and then let's get out there and start some new discipleship groups!