



Session 9 | “A Sample Agenda for My Missional Community”

Book Page 172 | Matthew 4:19, Matthew 6:33

BIG Goal | To begin discipling our family and friends the way Jesus disciplines His followers in the gospels.

Today’s Goal | To review and understand a suggested agenda for a Missional Community.

Watch video session #9 and then process questions and insights with the following:

The last time we met, we were able to put the finishing touches on our discipling plan. Of course, a key part of the plan is our time together in Missional Community. Today we will review a suggested agenda for the Missional Community that helps pull together key elements of Jesus’ process, your plan, and the 5 discipling practices we looked at in Session 7.

The agenda is printed on page 172 of “Joining Jesus – Show Me How.”

- 1) The Finke’s suggest allowing two hours when following this agenda with a Missional Community. The reason for this is so the Missional Community has the time needed for unhurried conversations about life with Jesus and for developing personal relationships.

If you are discipling your family, try engaging parts of the agenda a few minutes each day throughout the week.

If you are discipling an individual during lunch (for example) and only have an hour, you can still use this agenda. Going through the agenda with an individual takes less time than with a group of people.

- What lesson did you learn from the popcorn and golf ball illustration?
 - What is your reaction to Greg’s statement: “The irony of discipleship is that the faster you try to go, the slower your progress will be. Jesus prioritized personal relationship in His discipling process. So, instead of by-passing Jesus’ priority, we should probably just imitate it.”
- 2) As a group, talk through each item included on the agenda. What makes sense? About what do you still have questions?

The Suggested Agenda

The following agenda helps you include key elements of Jesus' process, your plan, and the 5 discipling practices while still prioritizing personal relationship and enjoying unhurried conversation about how life as a trainee of Jesus is going.

1. People arrive and catch up with each other. (*allow 15 minutes for #1-2*)
2. Find out what Jesus may already be up to by asking, "How's Jesus been messing with you this week? What questions are you asking?"
3. When ready, open with prayer and restate the Discipling Goal. (*allow 5 minutes for #3-4*)
4. Remind each other of our "True Identity and Mission in Christ," and "In Here is for Out There." (Discipling Practices 1 and 2)
5. Prompt reflection and conversation with the 5 Questions. (Discipling Practice 3)
(*allow 60 minutes for #5-6*)
6. When helpful, remind each other "All of That is Still This." (Discipling Practice 4)
7. Leave time at the end for the following questions: (*allow 40 minutes*)
(Note: Break into smaller groups if you need to save time.)
 - "What insight did you receive today and how can you put it into action this week?" (Discipling Practice 5)
 - "What small part of our experience today can you replicate with your family or friends during the coming week? How did it go last week?"
 - "How can we help you with prayer?"

Before We Go

(Note: It may be helpful to break into groups of three for this.)

Insight to Action

What was the most significant insight you had as a result of today's video and discussion? Can you take your insight and turn it into a plan for action in the coming week?

Write down your insight and plan for action:

Take **60 seconds** to have each person share their response with the group.

Ministering through Prayer

As we prepare to head out with Jesus, have each person ask the next person, "**How can I help you in prayer?**" After everyone has had a turn to answer, each person then prays for their neighbor.