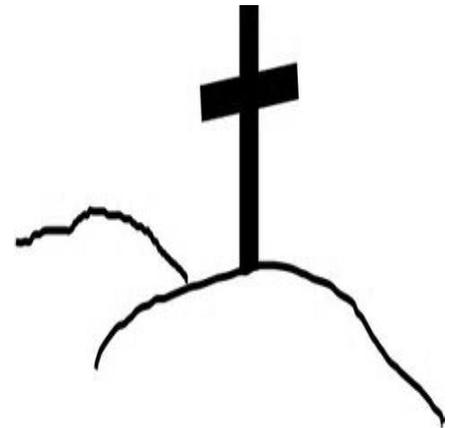


Get In & Get Going for God!



Discipleship Program

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14

Leader's Guide

Lesson 1 Leader's Notes

This lesson is designed to get the new disciple to begin to change their thought process and start focusing on spiritual things. There is a lot of information and it may take 2-3 weeks to cover the entire lesson. Keep in mind that some of the topics that are mentioned here will be covered in depth in a later lesson.

Whether the lesson is complete in 1 week or 3 weeks, it is important to introduce them to their challenge at the end of the lesson after the first meeting. This discipleship program is not just a lesson, but is designed to get the disciple to develop spiritual characteristics and habits in their life. The goal is for them to get knowledge and grow by the actions associated with that knowledge.

Encourage them to get a notebook or journal that can be used specifically for the discipleship program. You may want to take an excuse away and provide them with a notebook/ journal at your first meeting. This journal will be used throughout the discipleship time to keep them accountable and needs to be reviewed at the start of every meeting. New topics will be discussed and each lesson they will have something else to record in the notebook.

This discipleship program does require some extra effort on the disciple's part. If they are hesitant to participate in the "challenge", then emphasize that this is to help them; it will keep them accountable, make them really think about what they are doing and they will be able to look back in the weeks to come and see the progression (spiritual growth) that they are making.

If they do not want to complete the "challenge", or fail to complete the "challenge", then you should consider having a "hard" conversation (in love) with them about the "why" and reconsider if this is someone that you want to spend your time with.

Example: the disciple has completed lesson 1, but will not commit to being baptized, or will not commit to come to church, and there is no real hindrance. Is this someone that you are willing to devote multiple hours to?

Make sure you are emphasizing that they memorize the memory verse each week and that they will recite it to you the next time you meet for discipleship.

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Lesson 2 Leader's Notes

This lesson is designed to get the new disciple to understand the importance of the Bible. It may take longer than 1 meeting to cover the entire lesson. The goal is to get them to see the Bible as the Final Authority in their life!

The challenge is in addition to what they started in the first lesson. They should record their findings in the same notebook/ journal they are already using.

Make sure you are taking your time when you review their notebook from the last challenge. You need to ask questions to get them to think about what they have done and identify the struggles they might have with trying to accomplish spiritual things in their life.

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Lesson 3 Leader's Notes

This lesson is designed to get the new disciple to understand the importance of prayer and that God is available for prayer any time. It may take longer than 1 meeting to cover the entire lesson. The goal is to get them to start a habit of effective prayers. They need to realize that prayer is a simple thing to do, but a hard thing for most to stay committed to. As the leader, it would be good to identify the excuses that can be made to not pray. This will also help them to see that many Christians struggle to do what is right and that they are not unique in that sense.

If you have not been doing so; open and close every meeting w/ the disciple in prayer. Make sure you ask them if there is anything that you can pray about for them.

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Lesson 4 Leader's Notes

This lesson is designed to get the new disciple to understand the Trinity. The word trinity is never used in the Bible, but it simply means "3 in 1". There are many religions that talk of Jesus, but they deny who He really is. After this lesson the disciple should not be swayed away from the truth of the Bible about our triune God. They should also be able to give a defense of this doctrine; that is what the challenge is geared toward.

When going through this lesson with the disciple, do not be too quick to give them the answers. They need to think through some things on their own. If they ever run into a Jehovah's Witness (or other heretic), there might not be anyone but them to defend the truth of the Trinity.

The answers of the challenge are contained in the lesson, but this would be a good opportunity to talk with the disciple about using a concordance (Strong's, E-Sword, etc.) to do a study.

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Lesson 5 Leader's Notes

This lesson is designed to get the new disciple to understand the functioning and purpose of the local church. The end result is to get them serving in one (or more) ministries of the church.

This may be one of the challenges that you want to sit down and go through with them: help them make a list of the churches ministries as they may not know what all of them are. By this time you should have a fairly good grasp on their personality and have an idea what ministry they may fit into best. You might have to guide them in that direction.

Again, whether you help them with the challenge or review it with them, the goal is to get them to think through attending every service and serving in a ministry. For the majority of Christians there is no real reason that they cannot be at every service or serve, they just make excuses not to. The goal is to identify and eliminate these excuses.

Once the ministry has been identified that they are willing to take a closer look at; the goal is to get them with the right person and get them scheduled to start in that ministry. This may take some more effort to eliminate excuses. Do your best to not let them push it off until it's "more convenient". Try to get them started before the next meeting!

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Lesson 6 Leader's Notes

This lesson is designed to get the new disciple to understand that God has expectations for Christians and that now that they are saved, they should be concerned about pleasing God.

This may be one of the challenges that you want to sit down and go through with them. It may not be easy for them to open up to you, but your goal is to get them to do just that; they need to be honest so that you can help them develop a plan to overcome the things in their life that are not pleasing to God.

Reinforce to them that you are not trying to judge them, but help them. You might want to share some of the struggles that you have experienced with Godly standards and how you got victory over them.

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Lesson 7 Leader's Notes

This lesson is designed to get the new disciple to understand the importance of how they treat their finances and what God expects them to do with their money.

There are many things that they may not realize that they are spending money on that they do not need; fast food, cable, internet, expensive cars, etc. The goal is to get them to realize that they have money to give for the cause of Christ, but may cause some changing on their part. Try to get them to focus on the eternal instead of the temporal.

Give them some examples from your life how God has blessed when you place Him first in your finances.

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Lesson 8 Leader's Notes

This lesson is designed to make husbands, wives and children see God's plan for the family. The world has confused the roles of husbands and wives and how to raise children.

It is important to emphasize that this is God's plan, not yours. There may be some tense moments, because of how their family has been functioning: mom works, dad doesn't do devotion, the children don't get paddled, etc.

There is opportunity to ask many questions that aren't included in this lesson. For example, you could ask, "as the spiritual leader of the home, is it important for the husband/ father to pray with and do devotions with his family?"

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