Become a Disciple Maker
A SIMPLE PROCESS FOR MAKING DISCIPLES

Every Christian has been commissioned to make disciples. Discipleship occurs when a person is connected to God through His people (the Church) and His word (the Bible). There are many ways where connections happen naturally in the course of relationships, events, and programs where Christians learn and connect with each other. That is why plenty of people become mature disciples without some type of formal discipleship process.

However, as with nearly any discipline in life, more will be accomplished if there is a specific plan and intentional commitment to make it happen. Disciplemaker is a simple strategy that consists of some basic tools that are understandable, memorable, and reproducible, and they can be used to help a committed disciple assist others in growing into spiritual maturity and engaging the mission that Jesus has for us.

The Disciplemaker strategy is designed for a person to gather 3-5 other individuals for a period of approximately 9 months where they will learn 4 Disciplemaker tools, study the Bible, and grow in spiritual maturity.

In this overview of Disciplemaker we will overview the 4 tools and explain how to gather and lead a group of 3-5 persons. At the end, we will give some basic instructions for getting started and provide additional resources to accomplish this simple goal. So let’s learn how to make disciples.
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Part One: The Tools
TOOL 1: The Triangle

A disciple is a person who has a healthy relationship with God and others. Everyone needs 3 essential relationships. We need a relationship with God, a relationship with God’s people, and strategic relationships with people who do not know God. The Triangle represents these 3 relationships: Peace with God, a Place in God’s Family and a Purpose in the World.

To use this tool, first draw a triangle.
The first relationship every disciple must have is peace with God. This means a person must have peace with God through salvation. This comes through trusting in Jesus by faith. It also can describe our ongoing spiritual health through a surrendered life to God’s will and being filled with the Holy Spirit. It is the absence of unconfessed sin and represents true intimacy with God. The most important relationship in our life is the one with God, therefore, the top point illustrates our need for Peace with God.

**STEP 1:**
The top point of the triangle represents our relationship with God. At the top point write Peace with God.

**STEP 2:**
The bottom two points represent our relationships with people. The bottom right point represents our relationship to the Church. At that point write the words *A Place in God’s Family.*
A disciple must be connected with God’s people. This can be used to emphasize the importance of being baptized and identifying with a local congregation of believers. It can also be used further to teach the importance of fellowship, partnership, and stewardship. In other words, we all need ongoing involvement in the church (fellowship), we need to partner together in the mission of the church (partnership), and we need to invest our time, talent, and treasure in the church (stewardship). A healthy connection with God’s people is essential for discipleship.

**STEP 3:**
The bottom left point illustrates our relationship with people outside the church. At that point write the words *A Purpose in the World.*

This point illustrates the importance of embracing the mission of Jesus. It can be used to explain the importance of discovering God’s mission for His people, serving others, and sharing the gospel.

**WHAT IS A DISCIPLE**

These three commitments illustrate what a disciple is. A disciple is someone who has *Peace with God, a Place in God’s Family,* and *a Purpose in the World.*
STEP 4:
The last step in the triangle can illustrate the importance of being healthy in all three relationships. Draw a circle in the middle of the triangle and a dotted line to each point.

The circle in the middle illustrates a balance between all three points. If the circle isn’t in the middle it represents a spiritual walk that is out of balance. For instance, a circle closer to the top shows a person who might be passionate about their personal devotions, beliefs and prayers, but they aren’t connected to a local congregation or engaged in serving others and sharing the gospel. They are out of balance.
The circle closer to the bottom right can illustrate a person who is very involved at church, but they don’t share the gospel with others or maybe they are masking their lack of a healthy relationship with God with an undue emphasis on church activities and programs.

The circle closer to the bottom left can illustrate a person who is very engaged in social programs or activism, but perhaps they lack connection to a local church or are deficient in their personal walk with Christ.
You can use the triangle tool to illustrate what a disciple is and what a healthy disciple’s life looks like. This tool can continue to be used as an evaluative instrument to see where people feel strong or weak. Do they have a healthy relationship in all three areas? Are they in balance? Once you learn this tool it becomes an easy way to illustrate and evaluate the life of a disciple.
The Sword tool will be used as a tool to help others learn inductive Bible Study. You can use it with each passage of the Bible you read and discuss. Once you learn this tool it can be used over and over again to develop the habits of studying and applying God’s Word to our lives.

Draw a sword. You will want to practice drawing this because it might be a little trickier to draw than the other tools.
Explain that the Bible describes itself as a sharp double-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12; Galatians 6:17).

The tip of the sword that points up is for God. When you read a Bible passage you look first for what you learn about God. What does this passage teach us about God, as Father, Son, or Holy Spirit?

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The bottom of the sword represents humanity. What do we learn in this passage about people? Who is in this passage, and what are they doing?

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The sword also has two sides to its blade. The first side of the blade reminds us to ask: Is there a sin in this passage for us to avoid or confess? The second side of the blade reminds us to ask: Are there any commands in this passage to obey or examples to follow?
Once you’ve learned the Sword tool you will use it repeatedly in discipling relationships to understand and apply God’s word.
The *Oikos* tool is based on a Greek word that is translated in the New Testament as household. The word “household” in the English language often refers only to immediate family members. However, in the Bible, household or *oikos*, represents so much more. An *oikos* can refer to co-workers, neighbors, and pretty much anyone in our community or sphere of influence. It is this word that the New Testament uses to describe how the Gospel spread through relational networks. The *Oikos* Map is a tool designed to help identify individuals in our social networks and guide our prayer lives as we pray for both followers of Christ and future believers. This tool helps growing disciples focus on our mission in the world and gives us a way to begin to engage people within our relational network in spiritual conversations with the goal of sharing the gospel.

An *Oikos* Map looks like this:
Here is how to draw an *Oikos* Map.

**STEP 1:** First, start by writing your name in the center of a piece of paper and drawing a circle around it.

**STEP 2:** Next, around your name, write down the names of six people you regularly come in contact with - three on the left side who have a relationship with Jesus, and three on the right side who do not have a relationship with Jesus.

**STEP 3:** Circle their individual names and draw lines connecting those new circles to the circle around your name. These names could include a neighbor you rarely speak to. A server at a local restaurant you frequent. Your aunt. Maybe a co-worker.

**STEP 4:** Surrounding each of those six people, write down two or three more people in their relational network. Circle their names and connect them to their respective relational connection.

**STEP 5:** You should finish with a network of people and names to be strategically praying for and sharing the Gospel with. As people come to know the Lord, they become those you invest in by discipling them and helping them to grow into spiritual maturity.
Once you’ve identified your Oikos Map, use the following strategic and sequential steps to begin to engage these people with the gospel.

**First, pray for them.** Make it a priority to regularly pray for those in your relational network who need the gospel.

**Second, connect with them.** Look for an opportunity to connect with them. There may be an opportunity to serve them or to engage them in a social setting as you build a friendship with them. Ask them how you can pray for them. This will begin to open the door to spiritual things and give them an opportunity to open up about any needs in their lives.

**Third, pray with them.** After they have shared a way you can pray for them, you have an open door to go back in a few days or a couple of weeks to check on how things are going. After they share, ask for permission to pray for them right there. If they grant you permission, say a simply short prayer for the needs they have expressed and pray that God would make Himself known to them.

**Fourth, share the gospel.** Look for the opportunity to share the gospel. You may do this by sharing your own testimony, or you may do it by using a simple tool to share the gospel (Tool #4). After you share, you can measure their receptivity to the message of Jesus. Ask them if it makes sense. Do they have any questions? If they understand you can press further to see if they are willing to pray and put their faith in Jesus.

**Fifth, disciple them.** Help a new convert grow in their relationship with Christ by making sure they are connected to God’s people and God’s word. Make sure you help them engage in your local church and consider using the Disciplemaker process to personally disciple them.
Sometimes people are ready to respond to the good news of Jesus and you should be ready to pray with them and lead them to faith in Christ. Other times it may take a series of conversations and interactions. Sometimes people do not believe or are not willing to respond. Regardless, our responsibility is to share the good news and give them an opportunity to respond. The response is between them and God.

The Oikos Map is a great tool to help us begin to think about our purpose and mission to build relationships, serve others, and share our faith. Like all of these tools, after you use it you will return to it again and again throughout a discipling relationship to focus on the progress disciples are making to serve and influence others for the gospel.

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The 3 Circles tool is a tool to illustrate what it means to repent and believe in Jesus and turn to God through faith. It is a wonderful tool to help someone understand how to be saved, but also to equip the believer to share that good news with others.

**It starts with drawing a single circle. Inside the circle write the word God or God’s Design.**

You begin by explaining that God is real. God has a purpose for our lives and for all of creation. There is purpose, beauty and evidence of design all around us. But if God is real and if He designed a world according to His purpose, why is there so much brokenness in the world?

**Draw a second circle out from the first and label it “Brokenness”.

This circle reminds us of the brokenness that is all around us. The world is broken. It’s easy to point out examples of that. However, point out that the brokenness isn’t just on the outside it starts on the inside. We are broken. Point out that none of us is perfect. Where did the brokenness come from? It came because of sin.
Draw an arrow from the God circle to the Brokenness circle and label the arrow with the word “Sin.”

Describe how everyone has sinned and how sin has caused the brokenness within us and all around us. Then explain how many people try to solve the problem of our brokenness. People try religion. People try living a moral life. People try to cover up their brokenness with alcohol, drugs, money or even relationships. There are many ways we try to fix our brokenness, but ultimately these all fail to lead us back to God.

Illustrate this point by drawing arrows out of the brokenness circle that still lead us away from God.

This circle reminds us of the brokenness that is all around us. The world is broken. It’s easy to point out examples of that. However, point out that the brokenness isn’t just on the outside it starts on the inside. We are broken. Point out that none of us is perfect. Where did the brokenness come from? It came because of sin.
Draw a third circle to the left of the second and below the first. Label this circle “Gospel” or “Jesus”.

So what is our solution? The answer is the gospel. You might even draw a cross in the circle and explain that the gospel is that God loves us despite our sin and sent Jesus to become the sacrifice for our sin. Jesus died on the cross in our place and was raised by God from the dead. God promises forgiveness and life to all who believe in the name of Jesus and trust Him to be their Savior.

Draw an arrow from the 2nd circle to the 3rd and on one side of that arrow write the word “Believe” and on the other write the word “Repent”.

How do we respond to this good news of Jesus? We repent and believe. Explain that we respond to Jesus by believing that He is God’s Son and that God raised Him from the dead, and we are saved by repenting, or turning away from our sin, to follow Jesus.
Finally, you can draw an arrow from the last circle back to the first.

This illustrates that when you trust in Jesus, you can begin to live according to God’s Design and pursue His purpose for your life.

When you’ve finished your diagram, it will look something like this.

The 3 circles tool becomes a tool to help everyone communicate their faith and illustrate what it means to believe in Jesus and be saved. You can download the 3 Circles app to your phone or device and also access resources to help you understand this tool. Use your App store and simply type in “3 Circles” and you will see this illustration in an app entitled “Life on Mission.”

As you share this tool you will also help disciple your group on how to lead someone to a commitment to Christ.

These tools can actually be shared in any order, and it may depend on the composition of your group. If, for instance, you do not know if someone in your group has yet to make a commitment to Christ, you might begin by sharing this tool first, or you might use the Triangle tool to emphasize how important it is to have peace with God and then use this tool to explain how to make sure everyone has peace with God through Jesus.
Part Two: Your Discipleship Group
WHAT IS A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP?

A discipleship group is a group of 3-5 persons who meet for the purpose of helping new or young believers grow into mature and multiplying disciples. The idea is for a group to meet every week or bi-weekly. The group can meet at a time and place that works best for those involved. It can be a standing breakfast or lunch appointment. It can be on a Wednesday night at a church campus. It can be in someone’s home...almost anywhere will work.

Each meeting should be 60-90 minutes in length. Each meeting should be structured around a simple predictable outline. Spend some time talking and catching up. The leader should own the responsibility to quickly getting the focus to spiritual things. Focus first on kingdom wins over the previous period. Have there been any gospel conversations? Are there any exciting breakthroughs or developments in someone’s personal spiritual growth? After you learn the Oikos tool you can continually refer back to that to in order to emphasize the mission and kingdom advance.

For the first 8-10 weeks focus on the 4 tools. Teach a new tool every 1-2 weeks and use the second meeting to reinforce the tool and make sure everyone in the group can replicate and explain the tool. There will be a Bible passage to read and discuss each week. Once you learn the Sword tool, use that to guide the discussions about the Bible passage.

After all 4 tools are learned you will simply be studying Bible passages together and discussing them each week. You will continually use the 4 tools as you study the Bible together. After the first 8-10 weeks you will settle into an outline that will look something like this:

- **CONNECT** - spend time talking about the past week and catching up.
- **FOCUS** - discuss any kingdom advances, particularly any opportunities to share the gospel and influence those in our oikos.
**BIBLE**- discuss the Bible passage that was assigned the previous week and use the Sword tool to guide your observations and discussions. Over time learn to let the group participants guide and lead the conversations.

**PRAYER**- spend time praying for one another and make sure the prayer focuses on advancing the gospel through connecting and sharing with others.

**PLAN**- assign the passage to discuss at the next meeting and any other work the group needs to do. Make sure you leave with a definite plan to meet up again.

**A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP IS NOT:**

**ANOTHER BIBLE STUDY.** Bible Study is important, but a discipleship group is not simply about studying the Bible together. It is about discipling others toward spiritual growth. Everyone in the group should be involved in a Community Group elsewhere. Groups are important to connect with others and study the Bible together. A discipleship group is not meant as a replacement for that.

**A THERAPY GROUP.** While people will want to discuss their life issues and questions, this is not a place to let personal agendas and problems dominate the group. If someone has deeper personal issues that need exploration, pull them aside and recommend biblical counseling but encourage them not to let those issues dominate the focus of the group.
A PLACE TO DEVELOP CO-DEPENDENCY. Many people are lonely and are looking for relationships to fill the void that exists. Of course healthy relationships do bring healing power, but don’t allow someone to demand your time and attention in an unhealthy way. Boundaries are important and that is why we provide some resources to help you establish healthy boundaries at the beginning of your discipleship group. It is also why discipleship groups should be persons of the same gender, men with men and women with women.

The people in your discipleship group still need to be in a larger Community Group, and they certainly need to be involved in the broader church life. The discipleship group does not need to be their only connection to the life of the church and with God. If they aren’t involved in a healthy way in the church, part of the discipleship process is to encourage and facilitate that. Don’t let a person become connected to you in an unhealthy and imbalanced way.

HOW DO I START?

Begin praying about 3-5 people you would invite into your group. Look for people who seem curious and hungry to know more and grow spiritually. These may be people who ask good questions in your Community Group/Bible Study, those who are new believers, someone who has approached you directly about wanting to grow more spiritually. Look for people younger or at least younger in the faith.

Approach those you have prayed for. Make sure you explain to them what a discipleship group is. Use resources provided so that everyone can understand the nature of a discipleship group and make an appropriate commitment to it. See the Discipleship Group Commitment in the resource section.

The best times to start a discipleship group are either right after the first of the year or around the start of school in August/September.
WHY 9 MONTHS?

Nine months is long enough to make sure everyone has learned and can replicate the four tools of Disciplemaker. It is long enough to build in the habits of regular Bible Study and the other rhythms of discipleship. People have time to identify their oikos and begin to seek to advance the gospel among their relational network. In nine months everyone will have had ample opportunity to share the gospel with someone and report back.

By limiting the period to nine months you avoid the possibility of developing a long-term codependency. Everyone understands that this time period is limited and that the focus is always about multiplication. Community Groups and Bible Studies can continue on for an indefinite length, years even, but a discipleship group is focused on helping people learn to grow in their spiritual walk and then lead others to do the same. Don’t let the group continue on indefinitely past the time limit. Make sure people are in a Community Group for their ongoing spiritual growth and make sure they have the tools and are encouraged to start their own discipleship group to help reach others. The whole point from the very beginning is multiplication.

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Part Three: Getting Started
Now that you understand what a Discipleship Group is and the four tools that you will use, here is a simple outline to get you started. Think of leading your group in three stages. Stage 1 is 8-10 weeks, where you will share the four tools of *Disciplemaker* and begin the habits for growing disciples. Stage 2 will be the bulk of your time with your Discipleship Group. In stage 2 you are meeting regularly, studying the Bible together, and reinforcing the four tools of *Disciplemaker* on a continual basis. Stage 3 is the final stage, where you begin to transition your group toward the end and prepare them for leading a Discipleship Group on their own. It looks something like this:

**Stage 1: Grounded (8-19 weeks)**

The hardest steps to take are always the first steps. In the first 8-10 weeks you will establish the rhythm of meeting and studying the Bible together, and you will want to make sure you have taught the four Disciplemaker tools. Since getting started is so important we’ve attached an outline of what the first 8-10 weeks might look like. Here is a plan for 8 weeks, which can be expanded if there is a need to add a few weeks just to make sure everyone in the group has learned the four Disciplemaker tools.
**WEEK 1**

**TRUTH:** A disciple of Christ has peace with God, a place in God’s family, and a purpose in the world.

**TOOL:** Share the Triangle tool and explain the three parts of spiritual maturity.

**TEXT:** Luke 6:12-19

**TALK:**

- Look for all three aspects of spiritual maturity in the life of Jesus from this passage: His relationship to God (UP), to His followers (IN), and to the world (OUT).

- Ask each person to evaluate each of the three areas in their lives. Have them identify where they are the strongest. Have them identify where they are the weakest.

- Explain how the process of discipleship is to help them grow in every area.

- Talk to God and pray for each person asking God to help them grow in each area of their life.

- Assign the passage for the following week and challenge them to learn the triangle illustration so they can share it at the next meeting.
WEEK 2

TRUTH: A disciple of Christ has peace with God, a place in God’s family, and a purpose in the world.

TOOL: Have each person practice sharing the Triangle tool and explaining it to the group.

TEXT: Ephesians 4

· Review Ephesians 4. Identify and discuss what the chapter says about our relationship with God, our place in the church, and our purpose in the world.

· Have each person identify their weakest part of the triangle and one practical step they can take to grow in that area.

· Ask each person to read ahead in the Bible passage assigned for next week.

· Talk to God. Pray for each member of the group and ask others to pray also who are comfortable praying.
WEEK 3

TRUTH: A disciple of Christ regularly spends time with God in Bible Study and prayer.

TOOL: Share the Sword tool and explain how to use it in approaching Bible passages.

TEXT: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

TALK:

- According to this passage, identify the usefulness of God’s word.
- What has prevented you from reading God’s Word consistently?
- Write the best day and time for you to read God’s Word in the space provided:

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- What does v.16 mean that “all scripture is inspired by God”?
- Verse 17 says “that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” How does God’s Word complete us and equip us?
- Assign the Bible passage for next week and pray together.
WEEK 4

TRUTH: A disciple of Christ regularly spends time with God in Bible Study and prayer.

TOOL: Have each group member replicate and explain the Sword Tool.

TEXT: Matthew 6:5-15

TALK:

- Use the Sword tool to examine Matthew 6:5-15. Share what you discovered about this passage using the tool.

- How does your thinking need to shift? What needs to change?

- Identify what you should start or stop because of what this passage teaches.

- Share with the group how you specifically will apply this passage concerning your prayer life.

- Share your pattern for a daily devotional time and encourage everyone in your group to begin the practice of having a daily devotional time with God that consists of prayer and Bible Study.

- Assign the Bible passage for next week and pray together.
**WEEK 5**

**TRUTH:** A disciple of Christ knows his/her purpose in the world and seeks to fulfill it.

**TOOL:** Draw your Oikos Map for your discipleship group to see.

**TEXT:** Acts 16:11-15, 25-34

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**TALK:**

- Lydia and the Philippian jailer were both far from Jesus. Share about people in your life that are far from God and in need of His saving grace.

- How did the salvation of these two individuals lead to others being saved?

- Paul and Silas were committed to sharing the Gospel in the worst of circumstances. Identify how this passage challenges you to witness for Christ.

- Based on this passage, it is simple to see the Gospel moves through relational networks. Discuss the network of people far from Christ that you are actively sharing with.

- Have each person draw their Oikos Map this week and start praying for the people listed.

- Assign the Bible passage for next week and pray together.
**WEEK 6**

**TRUTH:** A disciple of Christ knows his/her purpose in the world and seeks to fulfill it.

**TOOL:** Have each member of your discipleship group draw their Oikos Map.

**TEXT:** John 4:1-42

**TALK:**

- Jesus’ meeting was intentionally cross-cultural and quite provocative (speaking to a woman!). Discuss the importance of nurturing a diverse relational network. How did Jesus model that for us?

- The Samaritan Woman was “unqualified” (Samaritan, many husbands, societal outcast with a “history”). Describe how these characteristics “disqualified” her. Did that stop her from being used by God?

- Identify why we often excuse ourselves from being used by God because of our past. In light of this story with the Samaritan woman, is this outlook biblical? Explain.

- Verse 28 reveals that she left Jesus abruptly after the disciples arrived (she left her water jar). Discuss the importance of having a sense of urgency in sharing our faith with others.

- Many people from Samaria, the city where the woman lived (her oikos), put their faith in Jesus based on the woman’s testimony (v. 39). Spend time praying for the people in your oikos.
WEEK 7

TRUTH: A disciple of Christ has peace with God through Jesus and walks in peace with God through spiritual obedience.

TOOL: Share the 3 Circles illustration and encourage everyone to download the Life Conversation Guide app on their phone or device.

TEXT: Romans 10:1-13

TALE:

- Discuss how each circle in the 3 Circles illustration can be seen in Romans 10:1-13.

- Discuss how the gospel differs from the normal religious and cultural idea that people need to be good in order to have peace with God. How does that differ from the gospel?
- Share your own story of salvation.

- Ask each person to share where they see themselves in the 3 Circles illustration. If you are not confident that each person in your group has trusted Christ, this is the time to lean into that conversation either in the group or later in a one on one conversation.

- Assign the Bible passage for next week and ask each person to continue practicing the 3 Circles illustration. Next week they will each share the 3 Circles tool.

- Pray for the group and encourage as many people as possible to pray.
WEEK 8

**TRUTH:** A disciple of Christ has peace with God through Jesus and walks in peace with God through spiritual obedience.

**TOOL:** Practice sharing the 3 Circles illustration and make sure that everyone is proficient in understanding and replicating this tool.

**TEXT:** John 3:1-21

**TALK:**

- How did Jesus touch on the truths of each circle in this conversation? Use the following to help you: God’s Design (v. 5,13); Brokenness (v. 19-20); Gospel (v. 16-18)

- If any person has yet to share their personal gospel story have them share about their decision to repent and believe in Christ.

- Begin building the momentum for personal evangelism by discussing how you can use the 3 Circles tool to share the gospel with others. Ask the members of your group if there was a time that they shared their faith with someone who did not believe in Jesus. Talk about the importance of personal evangelism. Ask them to begin praying about the “one” person they would like to share with. Identify that person and write their name here.

- Assign the Bible passage for next week’s study and spend time praying together for each other.

Once you are confident that your Discipleship Group understands and can replicate all four Disciplemaker tools you are ready to proceed into the 2nd stage of your group and this could last around 6 months.
STAGE 2: GROWING (@24 weeks)

In stage 2 your group continues to meet on a regular basis using the Sword Tool to examine and discuss a weekly assigned Bible passage. You will also continually refer back to the other Disciplemaker tools. The Triangle Tool can be reinforced again and again as you study the Bible and see all three relationships of a disciple and it can be used as an evaluative instrument to see where group members are in their spiritual balance. The Oikos and 3 Circles tools can be used to keep the focus on sharing the gospel and advancing the kingdom.

During this stage you will choose books of the Bible from the list below to read and study together as a group. The books are up to you. The suggested list is a good place to begin for basic Christian growth. You will not be able to complete all of these books in the time frame. The point isn’t to complete a certain number of books but to build the habit of regular Bible study, discussion and accountability.

It’s important to write down or journal your responses and how God’s Spirit is speaking to you from His Word. Using the Sword Tool, encourage every member of the group to keep a written journal with their weekly responses. Gather each week to discuss. You can even begin to work on scripture memory together from a selected list or from verses drawn from the chapters you are reading.

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DISCIPLE Maker
STAGE 3: GOING (@24 weeks)

Remember that the purpose of discipleship is multiplication. As you approach the last 4-6 weeks, begin preparing your group to launch out and disciple others. Some may be hesitant, but the ultimate aim of Disciplemaker is that members of your group go forward to disciple others. A discipleship group is not an ongoing Bible Study. The relationships in your group will remain and the members of your group can still meet together in a traditional Bible Study, but that is different from a discipleship group. You don’t necessarily need to add more Bible Studies to your life, but you do need to add more disciples. So prepare to send them out!

We recommend that during the last 4-6 weeks together you follow a specific plan of study and discussion to transition your group and prepare to multiply into more discipleship groups in the near future.

Here are some points you will want to cover:

• **Review all four Disciplemaker tools and make sure every member of your group can replicate those tools**

• **Help group members identify 3-5 people who might be ready to participate in a Discipleship Group.**

• **Make sure all group members plan to attend a Disciplemaker seminar to kick-off the fall semester or after the first of the New Year.**

Here are some Bible passages that you can focus on in stage 3 as you prepare to conclude your group and help your group members launch their own Discipleship Groups.

2 Timothy 2  
Luke 10:1-20  
Matthew 4:18-25  
Acts 1:4-8  
John 1:19-51  
Acts 2:37-47  
Acts 16  
Luke 24:46-49  
Acts 20:17-38  
John 4:1-42  
Matthew 28:18-20

At the end of your Discipleship Group, plan to attend the Disciplemaker seminar as a group. The Disciplemaker seminar will help your group celebrate a completed journey and will help prepare them to launch their own group.
• **Disciplemaker Tools** - You can view a video that models and explains each Disciplemaker tools at [www.calvary.us/disciplemaker](http://www.calvary.us/disciplemaker)

• You can download the 3 Circles app, view videos, and get additional resources to help explain the 3 Circles gospel presentation at [https://lifeonmissionbook.com/conversation-guide](https://lifeonmissionbook.com/conversation-guide)

• If you are looking for additional Bible reading plans you can find a variety of resources at YouVersion Bible app as well as the CSB Bible app.

• It is important to clarify the boundaries of a Discipleship Group right at the beginning. A signed covenant by both members and the leader can help bring clarity. Here is a sample covenant you can use:
Discipleship Covenant

I will commit to the following expectations:

**GROWTH** – I pledge myself fully to the Lord with the anticipation that I am entering a time of accelerated spiritual transformation.

**TIME** – I will meet with my Discipleship Group for approximately one and a half hours every week for 9 - 12 months, unless providentially hindered.

**COMMITMENT** – I will complete all assignments on a weekly basis before my Discipleship Group meeting, in order to contribute to the discussion.

**CONFIDENTIALITY** – I will contribute to an atmosphere of confidentiality, honesty and transparency for the edification of others in the group as well as my own spiritual growth.

**PRAYER** – I will pray every week for my group members who are on the discipleship journey with me.

**MULTIPLICATION** – I will seek to replicate the discipleship process by leading others in discipleship upon completion of this group.

Signed Learner: _____________________________________________________

I, as the Discipler, pledge myself fully to the Lord to pray for you and prepare with excellence on a weekly basis. Furthermore, I commit to grow in my relationship with the Lord and contribute to an atmosphere of confidentiality while honoring Christ with my life and making disciples to the ends of the earth.

Signed Leader: _____________________________________________________

Date: _____________________________________________________________