

Leaders Who Lead

Session Four

✓ Check each item below after you have discussed it with your Coach and other Leaders.

Preparation before you meet with your Leadership Group:

- ☐ 1. Read **Spiritual Preparation for Disciple making**.
- ☐ 2. Read **Growing A Spiritual Family**. Be prepared to discuss and describe the diagrams.
- ☐ 3. Read **A Process for Making Disciples**. Answer all questions as to how it relates to our church. Be prepared to discuss and describe the diagram to the Leadership Group.
- ☐ 4. Complete the checklist on **Growing to Maturity is a Process**.
- ☐ 5. Complete the **Report** below.

To be completed with your Leadership Group:

- ☐ 6. Each share how God has worked in your life this month.
- ☐ 7. Discuss and (✓) check off points 1 through 5 above.

Empowering you to lead your Life Group this month:

- ☐ 8. What have you accomplished toward the goals you set for yourself last month?

- ☐ 9. What resources do you need? How can we help you reach your goals? _____

Report on Your Life Group:

- ☐ 10. _____ Attend regularly

☐ 11. _____ New Attenders This Past Month

Names: _____

Addresses: _____

☐ 12. People in One-to-One Training:

Dynamic Basics _____ is training _____

_____ is training _____

Dynamic Discipling _____ is training _____

_____ is training _____

Dynamic Sharing _____ is training _____

_____ is training _____

☐ 13. _____ people received Christ as Saviour through those in our group.

Prayer and Closing:

☐ 14. Pray for each other and our group members.

☐ 15. Go over Preparation assignment for Session Five.

☐ 16. Set a Date _____ Time _____ Place _____
for our next Leaders Who Lead session.

Spiritual Preparation for Disciple-Making

1. A Changed Life

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." (II Corinthians 5:17)

If a person is to be successful in follow-up he must know Christ. A life that has been changed by the power of God can help others. A personal, experiential knowledge of Jesus as your own Saviour is a must.

2. A Clean Life

"If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work." (II Timothy 2:21)

If we are to have God's maximum blessing upon our effort, we need to be clean outwardly and inwardly. All the secret sins, especially the thought life, should be brought under subjection to the Lord Jesus. The ***"little foxes spoil the vine"***. Sin in your life will, in time deteriorate your zeal. You don't have to be perfect, but growing in obedience.

3. A Surrendered Life

"Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1)

It is one thing to be clean; it is another thing to be surrendered to the Lord. The Apostle Paul said, ***"For to me, to live is Christ."*** (Philippians 1:21). Being submissive to the call and will of God is very vital to the matter of follow-up. The young lad brought his five loaves and two fishes to Jesus. Have you brought your all to Christ?

4. A Burdened Life

"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labour, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me." (Colossians 1:28,29)

It certainly helps to have a burden for others. Paul had a heavy heart over his generation. However, you should not wait until your heart is broken before starting out. God will bless His Word regardless of our unconcern. We are to go primarily because it is our responsibility to go. As we go, God will burden us for the growth of others.

5. A Compassionate Life

"When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them... ..Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." (Matthew 9:36,38)

We are not talking about enthusiasm or human love patched up. We are talking about genuine love flowing from within because of the Christ-nature. Men will not put you off if they really believe you love them, however, they will never believe that you love them unless you really do. It is strange how love attracts. If we are filled with God's love, the result will be an untiring effort in serving others. How do we get love? The fruit of the Spirit is love. Therefore, we need to be filled with the Spirit.

6. A Stirred Life

"To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some." (I Corinthians 9:22)

Billy Sunday was asked the secret of his success in reaching so many souls for Christ. It is said that he walked over to the window and looked out at the masses of people on the streets and said, "They are going to Hell! My friend, when this truth really takes hold of your heart, it will stir you to rescue the perishing". Develop a desire to see the lost saved and also brought to maturity.

7. A Persevering Life

"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." (I Corinthians 2:2)

The Apostle Paul said, ***"but one thing I do"*** (Philippians 3:13). He was determined to be a disciple-maker. His mind was made up about the matter.

8. An Enlightened Life

"The entrance of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple." (Psalm 119:130)

It is very important to know the Scriptures whereby you can direct a person in how to grow. Without the Word they cannot grow. In Romans 10:17 we are told, ***"...Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."*** We are told in the parable of the sower in Luke 8:11 that, ***"...The seed is the word of God."***

9. A Praying Life

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (Jeremiah 33:3)

God answers prayer. We must be praying for our disciples and for our ministry to them.

A Growing Spiritual Family

As our group and other groups grow and expand by birthing many new groups, our church could reach our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

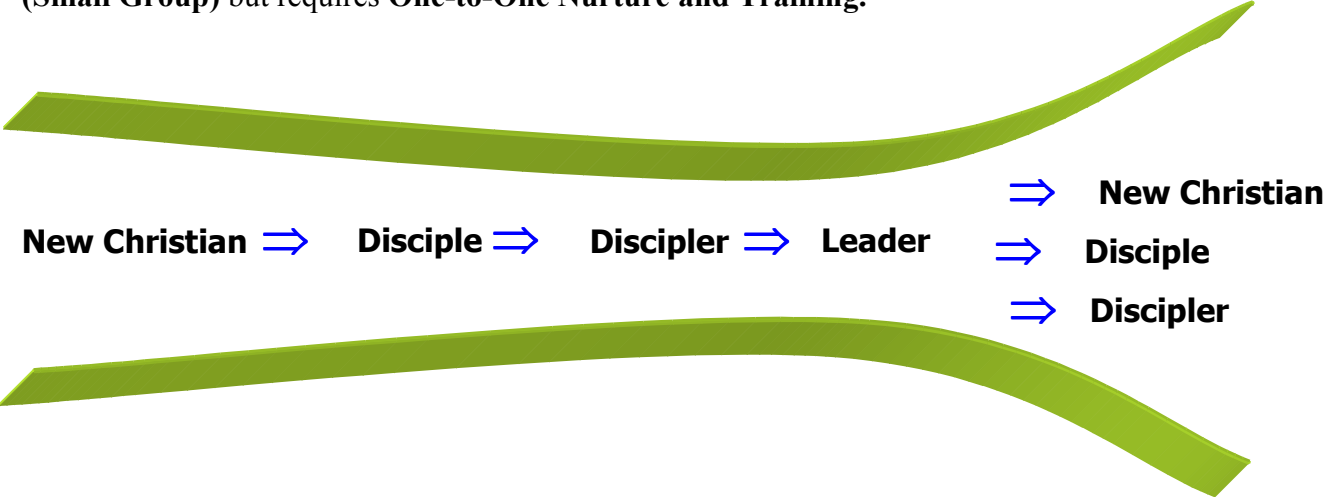
Would that be a worthwhile endeavour? _____ Yes _____ No

To realistically attempt such a strategy, what do you believe would be our greatest need?

Our Life Group should be a Spiritual Family that is growing individuals to maturity and developing ministry and leadership skills.

The Spiritual Family

Spiritual growth takes place best in the context of a **Spiritual Family (Small Group)** but requires **One-to-One Nurture and Training**.



New Christian => Disciple => Discipler => Leader

=> New Christian
=> Disciple
=> Discipler

A person shows signs of maturity when they shift their focus of attention from their own needs to the meeting of the needs of others.

The Church Should Be A Network of Spiritual Families!

Many churches resemble a spiritual orphanage more than a spiritual family.

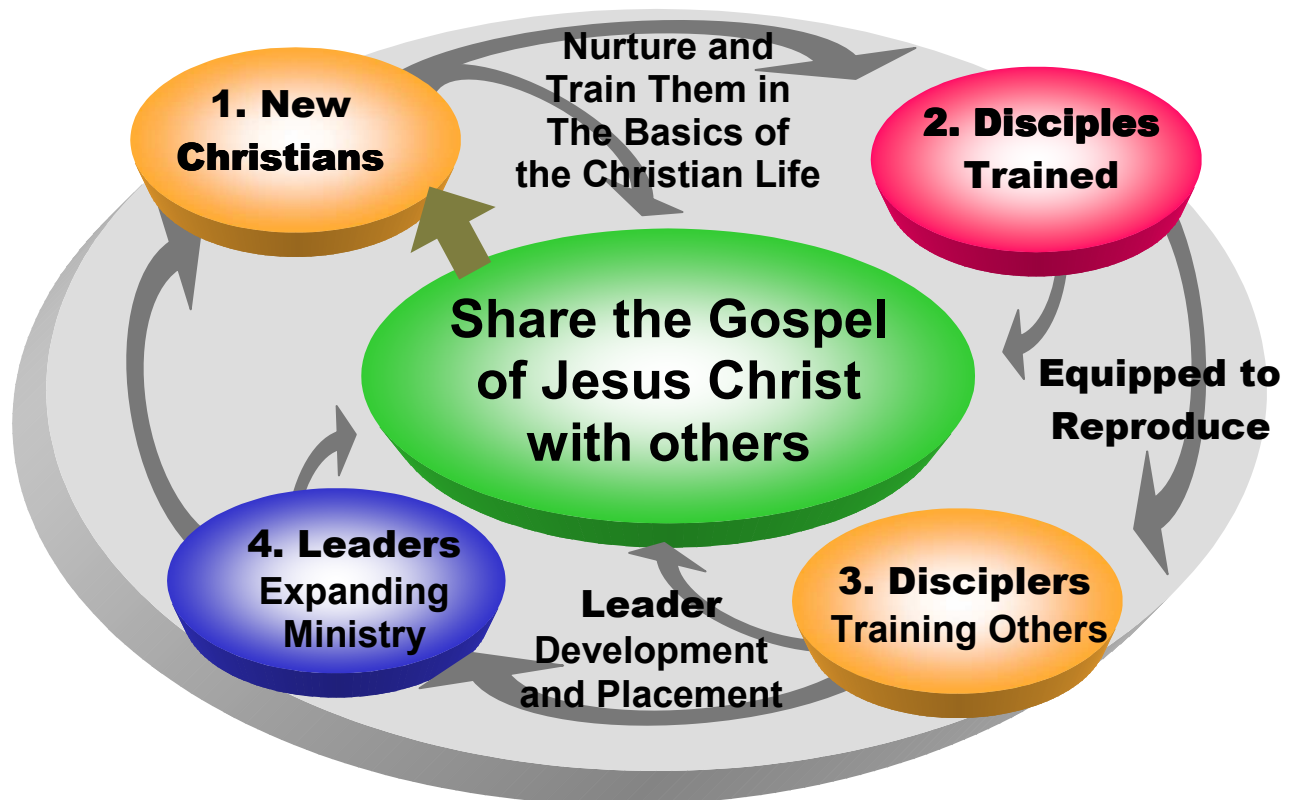
Spiritual
Orphanage _____

Spiritual
Family _____

Mark an "X" on the line where you feel it best resembles our church. Mark an "O" where you want it to be.

A Process for Making Disciples

In order to be a growing **Spiritual Family** we need to develop a **Process for Making Disciples**. A **Process** which includes the Biblical principles that follow should be developed to help us accomplish our purpose and fulfil the Great Commission.



Study this diagram and follow the arrows as you go through the explanation that follows.

The process begins with God's Purpose as we . . .

Share The Gospel of Jesus Christ with Others

This is **God's purpose for His Church** and it must be our **primary** and **continual** goal!

Why? _____

What are some reasons a church stops reaching out and sharing Christ with other people?

What are we going to do with those who receive Christ as their Saviour?

1. New Christians need to be Nurtured after we reach them?

We must Nurture them by providing love and care.

The process continues as we . . .

Train New Christians In The Basics Of The Christian Life

Prayer and Bible Study are basics. *What are some other basics a new Christian needs to understand?* _____

Why is it important for new people to be trained in the basics of Christianity? _____

2. Disciples Trained

Because they are trained in a reproducible way they are ...

Equipped To Reproduce

Reproducers are people who become trainers after they have been trained. They are now qualified for leadership.

3. Disciplers Training Others

Those who reproduce by training others in the basics are disciplers.

Leader Development and Placement

After they have proven to be *“reliable ... and qualified to teach”* (II Timothy 2:2), they are ready for further equipping in order to serve in specific ministries.

The process expands as these reproducing disciplers are now. . .

4. Leaders Expanding Ministry

Note: In Each Part of the Process the Focus is on Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Others!

With your hand, cover up all except Circles 1 and 4 on the diagram. Circles 1 and 4 illustrate how most churches function. If they reach new people, they place them in ministry. Without Circles 2 and 3, people will not be developed as leaders. Ministry positions will be filled by people who may not even be sure of their own salvation. They probably don't know how to communicate with God through prayer and Bible reading. They may not know how to be filled with the Holy Spirit and **rarely if ever will they be Sharing the Gospel with Others!**

How effective do you think their ministries will be? _____

Does this describe our church? _____

**A Process for Disciple-Making is Needed to Fulfil
The Great Commission**

Growing to Maturity is a Process

Check ✓ all the boxes below that you have completed in your own growth process.

- ☐ I have received Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.
- ☐ I have been nurtured by other Christians.
- ☐ I have completed the following Basics of the Christian Life
 - ☐ Dynamic Basics
 - ☐ Dynamic Discipling
 - ☐ Dynamic Sharing
- ☐ I consider myself to be a Disciple who is trained in the Basics.
- ☐ I am Equipped to Reproduce and train others.
- ☐ I am a Discipler who is training others in the Basics.
- ☐ I have trained (or am training) others in the Basics of the Christian Life. Write the number for each.

_____ Dynamic Basics

_____ Dynamic Discipling

_____ Dynamic Sharing

- ☐ I have completed the Learning to Lead - Apprentice Leader Training.
- ☐ I have trained or am training an Apprentice in:
 - ☐ Dynamic Sharing
 - ☐ Learning to Lead - Apprentice Leader Training
- ☐ I have had special Leader Development in the following ministry areas:

- ☐ I have been placed as a Leader in the following:

- ☐ I share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others regularly.

- ☐ Other _____

- ☐ I would like to continue my growth by completing _____
