

Multiply Generations of Disciple Makers

Discipleship 101

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Our Problem

- We all want to make disciples
- Our problem is often we don't practically know how
- We feel stuck, uncertain, and that there's something more but we don't know what
- The church in America is failing to make disciples who make disciples
- It shouldn't be like this. Something has got to change
- Every disciple should be trained to multiply generations of disciple makers

The Plan

- I want to help you multiply generations of disciple makers
- Your first step to multiply generations of disciple makers is Discipleship 101
- Discipleship 101 answers three fundamental questions that can help you multiply generations of disciple-makers
- The three questions Discipleship 101 answers are...
 1. Why do we make disciples?
 2. Who do we reach?
 3. What do we say?
- Let's start training by answering the first question of Discipleship 101

1. WHY: Why do we make disciples?

- Multiplying disciples is hard so we need a strong why to keep us going
- God's Word gives us the why. Can you read the scripture for us?

Why

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."- Matt 28:18-20

- Based on this passage, why do we make disciples?
- *We make disciples because King Jesus has sent us on His mission*

How

- There are 3 words in this passage that are key to multiplying disciples
 1. Go, not come (don't just ask people to come to you, go to them)
 2. Disciples, not decisions (don't just baptize someone and stop there, model how to be obedient to Jesus in every area of your life)
 3. All, not some (don't just tell some people about Jesus, tell everyone)
- What stuck out to you?
- Which one of the three areas do you want to grow in?
- What needs to change for you to obey Jesus?

Practice

- In order to multiply disciples you must pass on what you learn and train others
- To help you train disciple-makers we are going to practice
- Pair up and practice training each other
- One of you trains while the other listens and gives feedback
- Start from page one of Discipleship 101 and then train in question 1 Why? and finish by telling your partner to train you the exact same way

Make Disciple Makers

- After they finish training, ask your disciples the questions below
- "What was challenging about training your partner?"
- "What could you do to be a more effective trainer for your disciples?"
- "What challenges do you foresee when you start to train your own Huddle in the why of Discipleship 101?"
- Lay hands and pray to live sent

2. WHO: Who do we reach?

- We have a conviction that we must multiply disciples, but who do we start with?
- God's Word tells us who to start with. Can you read the scripture for us?

Why

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household." - Acts 16:31-34

- Based on this passage, who do we reach?
- *We start by reaching the people we already know who are far from God*

How

- To reach the people you already know who are far from God it takes vision, prayer, and sharing
- We use a tool called the People Map to help us have a multiplication vision, a daily prayer plan, and commit to share God's story with specific people
- Here's how you can make your own People Map
 1. Draw a circle and write your name in the center
 2. Now think through categories of people and groups you already know who are far from God (Live with, work with, school with, workout with, etc.)
 3. Draw a line from your circle, write their name, and circle their name
 4. Now think through the people they already know who are far from God
 5. Draw a line from their circle, write their name or description, and circle their name
- Vision: See the potential for multiplication?
- Prayer: Commit to daily pray for your People Map by name
- Sharing: Commit to share your story and God's story with 1 or more people this week. Write their names down.

Practice

- Pair up and practice training each other
- One of you trains while the other listens and gives feedback
- Start with question 2 of Discipleship 101 and finish by telling your partner to train

Make Disciple Makers

- After they finish training, ask your disciples the questions below
- "What was challenging about training your partner?"
- "What could you do to be a more effective trainer for your disciples?"

- Have you invited anyone to start training with you?
- “What challenges do you foresee when you start to train your own Huddle in the who of Discipleship 101?”
- Lay hands and pray to live sent

3. WHAT: What do we say?

- We know who to reach but what do we actually say to them?
- God's Word tells us what to say. Can you read the scripture for us?

Why

Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. - Luke 8:39

- Based on this passage, what do we say?
- *We tell people our story. How much Jesus has done for us.*

How

How to make your own 30-60 second testimony (your story)

1. Transition to Your Story
2. Far from Jesus
3. Jesus
4. Following Jesus
5. Transition to God's Story

1. Transition to Your Story

- Have a consistent phrase to start with

Ex. "Thanks for sharing your story, I can relate. There was a time in my life when..."

2. Far from Jesus

- Choose two words that describe how you've felt when far from Jesus

Ex. "Empty and worthless."

3. Jesus

- Describe why you turned to Jesus
- Ex. Head: "There was undeniable historical evidence, scientific proof, and philosophical arguments for Jesus. I knew Jesus rose from the dead."
- Ex. Heart: "The emptiness I felt was never filled by what our culture offered. But in Jesus I found the answer for my heart's deepest longings. I knew Jesus rose from the dead."
- Ex. Hands: "The people of God loved and served me and others in such a powerful way. I knew this sacrificial love in action could only be explained by the resurrection of Jesus."

4. Following Jesus

- Choose two words that describe how you feel now having been transformed by King Jesus
- Ex. "Purpose and worth"

5. Transition to God's Story

- Don't ask to share God's story. Immediately share.

Ex. "So that's my story. And what's cool to me is how we both have unique stories but they're both connected to a bigger story."

Example of a Testimony

"Thanks for sharing your story, I can relate. There was a time in my life when I was far from Jesus. I had everything going for me (success, popularity, girls) but still felt completely empty. And no matter how hard I tried to achieve success I still felt like I was never enough. I didn't know what my problem was, but I knew life shouldn't be this way.

Then I really experienced Jesus in a powerful way. I realized that I was broken (I was a prideful, self righteous, hypocritical person). I wanted to change and I realized I needed more than some rules to change me. I needed a Savior. I felt the weight of my sin and in Jesus I found an answer. I knew that Jesus rose from the dead and could change my heart and life.

Since following Jesus, Jesus has transformed me and my life. I'm now living with deep purpose by helping others know His love. And I have peace because I know I'm more than enough to Him. So that's my story. And what's cool to me is how we both have unique stories and yet they're connect to an even bigger story. "

Practice

- Pair up and practice training each other
- One of you trains while the other listens and gives feedback
- Start with question 3 of Discipleship 101 and finish by telling your partner to train

Make Disciple Makers

- After they finish training, ask your disciples the questions below
- "What was challenging about training your partner?"
- "What could you do to be a more effective trainer for your disciples?"
- Have you invited anyone to start training with you?
- How is your training going?
- "What challenges do you foresee when you start to train your own Huddle in the what (Your Story) of Discipleship 101?"
- Lay hands and pray to live sent

3. WHAT: What do we say?

Why

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep." - 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

- Based on this passage, what do we say?
- *We tell people God's story. The good news of Jesus.*

How

- We need a simple, repeatable, biblical way to share God's story and train trainers
- The tool we use to share God's story is 3 Circles
- Share God's story
- Go step by step and have them write it down

First Circle: Heart

- God created the earth and humans
- He designed us to have a relationship with Him and care for His creation

First Arrow: Runner

- But there was a problem
- We didn't want to just be like God we wanted to call the shots like God and we left God's design

Second Circle: Brokenness and Escape

- As a result we and our world is full of brokenness
- There is brokenness all around us. Sickness, death, racism, war, and poverty
- There is brokenness within us. We lack purpose, we feel isolated, we are never satisfied
- We've tried to find a way out of the brokenness but nothing seems to work
- Success, sex, suicide, popularity, money, fame nothing can help us escape the brokenness
- We all know life shouldn't be this way!

Third Circle: Gospel Symbols

- The good news is that God still loves us and wants a relationship with us!
- He knew we couldn't escape the brokenness and there was only one way to help us
- God became a human named Jesus
- Jesus was fully human like us so He knows what temptation and hardship is like
- Jesus is also fully God so He loved and lived perfectly
- Jesus died on a cross out of sacrificial love taking our punishment, guilt, and shame upon Himself and giving us His perfect life
- Jesus was buried and three days later rose again. Jesus defeated death itself
- Jesus was seen by over 500 people and then ascended to Heaven
- Jesus sent His Spirit to transform us from the inside
- Jesus started a people who were to show and tell the world of the hope for a new life

Second Arrow: Call to Action

- Jesus has invited all people to follow Him
- I followed Jesus and have personally experienced the life change He provides
- I want to you to know His love and experience the freedom and hope He offers

Third Arrow: Failure and Success

- We all have two options
- Number one. Stay in brokenness and live life now and forever apart from God
- Number two. Follow Jesus as King and be forgiven, come back into a relationship with God, and participate in His worldwide mission to love and bless all people until one day King Jesus will return and make all things new.
- There will be no more evil, no more death, no more brokenness. We will be with God and care for His new creation

Invite Them to Respond

- Where are you at in this drawing?
- Where would you like to be?
- Is there anything keeping you from submitting your life to King Jesus and returning to God's design?

Help Them Respond

1. Red Light: "No"

- Move on to find prepared people
- Continue to pray for them to become open to Jesus

2. Yellow Light: "Not yet"

- Ask them if they would want to meet again and continue to talk about Jesus
- Pick a day and time and put it in your calendar
- Next time. Share stories of answered prayers, pray for their needs, help them start relationships with believers, help them see their sin problem, pray they would consider following Jesus
- Listen for hangups (lifestyle, intellectual, hurt by Christians, never heard the gospel, etc.)

3. Green Light: "Yes!"

- Pray for them
- Tell them Jesus commanded His disciples to be baptized
- If possible do it immediately
- Pick a place with water (pool, lake, hot tub, church)
- Bring a towel and maybe change of clothes
- Invite friends
- Once there have them share why they are wanting to be baptized, ask them if they believe Jesus is Lord and want to commit their life to Him and making disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Then immediately set a time to train them in Discipleship 101
- They need to start sharing their story and God's story with their People Map ASAP!

Practice

- Pair up and train your partner in question 3 what of Discipleship 101
- Lastly, one of you train your partner by beginning with 1 Corinthians 15 and finishing by telling them to train their partner

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- “What challenges do you foresee when you start to train your own Huddle in the what (God’s Story) of Discipleship 101?”
- Next week we will start the Commands of Christ
- Lay hands and pray to live sent