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APPRENTICING IN DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

OBJECTIVE

To identify potential leaders who you will launch as disciple-makers.

DISCIPLE

Following Jesus, being transformed by Jesus, and committed to the mission of Jesus.

THE WHY

JESUS' COMMISSION TO MAKE DISCIPLES

Matt. 28: 18-20 – If we don't continue to make disciples who make disciples then who will reach our area? Who will carry on the mission of Jesus?

AN ONGOING, MULTIGENERATIONAL, MULTIPLICATION MOVEMENT

The Apostle Paul made it clear to Timothy, make disciples who make disciples. 2 Timothy 2:2

RELEASING SPIRITUAL PARENTS

We must send people out to do ministry if they are ever going to fully mature to spiritual parents. Just as actual parents release their kids to go be parents, we must also release spiritual young adults to be parents so they can grow and lead.

THE HOW

PRAY

Pray for God to show you which leaders you should invest in to release. God will show you people who are ready. Look for people who have FAITH - people who are Faithful, Available, Intentional, Teachable and Humble.

INVITE

Once you identify leaders, intentionally invite them into leadership with you. Paul was a man led by the Spirit, and in Acts 16 he intentionally chooses Timothy to be a co-leader with him in ministry. Paul was clearly the mentor and Timothy the mentee but still Paul invites him into leadership. Later, Paul sets Timothy up as a pastor over a church.

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FORMING

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BUILDING

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APPRENTICING

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LAUNCHING

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT

Tell the group that you have invited this person to be a co-leader/emerging leader, for the sole purpose of training them up to go launch a new Discipleship Group.

Have the identified leader enroll in the Discipleship Training Process.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT IF I HAVE MULTIPLE PEOPLE IN MY GROUP WHO COULD BE LEADERS?
2. HOW LONG SHOULD I HAVE SOMEONE APPRENTICE BEFORE RELEASING THEM?
3. SHOULD MY APPRENTICE START A NEW GROUP ALONE?
4. WHAT IF SOMEONE IS MISSING PARTS OF THE F.A.I.T.H CHARACTERISTICS BUT THEY HAVE SOME OF THEM?
5. WHAT IF EVERYONE IN MY GROUP IS UNCOMFORTABLE LEADING?