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BUILDING A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

OBJECTIVE

To grow disciples into mature followers of Jesus & to multiply in number.

DISCIPLE

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

THE WHY

BE A WITNESS FOR JESUS

Acts 1:8 – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

GROW IN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF WHO JESUS IS

Ephesians 4:14,15 & 2 Peter 3:18

As we become mature believer's we will be more intentional about helping others grow in their knowledge of Jesus.

INCREASING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Acts 2: 42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

THE HOW

GROW IN DEPTH

1. Spend time with God – we all need to spend time with Him so we are more in tune with Him and can grow in our faith and recognize the seekers.
2. Identify and Equip emerging leaders - Look for the 3 in your group and spend more time. (Jesus had 12 but spent more time with the 3)

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FORMING

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BUILDING

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APPRENTICING

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LAUNCHING

3. Share the load. Deploy others in your group to share in the care of other members in your group.

GROW IN NUMBER

1. Cast Vision to the group – remind the group of it's purpose (to be a disciple and make disciples)
2. More small groups, not bigger groups. We want everyone's gifts to be utilized and the larger a group is, the less chance of that happening.
3. Make sure they know what they are signing up for. Each Group Member should be engaged in the 7 Essentials: Abide in Christ, Seek the Lost, Connect the Unconnected, Pursue the Strays, Shepherd Towards Spiritual Maturity, Identify and Equip Emerging Leaders, Serve as a Unified Team.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT IS A GOOD SIZE GROUP? WHAT SIZE SHOULD WE BUILD TO?
2. HOW DO I 'CAST THE VISION' FOR SOMEONE'S LIFE – WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES?
3. HOW DO WE KEEP A SAFE RELATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WHEN WE ADD NEW MEMBERS TO THE GROUP?
4. WHAT IF WE GROW IN NUMBER TOO FAST? HOW DO WE ENCOURAGE SPIRITUAL GROWTH IF MANY OF OUR MEMBERS ARE AT THE SAME SPIRITUAL STAGE?
5. HOW SOON SHOULD I BE IDENTIFYING A NEW LEADER? HOW DO I ENCOURAGE SOMEONE TO BE A LEADER IF THEY ARE FEARFUL OF THAT ROLE?