



Week 1: Intro and Discipleship Plan

MV: *"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matt 28:18-20)*

ASK: what are we COMMANDED to do in these verses? (Go, Make, Baptize, Teach)

Jesus' plan from the start has been for EVERY disciple to MAKE DISCIPLES who make disciples.

It's not come, sit, be baptized, and listen, all in one location.

We fear evangelism (hopefully not after "Tell Someone" this past summer)

We think discipleship is a canned program.

Jesus invited and COMMANDED all of us to be a part of His plan.

This purpose is worth giving our lives to accomplish.

ASK: According to Matt. 28:19-20, who is to go?

But it's been left to ministers, adults, missionaries, sm. Grp leaders, etc.

EVERY CHRISTIAN is called/commanded to go and make disciples

ASK: Who is your disciple right now? Who have you discipled in the last year?

Let's be honest, we've all failed here. But not anymore. This is our focus for the year. To disciple and be discipled by each other, to learn, fellowship and grow together, life on life! We are going to give you the tools to disciple and help you understand the scriptures.

We are responsible not only for our own spiritual growth but we are called to teach others what Jesus' teaches us.

Your Part:

- 1.** Teach what you learn to someone else in the next 7 days. Each of you will lead a week with your sm grp leader's help. It's not hard. You facilitate the questions in the book and share answers with each other. We all need to get in the habit of passing on what we know, even our sm grp leaders!
- 2.** Share life, not just info. There are book questions to be answered. But there are issues to confront, temptations to overcome, friends to be encouraged and supported, sins to be confessed, reconciliation to be offered, prayers to be prayed, etc. It's LIFE ON LIFE!!! It's RELATIONSHIPS
- 3.** Each group will have:
 - Leader—your small group leader and who is leading that night
 - Missions leader—keeps group reminded of country/ministry of PGG; missions

Fellowship leader-helps group coordinate activities/fun outside 4 walls
Outreach leader-takes roll, tells group who's absent, helps contact members

God wants us to live, serve, and process truth in the context of community, relationships, just like the Father, Son, and Spirit.

Discipleship requires a leader and followers. Each of you will take turns in those rolls. We all need each other to grow into Christlikeness.

The goal is once this is all done, each of us could turn around and guide someone else through being disciplined on our own.

You can even do it as you're learning. We need to be talking about the Christ we are pursuing all through the week!

Each week we will be understanding what the scriptures are saying and allow that truth to transform our thought processes and lifestyle.

This isn't just Bible study for Bible study. It's life on life. It's accountability. It's action oriented (James 1:22)

Being a disciple means we learn from Him, we fellowship with Him, and we obey Him.

We all want to change, to be more Christlike, to become more lovingly obedient.

Our goal is to spend our lives, raising up followers, who will give everything for the glory of God. This is the our goal, purpose, and calling.