

Practical Discipleship

Discipleship involves **Winning** People to Christ (*Spiritual Birth*), **Building** People in Christ (*Spiritual Growth*) and **Sending** People for Christ (*Spiritual Multiplication*) in order to Win, Build and Send others! The three Discipleship Books (available from BibleStudyCD.com) are designed to help you do just that!

How to Win, Build and Send People for Christ

Download and print all three Discipleship Books. Prayerfully and diligently work through the lessons in each book, completing all the applications and assignments. When you are confident that you understand the Biblical truths and principles, and have applied them to your life, begin to pray for God to raise up someone for you to disciple. Be prepared to spend a minimum of six months, sharing the Biblical truths and principles in the Discipleship books with that person.

Begin by sharing your faith with all those that God brings across your path. Seek to Follow-up all who come to know Christ by sharing *Discipleship Study One* with them.

Follow-Up:

- 1. Print two copies** of *Discipleship Study One* (download free from www.BibleStudyCD.com). If at all possible, schedule to meet people who have come to know Christ **within 48 hours**. Remember, *Satan is there to steal God's Word from the young Believer*. Therefore, we must be there to encourage that Believer to trust Christ. Mark 4:13-15
- 2. Invite the person to your Church** and encourage faithful attendance. Surround him with Christians who love God and are walking by His Spirit!
- 3. At the conclusion of the final lesson** on Spiritual Multiplication, challenge the young Believer to commit his/her life to "*Winning, Building and Sending*" people for Christ. If the new Believer has led someone to Christ, encourage him to follow that person up on their own doing by doing what you did with him.
- 4. Spend time with those you follow up.** Your impact in anyone's life is directly related to your relationship with that person! Remember, Discipleship is not Informing others, it's infecting others with Christ in you ... and the closer you are to anyone, the greater the chance they will catch the real disease!
- 5. If you or the person** you are seeking to Follow up cannot meet together, give him/her a copy of the Discipleship Study Book 1 or the Discipleship CD to study on their own.
- 6. Pray continuously** for those you follow up. We may teach and encourage those we follow up, but only God can cause them to grow!

Discipleship

In the Great Commission, Jesus Christ commanded us to "make disciples of all nations". But in order to make disciples, we must ask ourselves this question, "Do I really care?" Discipleship is more than just informing people about Christ, it is infecting them with His Life! It is infecting them with our love for God and our zeal to glorify Him in the world!

As we invest our lives discipling others, we will be making an eternal impact in their lives. The following principles will help launch you into a lifetime of "Winning, Building and Sending" people for Christ!

Follow-Up All Who Receive Christ!

Discipleship begins by providing Follow-Up to every new Christian within 48 hours of coming to Christ, and to all Christians who have never learned the Basics of Christian Living.

Disciple All Who Desire to Live for Christ!

Discipleship is the process of reproducing Christ's Life in You into the life of another. (1 Corinthians 11:1) Note that you cannot impart a life of discipleship to another if you do not have one yourself! Discipleship always starts with the discipler! **Luke 6:39-40** Discipleship can be done either Person to Person or in Groups.

Personal Discipleship

If you decide to personally disciple individuals, pay close attention to **whom** you select. You will be investing much of your time in those you disciple, with the hope that they will go on to Win, Build and Send others! The chance of this occurring depends in large part on whom you select.

Use your Follow Up time with the person to help you determine the *readiness* of that person for discipleship. Disciple those who display *three* key qualities: ***A Heart for God, a Teachable Attitude and Availability***. There must be a desire to glorify God, a desire to learn from God and a willingness to take the time and make Discipleship a priority.

When you have found someone that possess the three qualities, meet together and work through the lessons in Discipleship Study Books Two and Three. Always keep the Vision of Winning, Building and Sending others for Christ before your disciple!

Encourage your disciple to share Christ with family, friends, fellow students or co-workers. (The most effective time for people to bring others to Christ is often right after they have come to know Him.) Together, follow up anyone who comes to Christ and pray for God to raise up someone for your disciple to also disciple. Again, the purpose of Discipleship is to Win, Build and Send people in order to Win, Build and Send others!

After completing Discipleship Study Three, continue to meet with your disciples in an ongoing Discipleship Group with others you are discipling where they can encourage each other in their Walk with Christ, and motivate one another in their service for Christ. And remember, always keep the Vision of Winning, Building and Sending before the group!

Group Discipleship

It is sometimes desirable and even necessary to disciple people in groups. Whether you meet informally in a home, or in the organized surroundings of a Church, you can train many people using the three Discipleship Study Books.

In the Church setting, available classrooms and teachers will allow an ongoing training course with simultaneous classes on every level. After completing the Discipleship Study Three, students can continue on with Book Studies, Character Studies or Topical Studies (ie. Practical or Systematic Theology, Apologetics, Ministry Training, etc.) Students should be encouraged to retake any level as a review. Repetition enhances Learning!