

(MISSIONAL) DISCIPLESHIP AND GROWTH GROUPS

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7:35-7:55 FEEDBACK TIME

How is it going?

What Questions and Issues are you Facing?

7:55-8:20 TALK

Intro

Report back from the survey

Video (Al Hirsch) [<http://vimeo.com/15475814>]

What is a Disciple of Jesus?

How Jesus “discipled”

Jesus taught the gospel, his disciples listened

Monologue: Matt 5.1-2

Dialogue: Luke 8:9-10

Jesus demonstrated, his disciples watched

Prayer: Luke 11:1-2f

Healing: Matt 8:14-15

Compassion: Matt 9:36

Suffering: The cross!

Jesus shared his life with his disciples

Parties, Meals & Festivals: Matt 9:10; 26:26; John 2

Travel (adventure): Matt 8:23-26

Visiting family: Matt 8:14-15

Jesus served with his disciples

e.g. Matt 9:18-19

Jesus called, his disciples followed

The disciples had to leave things behind to follow Jesus: Matt 4:18-22; 9:9

Therefore there is significant cost in following Jesus: Matt 8:18-22; 10:37-39; 16:24; Luke 14:25-33

Jesus sent his disciples out to continue his work in his authority, empowered by his Holy Spirit

Preach, to heal, to cast out demons: Matt 10:1-7, 16-20; 28:16-20; Luke 10:1-7

The empowerment of the Spirit: John 20:21-23; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8

The result is that the disciples become *like* Jesus:

Luke 6:39-40

In Persecution: Matt 10:24-25

How we can disciple and make disciples through our Growth Groups

Teach the gospel

Bible Study

Build “gospel fluency”¹

Demonstrate a gospel-shaped life

¹ Watch this 60 minute talk by Jeff Vanderstelt [<http://vimeo.com/22681959>] or simply google “Jeff Vanderstelt Gospel Fluency” and you will find heaps more information on this

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Be a leader is who is worth imitating (cf. 1 Cor 11:1; 2 Thess 3:9)

Fruit of the Spirit

A person of prayer

Knowing the Scriptures

Willing to suffer for the sake of the gospel

Share our lives (1 Thess 2:8)

Have meals together

Open your house

Shared recreation

Shared celebration (parties etc.)

Serve with

Within the Christian Community

Outside the Christian Community

Call others to a higher vision – to a gospel-shaped life

Send out

Go on mission: locally and further afield

Four Practical Suggestions

Regularly share meals with those in your Growth Group together with those you are on mission to

Could be just your normal family dinner, or you could organize a dinner party, BBQ, or picnic

Join social sporting teams together (or something similar):

As a group, begin to embed yourselves in a part of the local community, and so build friendships with those outside the church

Meet up regularly in threes or fours, of the same gender, for prayer, accountability, and dwelling on the word of God.

Invite one another into your weekend leisure activities

8:20-8:30 QUESTION TIME

8:30-8:55 PRAYER IN SMALL GROUPS

FURTHER READING

Online Resources:

Verge Network: www.vergenetwork.org

Soma Communities: www.somacommunities.org

Books:

Total Church – Tim Chester & Steve Timmis

Everyday Church – Tim Chester & Steve Timmis

Multiply – Francis Chan

Building a Discipling Culture – Mike Breen

A Meal with Jesus – Tim Chester

Follow Me – David Platt