

## CONVERT TO DISCIPLE

- 1) Gospel of John, Beginning with Christ, Bridge to Life (or equivalent)
- 2) My Heart Christ's Home, 7 Minutes with God.
- 3) Discuss Church Relationships. (They may be committed to the Lord, and to your relationship as a discipler, but if they are not committed to a fellowship they will eventually wither and produce no eternal fruit) As Augustine said, "You cannot have the LORD as your heavenly Father without having the church as your mother."
- 4) Learning to study the scriptures themselves. (STS form)
- 5) Wheel Illustration
- 6) Hand Illustration
- 7) Testimony Development and sharing with others.
- 8) Start thirteen week Growing in Christ
- 9) *Teaching on Prayer. Lord's Prayer, John 17, Paul's prayers in Eph, Col, and Philippians.*
- 10) Need material that will deepen their relationship with Christ. (The Wheel center) such as Jerry Bridges, *The Pursuit of Holiness, Growing Your Faith.* Andrew Murray, *Abide in Christ, Like Christ.* Watchman Nee, *The Normal Christian Life.*
- 11) Begin long term studies that will equip them not only as a disciple but enable them to advance toward being a laborer (worker) They overlap as you use these materials. (a) Topical Memory System. Two verses a week with a study of the surrounding verses. Can do this individually or as a group. (b) EMAW. Individually or as a group (c) Bob George Classic Christianity (d) Navigators 2-7 course. Individually or as a group.

Discipleship is more caught than taught! They learn to do for others what you do for them, not what you ask them to do for others! Your relationships to your family, your work, your use of time, of finances, the degree to which you let hobbies or work master your life will be transmitted to them. They learn from every aspect of your life how to manage their lives and minister to others. Early in the relationship they will need direction, but as they mature, some choices as to what to do next in the above list will allow them to have input as to their development. Their growth may be measured by the wheel in the different areas of their life. The importance of bringing them around other disciples during this process is vital to their most rapid growth. You do not need to do everything for them yourself, but you need to see that they are exposed to others who will supplement what the Lord has enabled you to do for them. Ideally, meet with them weekly, or oftener initially, as their schedule permits. Different locations, with different activities are beneficial.

## The Transformation of a Disciple into a Disciple Maker

- 1) Like Discipleship itself, this is caught more than taught. He must see it in our own life. (Hebrews 2:1) "We must pay more attention, therefore, to what we have heard so that we do not drift away." This must be demonstrated in our life in our Quiet Time, our prayer, our attention to the written word, and our growing love for Christ.
- 2) We need others to accomplish this task. He must be brought around others who are disciple-makers so that he can learn from them as well. This can be accomplished by taking him with you to conferences, traveling with others, or in a team of other disciple makers with whom he can meet regularly.
- 3) This requires prayer, perseverance and patience.
- 4) Specific scripture studies are helpful. These include Paul and his relationship with Timothy. (II Timothy 2:2) as well as other scriptures pointing to the importance of individual to individual relationships.
- 5) He will need exposure to possible people to disciple. This can be accomplished by asking to him to assist you in MTW, TMS, or other class that is taught at a home, a business, or a church. He can also be personally introduced to another new believer or nonbeliever at a conference or other setting. At times, I have asked others to meet with those whom they have not met and suggested that they contact them. I have also asked those who wished to be discipled to contact others that need to invest in them. Taking them with you to conferences or meetings will also give them an opportunity to meet and get to know those whom the Lord desires they meet with. There are multiple opportunities for them to simply meet with foreign students, many of whom do not as yet know the Lord. I also have them pray regularly about those with whom they work, those they know in their church, and their neighbors. I encourage them to build relationships, to pray for them, to seek opportunities to serve them. In time, opportunities to disciple will develop. (It may take years!)
- 6) There are some studies that have helped others. The following list is but a few to choose from as you meet with those who are becoming disciple makers.
- 7) This list includes studies, pamphlets, and well as books to review with them.
  - a) Born to Reproduce, Dawson Trotman
  - b) Living Proof, Jim Peterson
  - c) Lost Art of Disciple Making, Leroy Eims
  - d) The Insider Jim Peterson
  - e) Discipleship Gospel Bill Hull
  - f) Lifetime Guarantee Bill Gillham
  - g) Disciples are made, not born Walt Henrichsen
  - h) The ways of an alongside Bill Mowry
  - i) Church without walls Jim Peterson
  - j) Iron sharpens Iron Howard Hendricks
  - k) Knowing God JI Packer

## The Formation of a Leader. (Transition from Disciple Maker to Maker of Disciple Makers)

- 1) The Making of a Leader Dr. J. Robert Clinton
- 2) The Training of the Twelve A.B. Bruce
- 3) Spiritual Leadership Blackaby
- 4) The Great Omission Dallas Willard
- 5) Peacemakers Sande
- 6) True Community Jerry Bridges
- 7) Revolution of Character Willard /Simpson
- 8) Crises of the Christ G. Campbell Morgan
- 9) The Holy Spirit G. Campbell Morgan
- 10) How Jesus Trained Leaders Garrett

The above list is only partial and suggestive. The major need of a leader is to immerse themselves with the Lord and with people. They must always be on the growing edge. The above deal with leadership in part but also include those books which will cause you to grow more deeply in your relationship with Christ. You will want the disciples who follow you to drink from a running brook and not a stagnant pool. Those who follow you will be like you. You must become what you want them to become. Hebrews 2:1 says that "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away." We never stay static. We are being more conformed to Christ daily, or less conformed. We are paying more attention, or we are drifting away. Our satisfaction in life should be that of the Psalmist. "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." Psalm 17:15. Our satisfaction should never be complete until Christ is fully formed in us. If this is our aim, then Christ will be able to use us to raise up disciples, disciple makers and makers of disciple makers.

To see the above preparation accomplished in our lives, we must live in fellowship with others who are likewise committed to becoming leaders. We must be a part of a team of other disciples and disciple makers. We cannot do this alone. A group, meeting regularly, committed to one another in prayer, accountability, encouragement and love is a necessity if we are to be transformed into the disciples, disciple makers and makers of disciple makers that the Lord desires us to be.