DISCIPLESHIP ROADMAP

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Discipleship Pathway
Live Oak Community Church

This packet is designed to give you a road map to follow as you get started in coming alongside another believer in a discipleship relationship. Whether he or she is new to faith or a seasoned follower, going back to the basics is a great place to start, and that is what this pathway does.

- New believers will get oriented to the needed foundation for their faith.
- Seasoned followers will be reminded of that foundation and become equipped to disciple others!
- No matter who you walk through this with ask lots of questions, be conversational, and focus on next steps application!
- We are thankful for The Navigators and others (who will be sited as we go) for making thier resources so widely available!

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Getting Started in a Discipleship Relationship

1. Discuss your vision for the time together; expectations, answer their questions
2. Discuss meeting plan: when and where
3. Go over WHAT IS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS together Pg. 6
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What is a Disciple of Jesus Christ

A Disciple of Jesus is a faithful follower of Jesus, who is becoming like Jesus, and committed to the mission of Jesus

What is Jesus-Style Disciple Making

Disciple making that seeks to replicate in today's world the principles used by Jesus in making disciples

Relational

Intentional

Missional

What is a Disciple Making Culture

A population who has intentionally formed an identity around being disciples of Jesus and making disciples using the methods of Jesus. Disciple making is a key part of the culture's DNA.

40 Day Reading Plan – John

Day	Scripture	Key Take Away
1	1:1-28	
2	1:29-51	
3	2:1-12	
4	2:13-25	
5	3:1-21	
6	3:22-36	
7	4:1-38	
8	4:39-54	
9	5:1-30	
10	5:31-47	
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35	19:1-16	
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OUR FRAMEWORK

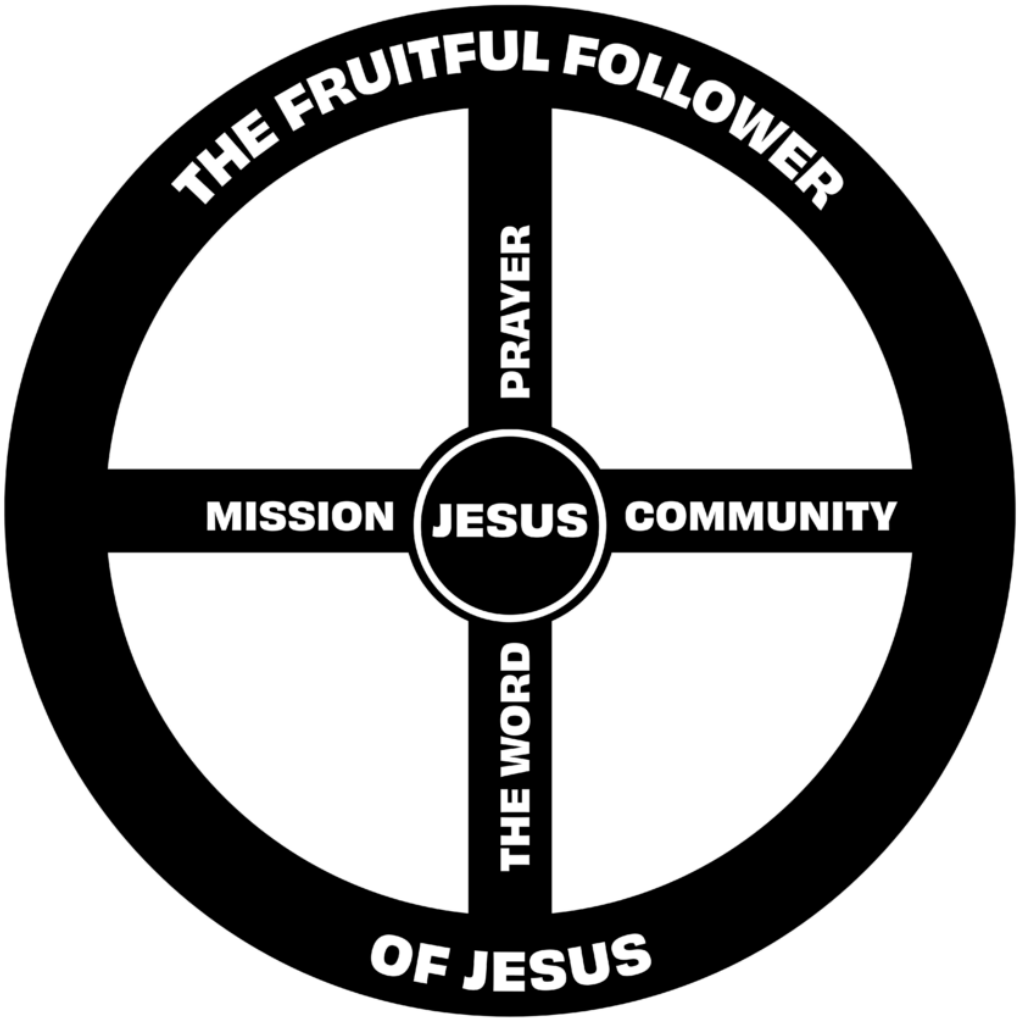
The Wheel

We love the Wheel illustration from the Navigators. It paints a clear picture of what it looks like to live life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Our Discipleship Roadmap is based on each component of the wheel. We renamed some of the components from the original Navigators illustration so that it would flow with Live Oak's "4 Connections" that exactly mirror the Wheel.

The Wheel represents a God-glorifying life.

- When you look at a wheel in motion you only see the hub (Jesus) and outer rim (the fruit of our life as an obedient, active Christian)
- And though you cannot see them when in motion, the spokes are what give support and stability.
- The Vertical Spokes represent how we relate to God through Scripture and Prayer
- The Horizontal Spokes represent how we relate to Others (in Community and through Missions)



ADAPTED FROM THE WHEEL ILLUSTRATION BY DAWSON TROTMAN OF THE NAVIGATORS

***We adapted the wording of the Wheel to coincide with our 4 Connections.

- THE CENTER HUB - CHRIST

A Christ Follower always keeps Jesus at the Center of their life

Total surrender to Christ's authority and lordship is not always a decision made right at conversion, but is a necessary act of will. For the believer, the "old life" has gone and the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17), and Christ has begun to dwell in us (Galatians 2:20). God creates within us the desire to do what He wants us to do in order to express His Lordship in our lives.

- VERTICAL SPOKE - THE WORD

A Christ Follower makes engaging God's Word a daily priority as a means to know and engage with God himself.

God uses His word to speak directly to us, revealing not only who He is, but how He calls us to live and interact with everyone around us (2 Timothy 3:16). This means an earnest personal intake of God's Word is essential for our spiritual health and growth (Joshua 1:8). As God speaks to us through the Scriptures, we learn how to obey Him and apply the gospel to every part of our lives. We also come to know Jesus personally and find He is worthy of our steadfast allegiance.

- VERTICAL SPOKE - PRAYER

Prayer is the natural response to God as we hear Him speak through His Word.

It is sharing our heart with the One who longs for our companionship and who cares about our concerns. Prayer not only trains our hearts and minds to know the power and glory of God, but also turns His ear towards action in our lives (John 15:7, Philippians 4:6-7).

- HORIZONTAL SPOKE - COMMUNITY

A Christ Follower prioritizes relationships with other believers by meaningfully connecting to a local church. This includes corporate worship experiences, small groups and discipleship relationships.

God has directed Christians to build each other up through interdependence and loving relationships with each other (Hebrews 10:24-25). Gathering together as the Body of

Christ draws God close around us as we praise Him and encourage one another (Matthew 18:20).

- HORIZONTAL SPOKE - MISSION

A Christ Follower seeks to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others

God has given believers the joy and responsibility of telling the world about the good news of Christ's work on Earth (Matthew 4:19). In fact, sharing about His amazing grace is the natural overflow of a rich, vibrant life in Christ (Romans 1:16)

- THE OUTER RIM - THE FRUITFUL FOLLOWER OF CHRIST

The spokes of a wheel in motion aren't visible but the hub and rim are. The outer rim of a Christ Followers life is the fruit others see that is a result of one's obedience and pursuit of Jesus.

Some acts of obedience to God are internal, such as attitudes, habits, motives, values and day-to-day thoughts. But even these eventually surface outwardly in our relationships with other people. Keeping His commands in obedience is our outward indication of inward health and love for Christ (John 14:21, Romans 12:1).

THE HUB

THE CENTER OF IT ALL-
JESUS CHRIST

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Assurance of Salvation Bible Study

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1 John 5:11-12

The enemy will often to cast doubt on the work God has done in your heart. Although you won't hear his audible voice, he will whisper this in your mind: "You don't think you are saved and your sins forgiven just by believing and receiving Christ? Surely that is not enough!"

What will your answer be? Your only hope of successfully resisting such an attack is to resort to God's Word. What does God say about the matter? That is the important thing for you to know.

On the basis of this "testimony"—God's written Word—you can be convinced you have the Lord Jesus Christ, and with Him eternal life. You can thus overcome in this test of your faith. The attack may recur, but now you can meet it with the Word of God in your heart.

Explore 1 John 5:11-12

- Who gives eternal life?

- Where is eternal life found?

- Who has eternal life?

- Who does not have eternal life?

"This Is the Testimony"

1. What did John say in John 20:31 about why he wrote this book?

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"God Has Given Us Eternal Life"

2. According to Romans 5:8, how has God shown that He loves you?

3. What results of man's sinfulness are listed in Isaiah 59:2?

4. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Why do human efforts always fail to reach God?

5. In 1 Peter 3:18, how did Peter explain what God has done to bring men to Himself?

6. How did John say a person receives the gift of salvation in John 1:12?

"He Who Has the Son Has Life"

7. According to John 5:24, what three things are the result of hearing and believing?

- Present

- Future

- Past

8. What did Jesus promise His followers in John 10:27-29?

9. What takes place when a person becomes a Christian, as described in 2 Corinthians 5:17?

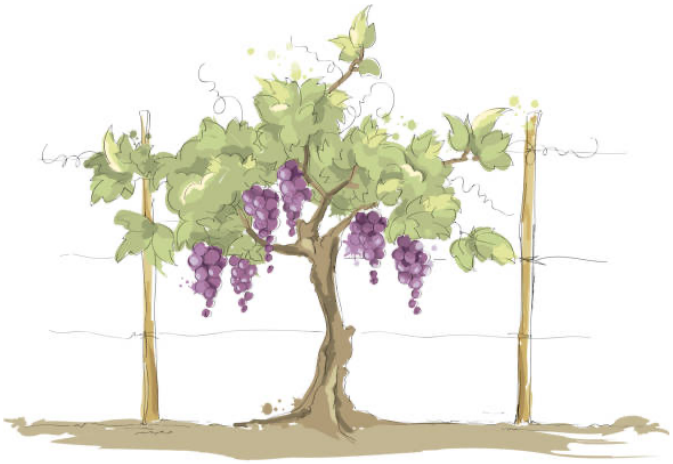
10. How do you know that you have eternal life?

Next Step: Memorize 1 John 5:11-12 about the assurance of your salvation, and write it out on a note card.

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Abiding in Christ



John 15: 1-17 Gardener – The Father

- The Gardner oversees caring for the vines
- The Gardner prunes the branches (through the Word and discipline)

Vine – Jesus Christ

Nourishment (Nutrients, moisture, stability) The source of eternal and abundant life

Branches – Followers of Jesus

Fruit is produced on the branches

Fruit – The natural result of health

- Evangelism/Discipleship (An obedient follower of Jesus who is becoming like Jesus and committed to the mission of Jesus)
- Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

Trellis – Framework for support and health

Habits or Practices

- Jesus at the center of our lives
- Word of God
- Prayer
- Community
- Mission
- Disciple making in action

Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to abide in Christ?
- How does the concept of Jesus as the “true vine” help us understand abiding in Christ? What kind of fruit is Jesus talking about?
- What does Jesus mean by ‘pruning” in our lives?
- How does abiding in Christ change the way we live?
- What are the biggest obstacles to abiding in Christ?
- What does it look like to lay your life down for another?

Application and Next Steps

- How can we practice abiding in Christ in our daily lives?
- What is one way you can lay your life down for another this week?
- What are some practical steps you can take to cultivate a deeper relationship with Jesus?
- What are examples of fruit that you can see in your life and in the lives of others
- Are there any areas that need pruning in your life?

Identity in Christ

Scriptures:

Ephesians 1: 1-14
Read these verses and identify words and phrases that define your identity in Christ.

Discussion Questions:

- What do the terms “chosen”, “adopted”, “redeemed” and “sealed” reveal about who we are in Christ?
- How does being adopted as God’s child shape the way we view ourselves?
- Verse 7 says that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins. What does this say about our worth and value?
- Which description of our identity in these verses stands out the most to you? Why?
- Which truth in this passage is hardest for you to believe about yourself?
- What’s the difference between discovering your identity in what you do versus who God says you are?

Application/Next Steps

What are some practical ways you can remind yourself of these truths throughout the week?

How can knowing your identity in Christ help you face rejection, suKering, or disappointment?

Complete this statement: “Because I am in Christ, I am _____.”

WHO I AM IN CHRIST

I AM ACCEPTED

I am a child of God. John 1:12
I am Christ's friend. John 15:15
I have been justified. Romans 5:1
I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:17
I have been bought with a price. I belong to God. 1 Corinthians 6:20
I am a member of Christ's body. 1 Corinthians 12:27
I am holy in Christ. Ephesians 1:1
I have been adopted as God's child. Ephesians 1:5
I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 2:18
I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins. Colossians 1:14
I am complete in Christ. Colossians 2:10

I AM SECURE

I am free from condemnation. Romans 8:1-2
I am assured all things work together for good. Romans 8:28
I am free from any condemning charges against me. Romans 8:31-34
I cannot be separated from the love of God. Romans 8:35-39
I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
I am confident that the good work God began in me will be perfected. Philippians 1:6
I am a citizen of heaven. Philippians 3:20
I am hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:3
I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love & a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7
I can find grace and mercy in time of need. Hebrews 4:16
I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me. 1 John 5:18

I AM SIGNIFICANT

I am the salt and light of the earth. Matthew 5:13-14
I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of Christ's life. John 15:1,5
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit. John 15:16
I am a personal witness of Christ. Acts 1:8
I am God's temple. 1 Corinthians 3:16
I am a minister of reconciliation for God. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
I am God's coworker. 2 Corinthians 6:1
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm. Ephesians 2:6
I am God's workmanship. Ephesians 2:10
I may approach God with freedom and confidence. Ephesians 3:12
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Because you are alive in Christ, every one of these characteristics is completely true of you, and you can do nothing to make them more true. You can, however, make these traits more meaningful and productive in your life by simply choosing to believe what God has said about you. You will not be prideful if you do, but you may be defeated if you don't.

One of the greatest ways to help yourself grow into maturity in Christ is to continually remind yourself who you are in Him. Read the list aloud once or twice a day for a week or two. Read it aloud when you think Satan is trying to deceive you into believing you are a worthless failure. Who you are in Christ is a priceless and eternal treasure! May you grow in believing it more and more!

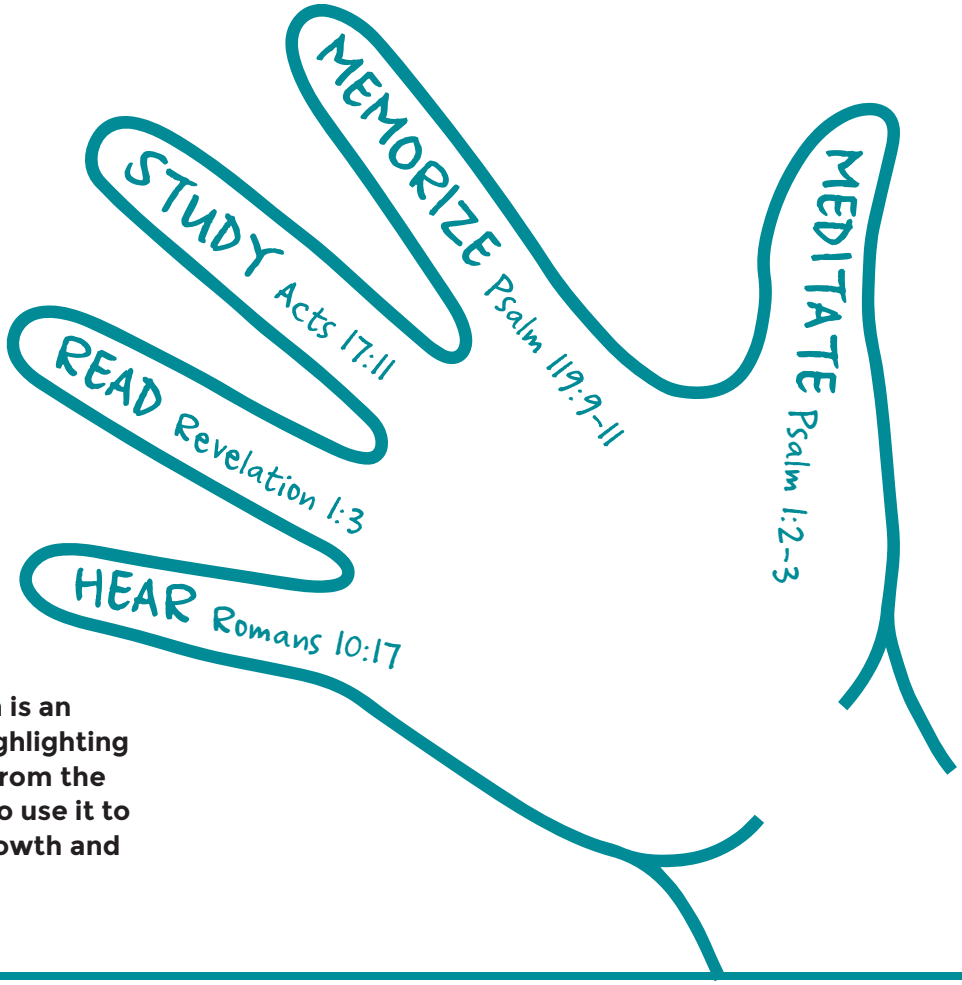
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SCRIPTURE

God's Word Matters

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The Word Hand illustration is an easy-to-remember tool highlighting five methods of learning from the Bible. We encourage you to use it to spur your own spiritual growth and to inspire others.

THE WORD HAND

HEARING pastors and teachers teach from the Word provides fresh insight into the Scriptures. The weakest finger (the pinkie) represents hearing, because we retain only five percent of what we hear. *Romans 10:17*

READING gives us an overview of the Bible and is the foundation of a daily quiet time. This is represented by the ring finger. We generally retain 15 percent of what we read. *Revelation 1:3*

STUDYING the Scriptures deepens our convictions. It requires greater time and effort but results in increased knowledge of the Bible. Most people retain 35 percent of what they study. This is represented by the middle finger. *Acts 17:11*

MEMORIZING God's Word enables us to use Scripture, "the Sword of the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:17), to overcome temptations and to have verses readily available for ministering to others. The index finger, our strongest finger, represents memorization. We remember 100 percent of what we memorize if we consistently review it. *Psalm 119:9-11*

MEDITATION is the process that accompanies each of the other four methods of Scripture intake. This is why meditation is assigned to the thumb. Only the thumb can touch all the other four fingers. By meditating on God's Word as we hear, read, study, and memorize, we discover its transforming power at work in us. *Psalm 1:2-3*

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SOAPS Bible Study Tool

At Live Oak, we believe that reading and reflecting on God's Word is catalytic to your faith. There are many ways to study Scripture, but one method we often encourage is called SOAPS.

SOAPS is an acronym that helps guide you as you read and reflect on Scripture. Journaling through SOAPS helps us hear from God and apply what we read to our everyday lives.

This tool is also great for discipleship relationships!
Simply decide on a passage of Scripture with your discipleship partner or group, journal through the SOAPS method during the week, and share your takeaways when you meet together.

HOW TO START

1️⃣ Open a blank page in your journal
2️⃣ Write the date and the scripture passage you are reading
3️⃣ Read the passage and choose oneor two verses that stand out to you
4️⃣ Begin the SOAPS process

THE SOAPS METHOD

S — Scripture

Write down the main Scripture verse or verses that stood out to you in your reading.

O — Observation

What do you notice in this passage?

Ask questions like:

- What is happening?
- Who is involved?
- What does this show me about the character of God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?
- What stands out to me?

Write what you observe or learn from the Scripture.

A — Application

Ask yourself:

- How does this apply to my life right now?
- How will my life be different because of what I read?
- If I believe this is true, what should I do?

Write how you will apply this truth to your life.

P — Prayer

Write a short prayer to God based on what you read.

Ask Him to help you understand, live out, and trust His Word.

S — Share

Consider who you could share this with.

Sharing with a friend, family member, or small group can:

- encourage others
- deepen your understanding
- strengthen your faith community

DID YOU KNOW...

THE LIVE OAK WEBSITE WALKS THROUGH MULTIPLE TOOLS TO HELP YOU ENGAGE SCRIPTURE.

FIND IT HERE:



The Word of God

Scriptures:

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Hebrews 4:12

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think the Bible is essential to our faith?
- What does it mean for the Bible to be “inspired”?
- How is the inerrancy of the Bible tied to God’s character?
- How is God’s Word connected to our spiritual formation?

Application/Next Steps

- How has God used the Bible in your salvation experience?
- What is God currently speaking into your life through His Word?
- What part does the Bible play in your personal spiritual growth plan?

Always include a Bible reading plan for you and the person you are discipling. Be sure to share the various bible engagement tools found on our app and website and discuss the Word every time you meet!

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Follow these simple steps to help your quiet times be focused and meaningful, and spiritually nourished on Jesus, "the bread of life."

How to Have a Daily Quiet Time

Spending daily quiet time in God's Word and in prayer are essential ingredients to growing your relationship with Him, yet so many of us struggle to do either consistently. Perhaps it's because we're unsure what consists of a "successful" time with God, wondering if we need to feel peace, have a spiritual experience, or receive a clear message from the Lord. That's not what happens every time, and that's okay.

Having a daily quiet time is not an end in itself; rather, it's just a tool to help you develop and deepen your relationship with God.

In Mark 1:35, Jesus gave us a great example:

> *"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed" (NIV).*

He chose a **time**, a **place**, and made a **plan** to pray.

Time – Choose a time of day when you can give your full attention to God, even if it's just five minutes. Maybe it's mornings, lunch, or before bed. Consistency is key, so pick a routine you can stick with.

Place – Find a spot where you can tune out the noise and be free from distractions. For Jesus, this was "a solitary place." For you, it might be your room, your car on lunch break, or a park bench when the weather is nice.

Plan – Before you start, decide what you'll focus on. Choose what Bible passage(s) you'll read and what else you might do, such as meditating on Scripture, allowing the Holy Spirit speak to you. Then, journal your reflections. Having a plan means spending less time figuring out what to do and spending more time with God.

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Daily Quiet Time Outline

One way to feast on God's Word is by "having a spiritual sandwich." With the "bread" being prayer (first and last) and the "meat" being Scripture (middle), we can be nourished daily by the Lord and His truth in the Bible.

Here's how you can taste and see that the Lord is good by eating a "spiritual sandwich" with this daily quiet time outline:

Prayer – "Bread"
To start off your quiet time, use the *ACTS Prayer Model* for prayer. Focus your time by beginning with just A and C, as you'll move on to T and S later on.

A – Adoration. Begin with praising God, adoring Him for who He is, His Holiness, and making Him the focus of your worship and exaltation.

C – Confession. Confess any sins that you have not already confessed to Him.

1 John 1:9 declares, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (NIV).*

God's Word – "Meat"
If you are feeling stuck in your Bible reading during your daily quiet time, try the ABC Bible Reading Method.

Ask questions about what you are reading. Here are some ideas:

- Who is saying this? To whom?Why?
- What was the writer's intent in saying this to his original audience?
- What was that audience thinking?
- What is the main point in this passage?
- What can I apply to my life today from this passage?
- What is God saying to me here?

Best Verse – Look for one verse in the passage that narrows your focus on the big lesson or truth God is revealing to you.

As you go through your day, try to return to that "best verse," perhaps rereading it again, or just taking a few seconds to talk with God about it. Then, listen. Often, the Holy Spirit will bring it to mind in the middle of an unexpected situation and how it can apply.

Commit. Choose one area of your life — or some part of your upcoming day — that you can commit to God. It might be a sales call, presentation, test, or a meeting with a particular person. What is it about your "best verse" that resonates with your life? Commit that to God.

Sometimes what we commit to God is an attitude of the heart: "Today, Lord, I trust You with this." Or, it's a specific action we should take: "Yes, Lord, I will go to her and ask her forgiveness."

Prayer – "Bread"
Now, use the ACTS guideline to pray again, this time focusing on the T and S.

T – Thanksgiving. Thank God for what He spoke to you. Thank Him for your "best verse" and for the truth or lesson that He revealed to you. This is also a good time to thank Him for any other blessings in life.

S – Supplication. To "supplicate" is to ask, so this is time you can use to ask God for anything you need. You might ask Him for His help with your latest project, for patience with your coworker, or for eyes to see your day the way the Lord sees it. Trust God's sovereignty, including His timing and will for your life.

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THE VERTICAL SPOKE

PRAYER

Learning More About What Scripture Says About Prayer

PRAYER SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 6:9-13

Matthew 6:6

Matthew 6:14,15

Luke 11:9-13

Ephesians 6

Matthew 21:22

James 5:16

Philippians 4:6

Luke 18:1

Matthew 7:7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How should we pray?

Matthew 6:9-13

- How often should we pray?

1 Thessalonians 5:17, Romans 1:9, 1 Thessalonians 2:13

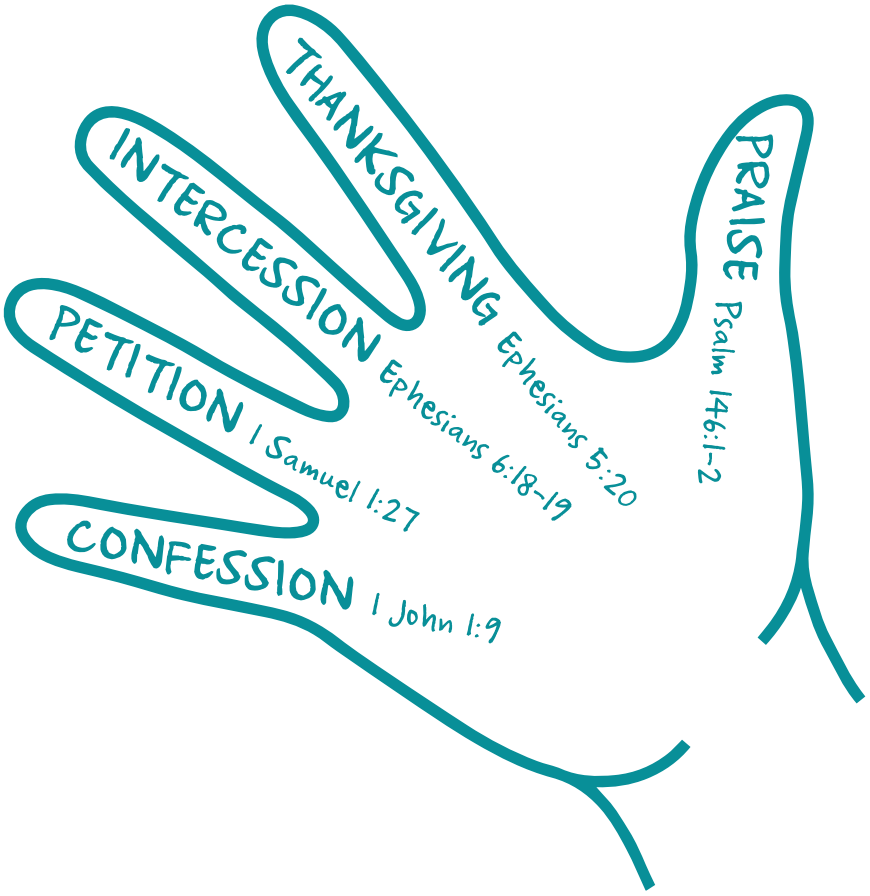
- How do I equip myself against the enemy?

Ephesians 6:11-17 & 18

- Why is it important to pray?

Philippians 4:6, Mark 11:4

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Many believers find extended time in prayer is a difficult spiritual discipline. Here's an easy way to remember five essential aspects of prayer. Pray through each of these five aspects, remembering that prayer is really about aligning our hearts with God's, and as the fifth aspect explains below, praises to God should permeate every part.

THE PRAYER HAND

① **CONFESSION**

I agree with God about my sin.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."
1 John 1:9

② **PETITION**

I ask God to provide for my needs.

"I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him."
1 Samuel 1:27

③ **INTERCESSION**

I ask God to provide for the needs of others.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel..."
Ephesians 6:18-19

④ **THANKSGIVING**

I thank God for what He has done in, through, and for me. I thank Him for His answers to prayers in the lives of those around me and for His ongoing work across the nation and the world.

"...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Ephesians 5:20

⑤ **PRAISE**

I let my enjoyment and adoration of God overflow into words. As the thumb is able to touch all four other fingers, so praise should permeate every part of my prayer life.

"Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live."
Psalm 146:1-2

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Prayer

Scriptures:

John 15:7

Philippians 4:6-7

Discussion Questions:

- From the following passages, what observations can you make about the importance and subject of prayer in Jesus' ministry?

Matthew 14:22-23

Mark 1:32-35

Luke 6:12-15

John 17:9

John 17:20

- Read John 17:13-19
    - What did Jesus pray for His disciples?
    - From this passage, how would you describe Jesus' motivation for prayer?
    - The apostle Paul was also committed to prayer. What do you learn about his prayer life in:

Ephesians 1:15-16 and Colossians 1:9

Developing A Prayer Rhythm

From Practicing the Way

1. **Find a place that is distraction-free**
   Find somewhere that you can focus and be at peace.

2. **Find a quiet time**
   Give God the best time of your day.

3. **Come to quiet**
   Start with a few deep breaths and let your mind and body calm down. This may take a few minutes. You're not in a hurry.

4. **Open your heart to God in prayer**
   There's no "right" way to pray. Start where you are, not where you feel you "should" be.

DID YOU KNOW...

THE LIVE OAK WEBSITE COVERS SEVERAL DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO PRAYER.

FIND IT HERE:

THE HORIZONTAL SPOKE

COMMUNITY
Circles Matter

Community

- God created Community

Genesis 1:26-28 — “God created man, male and female In His Image”. Genesis 2: 18 - “It is not good that man should be alone”

- Importance of Community

Hebrews 10:24-25 Matthew 18:20 Acts 2: 24-27

- What are the attributes of Community? What are the benefits of Community?

1Corinthians 12: 6-8,24-26

- What are the benefits of being in a community of believers?

- Ephesians 4: 13-15

What does this passage say to you about the role of community in Unity of the believers.

- John 13: 34-35

How would being a part of a community of believers strengthen your faith and encourage your own discipleship skills?

Next steps

What are ways that you can become more involved in your Community of Believers?

THE HORIZONTAL SPOKE

MISSION

Sharing Christ With Others

Share your Faith Using the Romans Road

ROMANS 3:23
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."

Romans 3:10
There is no one righteous, not even one

Romans 6:23
"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 5:8
"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

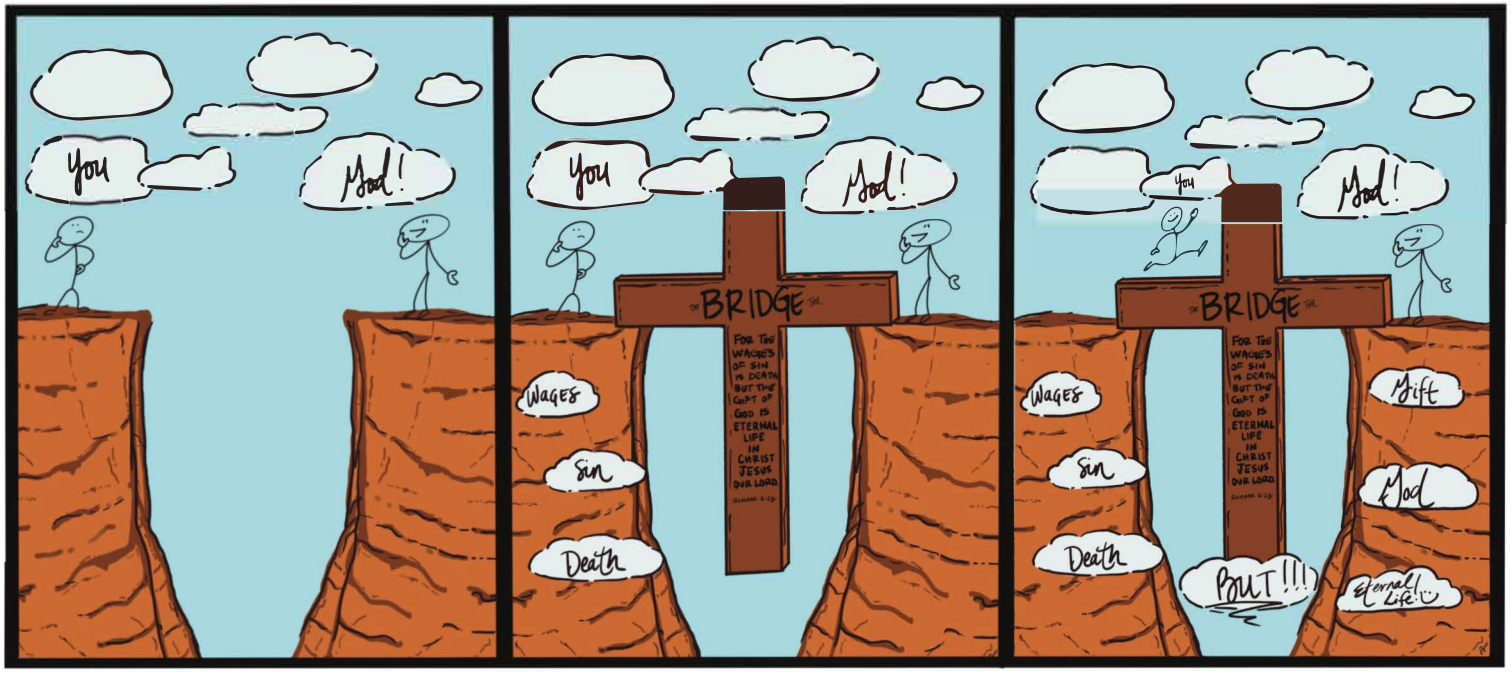
Romans 10:9-10
"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Romans 10:13
For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 8:1
"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

THE BRIDGE TOOL

An Illustration for Sharing the Gospel based on Romans 6:23

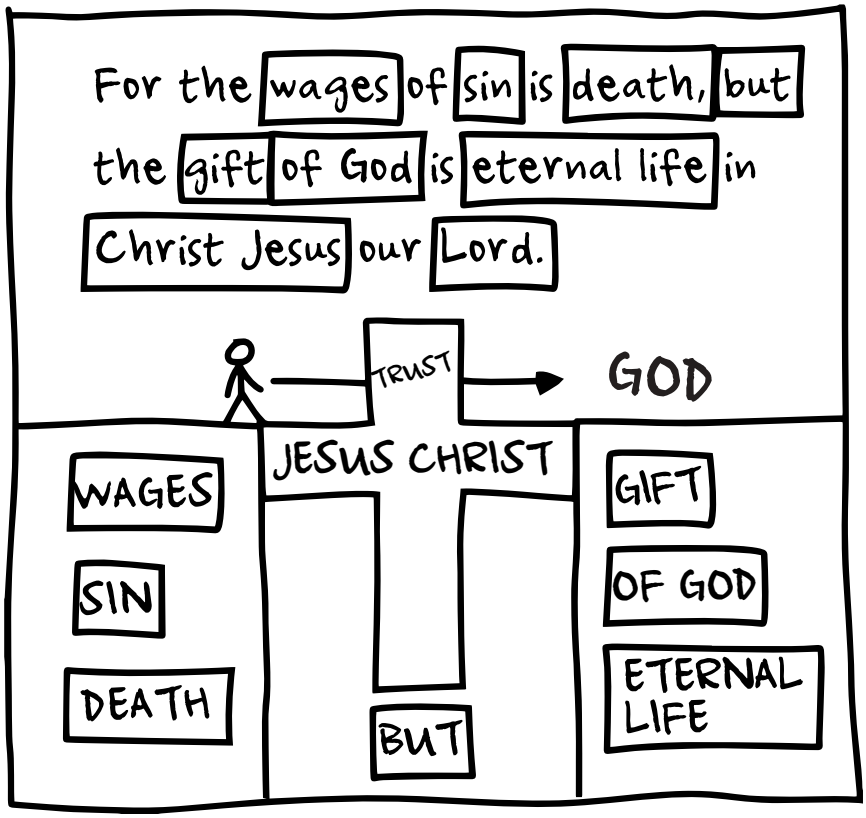


There is a God and He created you. Our sin has separated us from a good, Holy God, as though we are on one side of a cliff & God is on the other.

All of our best efforts don't quite get us to God, **BUT** God built a bridge through the cross.

Because of the cross, our sin is washed away, & we are given the **FREE** gift of God, which is eternal life. We, then, get to respond and take a step toward Jesus & a life with Him!

Navigator Discipleship Tool



One-Verse Evangelism® is a simple, interactive way to share Christ's love conversationally and visually. As you are in a conversation with a friend, you can illustrate Romans 6:23 on a napkin or piece of paper to explain God's relationship with people.

ONE VERSE EVANGELISM

Circle **WAGES** and ask, "How would you feel if your boss refused to pay you the wages that were due to you?" Of course, your friend would want justice, the wages he had worked for. Deep down, we all know that it is only right that we get what we deserve.

Draw a circle around **SIN**, asking your friend what he thinks when he hears this word. You might explain that sin is more an attitude than an action. It can be either actively fighting God or as simple as excluding Him from our lives. Now draw two opposing cliffs with a gap in between.

Circle **DEATH** and ask what thoughts come to mind. Explain that death in the Bible always means some kind of separation—in its most basic sense, separation from life. Because God is the author of life, a spiritual death simply means separation from Him.

While circling the word **BUT** mention that it is important because it means that a sharp contrast in ideas is coming. What we have just looked at is the bad news; what comes next is the good news.

Draw a circle around **GIFT**. Ask, "If wages are what a person earns, then what is a gift?" Though every gift is free for the person receiving it, someone still has to purchase it.

Circle **OF GOD** and explain that the gift you are talking about is free. It is from God Himself. It's so special that no one else can give it. Ask, "How do you feel when someone gives you a special gift?"

Circle **ETERNAL LIFE** next, and then ask, "How would you define these words?" Contrast one side of the cliff, death, with the other side, eternal life. Ask, "What is the opposite of separation from God?"

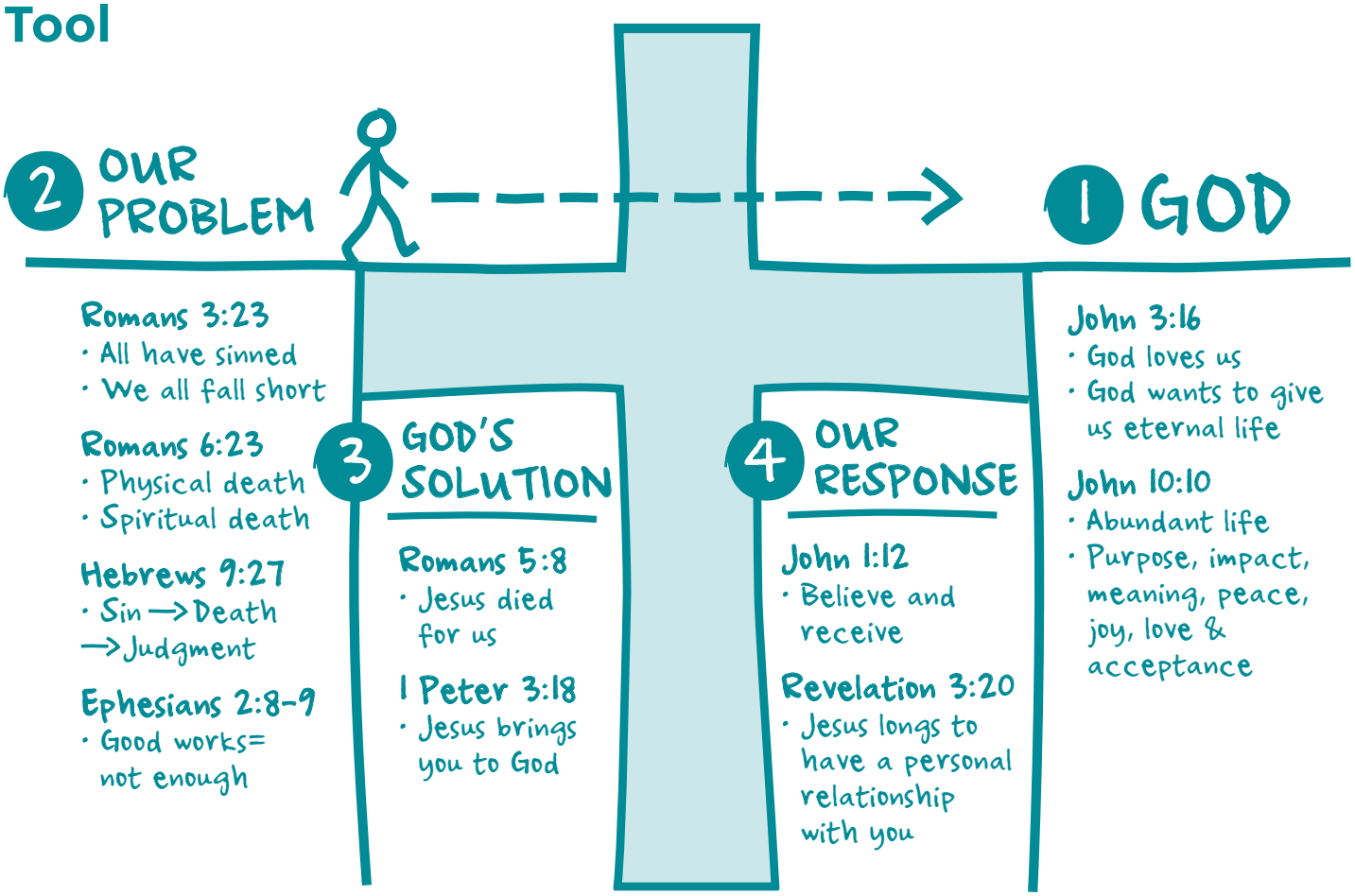
Write **JESUS CHRIST** so it creates a bridge between the two cliffs. Help your friend to consider that just as every gift has a unique giver, only Jesus Christ can give the gift of eternal life.

Write **TRUST** over the bridge. Explain that a true friend is a friend you can trust; Jesus is offering to be a true friend to him. All he has to do is admit that he is responsible for his sin—either of fighting against God or excluding Him from his life. Trusting Jesus means believing that He has power to forgive us for rejecting God and that He will wash us clean from all that we have done wrong in life.

Now, ask your friend if he wants to start a relationship with God that will last forever. If he says "Yes," invite him to pray a short prayer in his own words, asking Jesus to forgive him and make him new. Close by reminding him that this simple illustration shows what God is like: Someone who really cares about people—especially him. Invite him to read all about it in the Bible.

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Navigators Discipleship Tool



THE BRIDGE TO LIFE

This tried-and-true resource gives you the Bible verses to explain why we need Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross to solve our greatest problem: separation from God.

When you're not sure if friends have surrendered their lives to Christ yet, this is a great way to help them make that decision.

Draw this diagram on a piece of paper to walk someone through the gospel step-by-step. It helps to have the verses handy, bookmarked in a Bible or Bible app. The numbers show you the order in which to share.

Navigators Discipleship Tool



Sharing about your own faith journey with Jesus is one of the most powerful ways you can help friends grasp how much God loves us.

If someone asked you to share today, you might find it challenging to explain how you came to believe in God, or what he means to you? If so, that's okay!

Try setting aside just 15 minutes to capture some key milestones in your journey with Christ below, and use this as a guide for sharing your story with others, whether in snippets over time or all at once over coffee. Remember, it's your story, so the more authentic and personal it is, the better.

STORIES OF REDEMPTION

Preparing Your Personal Testimony

BEFORE

① Before you met Christ, what were some of your needs, what was lacking, or what was missing in your life?

② What methods for improving your life did you try that didn't work?

HOW

① What were the circumstances that caused you to consider following Jesus?

② What has become your favorite Bible verse and why?

③ Share about how you trusted Christ and give a brief explanation of the gospel. John 3:16 is a great verse to use.

AFTER

① Give an example of how God has met your needs—either physical or emotional—since you accepted Jesus.

② Share about what part of your relationship with God you're most grateful for today.

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Life on Mission
“Everyday Missionaries”

Scriptures:
Matthew 4:19
Romans 1:16

Discussion Questions:
In Bill Mowry’s book, The Ways Of The Alongsider, he refers to disciple makers as “Insiders”. “An insider shares a common space, purpose, or interest with a group of people. As Christ followers, we’re all insiders somewhere and to someone.” We are insiders where we work, live, and play! God has strategically placed us in places and with people to advance the gospel. The early church grew more by infiltration than by organized evangelism.

Read Matthew 9:9-13

What does Matthew immediately do after declaring his allegiance to Jesus?

Describe the group of people to whom Matthew was an insider.

In verses 12-13 Jesus responds to the Pharisees’ accusations by referring to Himself as a doctor among needy people. What does this tell us about Jesus’ heart for connecting with the lost?

Read John 4:39-42

What impact did this insider, a common woman have on her village?

What are some simple actions that insiders can take from the following verses:

Matthew 5:16
Mark 5:19
1 Corinthians 9:22-24
1 Thessalonians
4:10-12 1 Peter
3:15-16

Application/Next Steps

- Build authentic relationships with people where you work, live, and play
- Learn to share your faith story
- BLESS

  Begin with prayer

  Listen

  Eat

  Serve

  Share

THE OUTER RIM

Fruitful Follower of Jesus

Disciple Making Principles

1. **Disciple Making is for everyone** – God wants to use ordinary, everyday people who have a heart to serve God.

2. **Jesus Style Disciple Making is…**

Relational – Alongsiders build authentic friendships
Intentional – Alongsiders think big but start small
Missional – Alongsiders have been providentially placed in groups of people to advance the gospel

3. **Alongsiders Help Others Love and Live the Scriptures**

Discovery and Discussion around the Bible – Ask questions and tell stories

4. **Jesus is interested in transforming lives, not transferring information**

Application – Personal application is a practical way to practice obedience
Accountability – The action of helping one another be faithful
Affirmation – Support one another by giving approval, recognition, and encouragement