

## Discipleship Program Outline

Scriptural Passage as foundation:

Rom 10:14 “How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”

Matt 4:19 “Come follow me, Jesus said, and I will send you out to fish for people.

Acts 4: 29b “enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness”

PRAY: Lord give to us the boldness to share and the words to say as we communicate the Gospel message.

1. WHY-why do this?

Scripture is clear that the great commission is not given just to a few trained pastors. It’s given to everyone. We have been given the ministry of reconciliation. We must shift from a passive Christian attitude to intentionally follow Jesus in telling others about Him. Our mission field is vast, our message is urgent.

2. WHO-everyone. We are called, as Jesus followers, to proclaim the kingdom and live out its values. (Every time I share the love and faithfulness of God with someone, I affirm His love and mercy in my own life as well.)

3. WHERE-whenever God is working-at home, at work, at play, in the neighborhood, at the restaurant, everywhere, Monday through Sunday.

4. HOW-one or more alternative processes-Develop program outline.

- Create opening prayer for each lesson to emphasize work of holy Spirit and encourage participants.
- Create closing prayer for each lesson to encourage the sending.
- Incorporate follow-up sessions with each participant/class after completing program for care, encouragement, accountability, maintaining focus, keep inspired.

5. RESISTANCE-common objections and ways to overcome

1 Cor 15 ;10, 2 Cor 3:5-our competence comes from the Lord  
It’s about our desire not our abilities.

6. TOOLS/RESOURCES-copies and examples; Develop 1 or 2 good Gospel summaries that can be memorized or readily remembered. This should help each participant to develop their own summary.

7. REVISE/EXPAND-feedback and input from initial participants (Navigator graduates/Elders?)

8. SHARE-real life experiences with learned tools

9. CELEBRATE-present to congregation in a “missional moment” Sunday mornings

10. REPEAT

11. Develop educational support for new Christians-formalize for new converts, Jesus and the Bible first; assign mentors? Select specific readings ie, Christianity 101, short essays, what's Reformed, What's Presbyterian.....Jack recommended I am a church member: Discovering the attitude that makes a difference (Tom Rainer), Basic Christianity (John Stott)(3<sup>rd</sup> edition)

PRAY: Lord, I am willing to be molded into a workman who need not be ashamed. Even if I could perform miracles, not everyone will be convinced of your Gospel. Help me to sow seeds of good news on the best ground I can find in the best way I can. I leave the convincing in Your hands.