



Chapter Two

Part 2 – Disciple-Maker Discussion Guide

Last week, we learned that the Holy Spirit empowers us. One of the things He prepares us to do is to be a disciple-maker. It may seem like the hardest, most intimidating thing we can attempt, but God is with us! Instead of the scariest moments, these God-appointments will fill us with joy and purpose. This week, we will look to Phillip as He was presented with an opportunity to share the Gospel. He didn't shrink or look to someone else to do it. He went with boldness and courage and shared the Gospel on a dusty road in the middle of the desert.

Jump Start

1. When you made the decision to follow Jesus, who invited you to that moment? If you haven't yet become a follower of Jesus yet, how did you get here and what made you decide to come?
2. **Read [Matthew 4:19 and Acts 1:8](#)**. Jesus said, "I will show you how to fish for people" (NLT). Have you ever thought of yourself as a disciple-maker? What is the first thing that must happen to make a new disciple? When you initially thought about making disciples, who did you think was responsible for making them?
3. **Take time to tell your story**. Use this [Life Map](#) to plan it out.
4. **Read [Acts 8:26-38](#)**. List the main actions that Phillip exhibited in this passage. (**Hint**: they were the main points of the message!) Which parts would be hardest for you? Easiest?
5. **Pray This Prayer**: God, when I think about all You have brought me through, known and unknown, I can't help but say thank You. You love me, even when I do not have the energy to love myself. I no longer want to take the simple things in life for granted. Use me, Lord, as You will. I know I am empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a disciple-maker. I want to live for you, God. I am grateful for my life. I thank You for my family, my home, my job. Even in seasons when I did not know how You were going to do it, You did. God, every day of my life I pray You will show me Your glory. I choose to die to my fleshly desires, and yield to the Holy Spirit. I know that I am not primarily a body. I am a spirit, in a body, with a soul. God, change my heart, give me a fresh start, and help me live for You. You are Abba Father; You are I Am. You reign, God. Make me a fisher of people and help me to draw them to You. I am willing; I am available. I love you. In Jesus' Name. Amen

Deeper

In this season, we are reading the Scriptures and coding them as we read. Why we are doing this? To slow down and become aware of what the Holy Spirit is teaching us as we read. The voice of the Holy Spirit will take faith to follow. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the plans that God has for you. Ask Him for wisdom. Pray for awareness of His presence. There are also the **SOAP** questions to help guide you as well. (**S O A P** stands for **S**cripture **O**bservation **A**pplication **P**rayer.) There are lots of ways to study God's Word. The key is to just do it. As we spend time with God, we become more like Him.

CODING GUIDE:

(If you do not have these colors adjust to what you have and make a coding guide in your study notebook.)

Yellow Highlighter: God is speaking personally to me.

Green Highlighter: Who I am to be or what I am to do.

Red Underline: Mind Blowing (something that stood out to you).

Black Circle: I do not understand this at all. HELP.

(Bring this up when you are in Life Group to discuss.)

6. **Scripture.** Read Matthew 28:16-20, John 8:31-32, Matthew 4:19-20, 2 Timothy 2:2, Luke 6:4, 2 Timothy 3: 16-17. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you as you read these passages?

Take time to read this passage and allow God to speak to you. Jot down anything that made you stop and pause or anything that you questioned. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you and write it out fully in your journal.

7. **Observe.** What is God saying to you in these verses? What overarching theme or promise did you see? What did the specific verse that you were drawn to teach you?

What do you think God is saying to you, personally and specifically, in these Scriptures? (You can even have a short prayer at this point, asking the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Remember that He promised to give us wisdom and reveal truth to us when we ask.)

8. **Application.** How will you apply what God showed you through these verses?

Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or correction in an area of your life. For sure, God is challenging you to "fish" this week! Write down how this Scripture applies to you today.

9. **Pray.** Pray about what you read in Matthew 28:16-20, John 8:31-32, Matthew 4:19-20, 2 Timothy 2:2, Luke 6:4, Luke 9:23, 2 Timothy 3: 16-17 Pray about what God revealed to you in these verses.

This prayer can be as simple as asking God to help you use this Scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so take time here! Be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out. Journaling your quiet time helps you to see what God is teaching you over time.