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Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 1 Our Mission – Aug. 1, 2021

Helpful Resources

Consider attending Fellowship's Membership Class

Discipling: How to Help Others Follow Jesus by Mark Dever – <https://bit.ly/DisciplingDever>

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KNOW:

- Have you ever traveled around the world? Was it for pleasure, business, mission trip? Share the experience with your D-Group.
- Is there a local ministry, something outside of the church, that has impacted you in a big way?
- Think back to when you were a kid. What did you want to be when you grew up? Who were your inspirations for wanting to be that?
- Who were/are your three biggest influences in your life spiritually? Why/How were they so influential?
- What would you say is your biggest obstacle in living out Fellowship's mission to make disciples?



GROW:

- Read Matthew 28:18-20. In its original language, the only imperative command is to make disciples. The rest of what we see as verbs (going, baptizing, teaching) are participles, which have an ongoing or continuous aspect to them. It could be read as “As you are going, make disciples”. In light of that, how can making disciples be a process instead of a one-time event?
- Spend time reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 out loud. Paul lays out the gospel here. If someone were to ask you, “What is the gospel?”, how would you relay it to them?
- When you hear the word “disciple,” what comes to mind? Is it an exciting word or an intimidating word?
- Think about stories of Jesus that you might be familiar with. What are some things you notice about how he made disciples that could be a model for you to follow?
- What does it mean to be a disciple of someone? What does the day-to-day life of a disciple look like?
- Read 1 Peter 2:9 and 2 Timothy 2:2. God reveals himself in many ways to all of humanity, but why do you think he chose US as his primary way to spread the good news of the Gospel to the world?



SHOW:

- What “next step” do you need to take as you join together with the body of Fellowship to make disciples? Write it down or share it with your group and help hold each other accountable to being intentional about making disciples!
- Think about your life on a daily basis. How are you making disciples as you are going? How might you be more strategic as you think about the mission that Jesus has called us to?
- Is there anything that specifically keeps you from working to disciple another with the things that God has taught you? The command to make disciples is a difficult one, so it is okay to admit you struggle with it. What is one step to move toward obedience?
- Paul says that he presented the gospel to the Corinthians as a matter of “first importance.” When others look at your life and the conversations you have, what would they say is of first importance to you? If it’s not the gospel, how can you begin to orient your life around who Jesus is and what He has done?
- What could you do to step into some of your own insecurities when it comes to making disciples? What are you uncomfortable with? How can you specifically address that and step into it? Read Acts 1:8, Mark 1:17, and John 15:16. What do these passages mean for you as a disciple maker?

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Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 2 Connection – Aug. 8, 2021

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KNOW:

- Who is the most well-known/famous/important person you've ever known? Not just, "I met them once." But you actually have some form of a relationship with them.
- Name a time in your life that you felt closest to God. When was it? Where were you? What was happening?
- What is your favorite way to spend quality time with people? How intentional are you when it comes to pursuing others?
- What is your favorite sport or board game? How do games help us connect with others? Do you have an example of a relationship that has grown because of a shared love for a game?
- What drew you and your family to Fellowship Bible Church? Why do you continue to be a part of Fellowship?
- How would you describe Fellowship Bible Church to someone who has never attended? What is the heart of the people at Fellowship?



GROW:

- What are the things in your spiritual life that make you feel closely connected to God? What are the things that make you feel more disconnected from him? Discuss why you think you answered the way you did?
- Read John 15 out loud together. What do you think it would have been like to hear Jesus say these words? What does it mean to “abide” in Jesus? How is abiding in Jesus related to the fruit that he produces in our lives?
- Concentrate on John 15:12-17. What purpose did Jesus give His followers? What does He command His followers to do?
- According to John 15, how does Jesus produce fruit in a believers’ life? What does it look like for someone to “abide” in Jesus?
- Read Acts 2:42-47. In this passage, we see the practices of the early church that connected them to God and each other. Which of these practices resonates with you the most? The least? Why?
- Why does committing yourself to spiritual community matter so much?



SHOW:

- What “next step” do you need to take as you join together with the body of Fellowship? What is one step that you can/will take this week that will help you connect to God in a closer and deeper way?
- What is a step that you'd like to see your D-Group take that would help you grow in your relationships with each other?
- What does abiding in Christ look like practically in our lives? How can we grow in dependence on Jesus? Is there a specific spiritual discipline that you need to engage with?
- What is one thing from this week’s sermon that inspires you about Fellowship’s value of Connection? How will it change the way you live this week?
- What can you do to abide in Christ this week? Are there any next steps at Fellowship that you need to take to help you live out Fellowship’s mission of making disciples who live by God’s grace and for His glory at home and across the world?
- Have you ever experienced the full joy of Jesus in your life? Did it come at a time when everything was going great, or did it come in the midst of adversity and hardship? How did the people you were connected to in your church play a role in this time?
- What are some things that keep you from pursuing spiritual community? How can your D-Group help you?

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Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 3 Transformation – Aug. 15, 2021

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KNOW:

- Share about a time in your life where you went through some significant change. Was it spiritual, emotional, or physical? How did you feel while experiencing the change? How did that change affect you as a person?
- Were there any fashion styles that you experimented with as a teenager? What was your look? What were you hoping your image would portray to others? How did that work for you?
- What is the most outrageous New Year's resolution you ever committed to? What was the outcome? On average, how long does it take in the year before you give up on those resolutions? What makes those changes so challenging?
- What is the first thing you read, listen to, or watch in the morning? Why is that your go-to? Is it a habit that seems to come naturally, or do you need to work at it?
- How has following Jesus changed your life? What are some of the ways you have seen God transform your heart and mind?



GROW:

- Read through the passages of Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 12:2, 1 Peter 1:2-4, and 2 Corinthians 3:18 together. What do you notice about these passages? What similarities do you see? What do these passages show us about God, us, and our relationship with God?
- Consider 2 Corinthians 3:18. According to this verse, what role does God's presence play in spiritual growth? What does “beholding the glory of the Lord” have to do with the Spirit’s work of transforming us?
- As you read Romans 12:2, consider the context of the whole passage. What is Paul conveying to the Roman believers? Explain in your own words how the renewing of your mind takes place.
- 1 Peter 1:2-4 is a passage of great hope. What do you see in this text about the work of God and the transformation that He brings in our lives?
- Look at the Value statement from Fellowship on [Transformation](#). Read it out loud as a group together. As you read this, what sticks out to you? In what ways do you see the Bible informing this value statement for our church?
- As you think about the teaching from this week, the values of Fellowship, and the mission that we are on together to Make Disciples, what is the difference between behavior modification and a transformed life?



SHOW:

- What is your part or responsibility in your growth process? What is God's part? How can this change the way you live and pray?
- Meditate on Fellowship’s value of Transformation. The prayer of our church is that we become more like Jesus in attitude and action. What is the evidence of this taking place? What would it look like for you to become more like Jesus in attitude and action? Is there anything specific that comes to mind right now?
- What is a simple and practical thing you can do to commit to this week that will help you grow into Christlikeness? Is there anything that you need to let go of or surrender in order to grow as a follower of Christ?
- For you personally, how do you go about renewing your mind? Are there any practices that you have that you could share with the group? How can our group encourage transformation in each other’s lives?
- How does a heart and mind that is renewed by Jesus change the way we interact with God, our families, our co-workers, and the world around us?
- Paul indicates, in Romans 12:2, that the renewal of our minds leads to the ability to “discern the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect”. What are some things you do throughout your week to renew your heart and mind?

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Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 4 Multiplication– Aug. 22, 2021

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KNOW:

- Have you ever been a part of or witnessed someone come to saving faith in Jesus Christ firsthand? What happened? Share about the experience.
- One of the most central building blocks of God's kingdom is the family. What does discipleship look like in your home, or in the home you grew up in?
- Think about a time you learned to play a new game. Do you remember how awkward it is to not know how to play right away? How did that affect your ability to win?
- What is something that you are extremely passionate about? It could be a sports team, hobby, or something else (Razorbacks, essential oils, knitting, etc.). How do others know that you are passionate about it? What do they observe about your life and that passion? How do you usually talk about that topic with others?
- Share about a time when someone was intentional to either share the gospel with you or to help you grow spiritually? How did God use this person in your life?



GROW:

- Read Matthew 4:19 and 28:18-20. How does Jesus' expectations for his disciples change between these passages? What does that reveal to us about his relationship with His disciples? How do Jesus' expectations for us change as we grow as His disciples?
- How does Jesus define the mission for His followers? What does this tell the disciples about how to win their mission?
- Jesus shares two important elements of disciple-making: baptism and teaching. Why are these two things essential elements of making disciples?
- Jesus leaves soon after calling his disciples to make disciples. Why is that important? What does that teach us about Jesus' expectations for His disciple-makers?
- Look at the Value Statement from Fellowship on [Multiplication](#). Read it out loud as a group together. As you read this, what sticks out to you? In what ways do you see the Bible informing this value statement for our church?
- We use the phrase “sharing the gospel” a lot at our church. What information is shared, when you are presenting the gospel to someone? Come up with two or three biblical truths that are essential to include when you present to someone the hope of salvation in Christ. For help, reference 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.
- Discipling another person is helping that person follow Jesus. Describe what the ideal disciple-maker looks like. What qualities do they have? What is the gifting of a disciple-maker?



SHOW:

- How does Jesus' commission to His disciples relate to us today? How do we follow Jesus' instructions to make disciples in our day?
- We all have similar reservations, fears, and barriers that keep us from sharing the gospel during certain situations. Come up with some of the common ones and discuss how the Bible can give courage and answers for these experiences. What passages of the Bible speak directly to these fears? Pray together over some of the fears and barriers that keep your group from sharing the gospel and ask that God would save the lost around you through your witnessing.
- How are we (as individuals and as a D-group) living out the value of multiplication? How can you be involved and grow in the value of multiplication at Fellowship? How can you grow in your value of multiplication in your personal circles?
- Which relationships in your life are focused on discipleship? Which relationships have potential to be intentional about discipleship?
- Fall is typically the time when activities ramp up...school starts back, church ministries launch, sports seasons kickoff, etc. As you look at your schedule these next few months, how are you prioritizing spiritual growth in community with other believers?