

DISCIPLING MEN

Keeping It Simple for Disciples & Leaders

INTRODUCTION.

WHAT? “What is a “disciple”?”

1. Essentially/What he is. “A _____ follower...
one who _____.”

Hear, O Israel... love the LORD your God with all your heart.... – Deut 6:4-5

*It is enough for the disciple that he become as his teacher...
– Jesus, Mt 10:25.*

2. Practically/What he does. Three clear biblical marks – “UP-IN-OUT.”

- _____. Disciples “abide” in Him – live by His word and power.

*Abide in me, and I in you.... I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.
- Jn 15:4-5.*

- _____. Disciples love one another.

*By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.
– Jesus, Jn 13:35.*

- _____. Disciples make more disciples.

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.
– Jesus, Mt 28:19*

WHY? Why D-Groups?

Pressing Need: More _____ to provide _____

*When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.
– Mt 9:36-38*

HOW? How do D-Groups?

1. Description.
 - 2-6 men or women
 - Any time
 - Any place
 - Purpose - To help each other grow
 - Potential – Easily transferable
 - Process
 - Simple (time, prep, ability to lead, method)
 - Personal (see, know, help each other individually)
 - Nutritious (do the essentials of biblical growth/discipleship).
2. Method.
 - UP (25 min).
 - **Read (5 minutes).** Find a book of the Bible that fits your group, and read a chapter each time you get together until you finish the book.
 - **Journal. (5 minutes).** After you’ve read your chapter, go back and ask, “What is God saying to me?” In just two or three sentences write what you are hearing.
 - **Share. (15 minutes).** Have each man simply read what he wrote and add clarifying comments.
 - IN (25 minutes). Ask and have each answer a “life question.”
 - OUT (10 minutes). Each pray for each other and for his “One” who needs Jesus.
3. Practice.
4. Pointers
 - Be flexible.
 - Be balanced.
 - Set the example.
 - “Greatest of these is love.”