Discipleship Cycle

"If God would do a miracle in your life, what would it be? Could I pray right now for that miracle for you?"

List your Oikos. List as many people as you know who are far from God?

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10.

List as many names as possible, pray for them daily, and share your testimony with the ones whom you think God is moving in their lives.

Who are the Christians you could teach the lessons of oikos to this week, as well as how to share their stories and God's story?

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Personal Testimony:

In Acts 9, Paul's testimony has all 3 parts of a testimony outlined; if you have time, look at it in class. *My life before Christ:*

How I met Christ: What was the Holy Spirit doing in my life at that time?

How my life has changed since I met Christ:

"When can we meet again and continue this spiritual conversation?" A Person of Peace will be willing to continue to talk about spiritual things.

Gospel Self-Discovery Assignment

Examples within the book of Acts provide us with key elements to include in our Gospel presentation. Here Paul's presentation in Acts 17 has been completed. Take time to examine Acts 2 to discover Peter's key elements and also look at the key elements in I Corinthians 15:1-11.

Key Elements of Paul's Gospel Presentation.	Acts 17: 22-31	Acts 2:14-39	I Cor. 15:1-11
	God is described as: Creator and Lord of all (v.24-26) Alive and the giver of life (v.27-29) Judge of all through Christ (v.30-31) Savior by Christ's death and resurrection (v. 31). One who demands repentance (v. 30).		

Choose one or two Gospel presentations and learn them well and use them often. If God is working in a Person of Peace, they will respond to spiritual bait.

Write the Roman Road in your own words: John 3:16

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

Romans 5:8

Romans 10:9-10

"Would you like to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and could we set up a time to meet again?"

HOUSE OF PEACE OR PERSON OF PEACE

How to find the House of Peace

Read Luke 10:1-11 and Matthew 10:5-14 (Mark 6:1-7, Luke 9:1-6)

What did the disciples do?

What did the disciples not do?

What happen between Luke 9, sending of the 12, and Luke 10, sending of the 70? What made the difference?

How can we apply the House of Peace to your neighborhood or target area?

Characteristics of the House of Peace

<u>Luke 10:</u>

- V. 5- opens his door to you
- V. 6- receives your blessing and shows interest
- V. 7- opens his house to you/hospitable
- V. 7- offers to sustain you in some way

Matthew 10:

V. 13- has influence in his home

What the disciple does:

<u>Luke 10:</u>

- V. 2- prays for laborers
- V. 3- goes with danger all around
- V. 4- leaves behind bags
- V. 4- does not waste time
- V. 5- gives greeting
- V. 6- if favorable response, give blessing
- V. 7- fellowship with them
- V. 9- ask God for healing where needed
- V. 9- minister to them
- V. 9- proclaim the words of the Kingdom

Matthew 10:

- V. 5-6- goes where God sends
- V. 11- inquire/search/identify
- V. 11- spend time with the candidate
- V. 12- give greeting
- V. 13- gives blessing
- V. 14- proclaim the words of the Kingdom
- V. 14- Be bold and truthful

SUMMARY

1) Pray for laborers

V. 13- he is worthy

V. 14- receives you

V. 14- hears your words

- 2) Go where God sends you
- 3) Enter a place or area proclaiming the Kingdom
- 4) Do not waste time
- 5) Inquire with discernment
- 6) Visit the House of Peace candidate, engage him and family if possible
- 7) Give greetings/ask spiritual interest questions
- 8) If favorable response, give blessing and ask evangelistic questions
- 9) Stay with the House of Peace
- 10) Fellowship with them/discern
- 11) Minister to them
- 12) Always be bold and truthful

- Proclaim Kingdom Words: The Gospel

Acts references to House of Peace: Acts 10: 9-48 / Acts 16:13-15 / Acts 16: 25-34 / Acts 18:5-11

7 Gospel Stories of Hope

1) Luke 7:36-50 When Jesus forgives a prostitute she responds with real worship. I think this is a great "hook" story for the very first lesson because it gives the unchurched postmodern lost person some great things to wrestle with: Jesus forgiving and touching a prostitute (in contrast to how postmoderns think Jesus and Christians are judgmental and aloof), He forgives her SINS (we introduce the topic of sin right at the beginning and see that we need forgiveness).

2) Luke 18:9-17 The parable of the Pharisee & Tax Collector teaches the kingdom is for humble & repentant sinners, not the proud & self-righteous. Jesus tells the story of the "good" Pharisee who doesn't need to repent vs. the very bad tax collector who begs for God's forgiveness.

3) Acts 17:16-34 The sovereign creator God will judge the world through Jesus. **Excellent** *presentation of God as creator, sovereign, and judge but not in a boring way... there are interesting "people events" in the passage to catch the listener's attention.*

4) Matthew 16:21-17:9 Jesus tells His gospel plan and displays His holiness as God's Son. The transfiguration passage demonstrates His holiness and uniqueness as God's Son, but the preceding verses powerfully show that Jesus PLANNED to go to the cross, rise again, and rule the world.

5) Luke 22:66-23:25, 23:32-43 *Jesus'* death on the cross, and a criminal is forgiven. **Even the Romans have to admit Jesus had not sinned, yet Jesus refuses to avoid the cross which** *is presented in graphic, painful detail.* **Even on the cross, though, Jesus is loving the people around Him and offering forgiveness to those who seem unforgivable.**

6) Luke 18:18-30, 19:1-10*The ruler, Peter, and Zacchaeus weigh the cost of following Jesus. Great message from Jesus that following Him should be more important to us than any cost.*

7) Matthew 18:21-35 The story of the merciful king shows how God's forgiveness should change our lives. **Following Jesus should transform us.**

What does it say about God?

Sins to Avoid?

Promises to claim?

Commands to obey? Examples to follow?

Disciple Cycle Bible Study Method



What does it say about man?

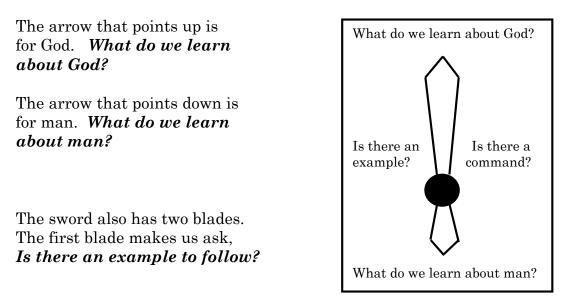
Seven Commands of Christ

An adaptation of George Patterson's Seven Commands

Bible Study Method

Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any doubleedged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

This picture of a sword helps us to teach any passage of the Bible. When we think of a sword we think of four questions we need to ask.



The second blade makes us ask, *Is there a command to obey?*

After reading or telling any story from the Bible ask these four questions one at a time and search the story for answers. The answers you find will reveal the meaning of the story for our lives.

Command #1 –Repent & Believe

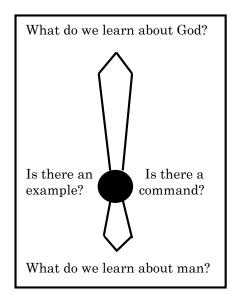
Command—In Mark 1:15, Jesus says...

Tell the Story—Zacchaeus' Salvation from Luke 19:1-10

<u>What</u> does repent mean? Repent means turning from sin and following Jesus

<u>What</u> does believe mean? Believe means choosing to trust Jesus as Lord.

<u>Why</u> should we repent? Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans10:9-10



<u>Who</u> should repent? Acts 2:38-41- Everyone must repent for forgiveness.

<u>What</u> is assurance? 1 John 1:9 says that when we confess our sins Jesus forgives us and cleanses us. John 10:28—Our salvation belongs to Jesus.

Prayer - Jesus I want to leave my old life of sin and follow you. I believe in you, become my Lord.

Assignment – Confess your sins before the Lord, turn from them and live a new life.

Command #2 – Be Baptized

Command—In Matthew 28:19, Jesus says...

Tell the Story—Phillip and a New Believer from Acts 8:26-39

<u>What</u> is baptism? Romans 6:3-4 - Baptism is a symbol of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. It means we also have died to our old life and been raised to live a new life with Jesus.

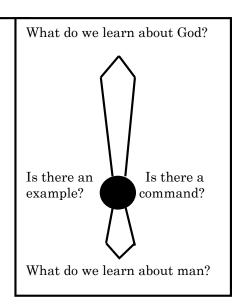
<u>Why</u> should we be baptized? Matthew 3:13-15 - Jesus received baptism, so should we. Receiving baptism means we identify Jesus as our Lord.

<u>Who</u> should be baptized? Acts 2:38 - Everyone who repents and believes.

<u>How</u> should we be baptized? Matthew 3:16 - Jesus went down into the water.

Prayer—Lord give me the strength to identify my life with you through the symbol of baptism.

Assignment—Go down into the water and receive baptism.



Command #3 – Pray

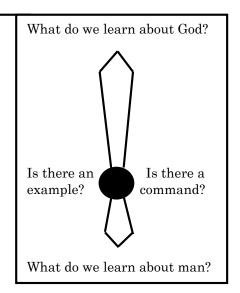
Command—In Matthew 6:9-13, Jesus says...

Tell the Story—Jesus Teaches about Prayer, Matthew 6:5-15

<u>What</u> is prayer? Talking with God our Father.

<u>Why</u> do we pray? – Matthew 6:9-13 God hears us. We desire His will to be done on earth.

<u>How</u> do we pray? By simply talking with God. "Give us today our daily bread" —pray for needs "Forgive us our debts" —pray for forgiveness "Deliver us from the evil one" —pray for resistance of temptation

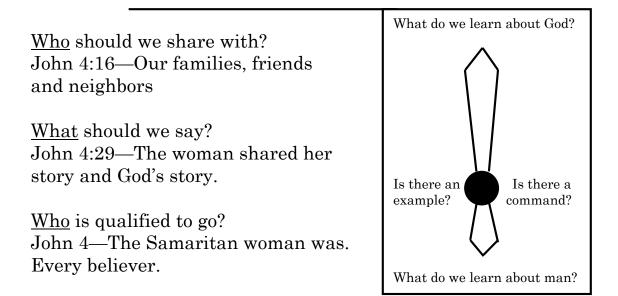


Prayer—Lord teach us to pray. Give us pure motives. May your will be done in us.

Assignment—Start and finish each day by giving thanks to God and presenting your requests to Him.

Command #4 – Go...Make Disciples

Command—In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says... **Tell the Story**—The Samaritan Woman from John 4:4-42



Prayer—Lord make me bold to share what you have done in my life. Give me your words to share in my community.

Assignment—Learn how to share My Story and God's Story from the last page of this booklet. Also pray for opportunities to share with the people who are on your list of friends and neighbors that need to hear your story. Share with them.

Command #5 - Love

Command—In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus says...

Tell the Story—Good Samaritan from Luke 10:25-37

<u>What</u> is love? John 15:13 and 1 Corinthians 13

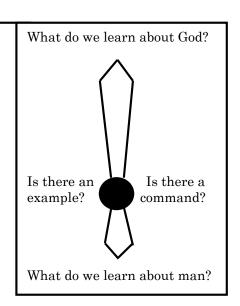
<u>Why</u> do we love? John 13:34-35—Because Jesus loved us first. Love teaches the world about Jesus.

<u>Who</u> do we love? Matthew 22:37-39—First we need to love God. Then we need to love our neighbors.

<u>How</u> do we love? John 14:15—Loving Jesus means we obey Jesus. John 21:17—Loving others means telling them what God has done for you.

Prayer—Lord help me to love you by obeying you. Lord help me to love others so that they might learn that you love them also.

Assignment—Take time each day to intentionally show love by helping your neighbors.



Command #6 – Lord's Supper

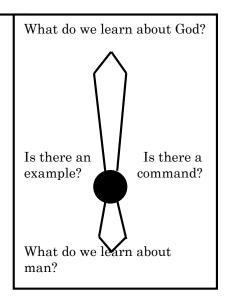
Command—In Luke 22:19-20, Jesus says...

Tell the Story—Jesus' Last Meal from Luke 22:7-20

<u>What</u> is the Lord's Supper? 1 Corinthians 11:26 - A symbol of the Lord's death.

<u>Why</u> do we eat the Lord's Supper? 1 Corinthians 11:26—His body was broken, His blood was spilt for us.

<u>How</u> do we receive the Lord's Supper? 1 Corinthians 11:27-29—We must examine ourselves, confess our sins to God and remember Jesus died to give us forgiveness.



Who should receive the Lord's Supper?

Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:27-29—Baptized disciples devoted to Jesus who examine themselves.

Prayer—Lord show me the sins I have committed. Forgive them. Thank you for giving your body and blood for me.

Assignment – Receive the Lord's Supper.

Command #7 – Give

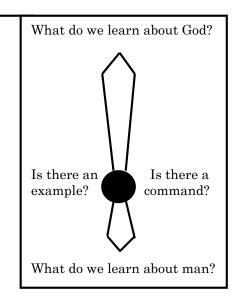
Command—In Luke 6:38, Jesus says...

Tell the Story—The Widow Gives from Mark 12:41-44

<u>What</u> should we give to God? Our money, time and our lives.

Why should we give to God? 2 Corinthians 9:6-7—Give generously and we will receive generously. God loves a cheerful giver.

<u>How</u> do we give to God? 2 Corinthians 9:7—Cheerfully, not under compulsion. Matthew 6:1-4—Secretly, not for recognition.



<u>Who</u> do we give to?
2 Corinthians 9—A collection
was given to a church.
Acts 4:34-35 - The church gave to all who had need.

Prayer—Lord everything I have is yours. Teach me to give. Show me needs that I can help with my time and money.

Assignment—Decide this week with your family an amount of time or money you will give for the work of the church each week.

Basics of a Church

<u>**1 Holy Vision:**</u> Glorifying God, or Christ in you--the hope of glory

2 Corinthians 4:1-6; 1 Corinthians 10:31 Habakkuk 2:14

<u>2 Authorities</u>:

- 1. God's Word Col 3:16-17; John 8:31-32
- 2. Lordship of Christ through Holy Spirit Ephesians 5:18-20, John 15:26-27, 16:7-15

3 Offices/Leaders:

- 1. Elders, Pastor, Overseer, Bishop 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- 2. Deacons Acts 6, choose among yourselves; 1 Timothy 3:8-13
- 3. Treasurer example of Jesus' disciples, John 13:29

4 Marks of Maturity:

- 1. Self-supporting Acts 11:27-30, 2 Cor 1:1-5
- 2. Self-governing Acts 6:1-7, Acts 15:22, 25;

Ephesians 4:11-16

- 3. *Self-propagating* –Acts 11:19-26, Acts 13:1-4
- 4. *Self-correcting* 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Acts 15:1-34

<u>5 Functions of the Church:</u> Read Matthew 22:36-39 and Matthew 28:18-20

- 1. Worship
- 2. Ministry
- 3. Fellowship
- 4. Evangelism/Missions
- 5. Discipleship

Read Acts 2:38-47, 11:19-30, 13:1-3: Discuss how the churches in these passages are demonstrating the five functions of a healthy church.

BIBLE STUDY FOR BASIC T4T

Use the Sword method to go through these passages week by week using the 1/3, 1/3, 13 discipleship cycle.

1. Mark 1: 1-8	38. Mark 9: 9-13
2. Mark 1:9-15	39. Mark 9:14-29
3. Mark 1:16-20	40. Mark 9: 33-37
4. Mark 1: 21-28	41. Mark 9: 38-50
5. Mark 1: 29-34	42. Mark 10:1-12
6. Mark 1: 35-45	43. Mark 10: 13-16
7. Mark 2: 1-12	44. Mark 10: 17-31
8. Mark 2: 13-17	45. Mark 10: 32-34
9. Mark 2: 18-28	46. Mark 10: 35-45
10. Mark 3: 1-12	47. Mark 10: 46-52
11. Mark 3: 13-19	48. Mark 11:1-11
12. Mark 3: 20-30	49. Mark 11: 12-18
13. Mark 3: 31-35	50. Mark 11: 19-26
14. Mark 4: 1-20	51. Mark 11:27-33
15. Mark 4:21-25	52. Mark 12:1-12
16. Mark 4:26-29	53. Mark 12:13-17
17. Mark 4: 30-34	54. Mark 12:18-27
18. Mark 4: 35-41	55. Mark 12: 28-34
19. Mark 5: 1-20	56. Mark 12: 35-40
20. Mark 5: 21-24; 35-43	57. Mark 12: 41-44
21. Mark 5: 25-34	58. Mark 13:1-8
22. Mark 6: 1-6	59. Mark 13:9-13
23. Mark 6:7-13	60. Mark 13: 14-27
24. Mark 6: 14-29	61. Mark 13: 28-37
25. Mark 6: 30-32	62. Mark 14:1-10
26. Mark 6: 33-44	63. Mark 14:11-21
27. Mark 6: 45-52	64. Mark 14:22-26
28. Mark 6: 53-56	65. Mark 14:27-31
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34. Mark 8: 11-21	71. Mark 15:16-47
35. Mark 8:22-26	72. Mark 16: 1-8
36. Mark 8: 27-38; 9:30-32	73. Mark 16: 9-13
37. Mark 9: 1-8	74. Mark 16:14-20

(Training Trainers) 3/3 Training Process

First Third	SecondThird	FinalThird
•Caring Community Questions – "How are you doing? Struggles? •Worship	•New Lesson •(Enough Biblical Content to Obey)	•Practice •Retell your story, God's story and this weeks story. •Act out the story.
•Accountability - Review & Encouragement •Vision-Casting	Good Accountability Questions:	•Who are you discipling? • Prayer/Vision
Don't leave out the RED PARTS!	Good Accountability Questions: EDLIQW: How did you obey the lesson last week? EISH: Who did you ask the question "If God could do a miracle in your life today? And could I pray that for you? Who did you share your story and God's story with this week? Did you find a Person of Peace this week?	