



BEREAN CHURCH

Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Dear disciple maker,

Our mission of leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ certainly didn't originate with us; we have simply restated Jesus' command to his followers to "Make disciples" (Matthew 28:19-20). Furthermore, we believe this command isn't given to just a few select, hyper-spiritual individuals but is a mandate for Christ's **whole** church – every part of his body!

It's been said that the measure of the quality of discipleship efforts is not seen in the walk of those whom we have disciplined. Rather it is in the NEXT generation – the walk of those disciplined by those whom we've disciplined. That's true multiplication. And it is the basis for our "Three Book Challenge" in 2022.

The "Book" refers to the **Just for Starters** blue book. This book is self-explanatory and usable for all folks – regardless of your level of Bible knowledge. We've included three copies in this packet – one for you personally, one for the person who will walk through it with you, and one for the person you disciple to work through with a third person (three generations including ourselves).

As you utilize these books to disciple others this year, here are a few tips we'd suggest:

1. **Pray:** The primary and crucial step. Ask the Lord to direct you to the person to disciple and the boldness to step into that.
2. **Set expectations early:** When you first ask a person to meet with you, explain that you have another **Just for Starters** book you expect they will go through with someone else. Start praying with them about whom they can invite into this connection.
3. **Meet regularly:** Life gets in the way, and schedules get busy. So please commit to meet for seven continuous weeks (barring some emergency) to complete the 7 lessons in the book.
4. **Follow through:** When you complete the 7 weeks, continue to pray, and be available as able, for the person you've been meeting with to repeat the process with a third person. If you want to continue to meet, a second book with the same format (**Christian Living for Starters**) is available through the church office.

To understand discipling better, check out my sermon about discipling. You can access the sermon at npberean.org/3book. If you have other questions, contact Lorre at lorremckeone@npberean.org or 308-530-4556. She'll help run down answers for you.

Grateful to be partnering with you in this!

Pastor John