



DISCIPLESHIP HANDBOOK

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS HANDBOOK

This little handbook contains the heart and soul of what Redeemer's ministry is all about - being, making, and training disciples of Jesus.

There is a popular quote by author Stephen Covey that says, "The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing."

In a world filled with so much information and so many new ideas, it's easy to lose focus.

That's true in the church too. Running programs and all the work of running a church and school ministry can sometimes overtake the main thing, the very mission of Jesus, to be disciples of Jesus and make disciples of Jesus.

It is our hope that this little handbook will help us all keep our eyes, hearts, minds and lives aligned with and focused on the main thing, the mission of Jesus.

In this booklet you will find two things:

1. An overview of Redeemer's mission, vision, and beliefs - a reminder of what we do and who we are becoming.
2. A brief guide to being a disciple of Jesus, making disciples of Jesus, and helping people become disciple makers.

That's how the kingdom of God grows and multiplies. It is our prayer that Redeemer will always keep the main thing, the main thing.

One last note, this book is more descriptive than prescriptive. You won't find a checklist of everything you have to do, but rather a guide to help you adapt to the variety of personal differences, preferences, and settings of life.

May God use this handbook for his glory!

Your fellow disciples of Jesus,

Pastor Paul Schult and Corey Garrity

*You are **LOVED** more than you can
imagine and **SENT** with more purpose than
you could dare believe.*



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CHAPTER 1: WHO WE ARE

This is a summary of the heart and soul of the Redeemer community, our calling from God about who we are becoming, what we do, and what we believe.

REDEEMER'S VISION:

We believe God is calling Redeemer to become a congregation full of people who are:

- Spirit-filled followers of Jesus...existing to love and serve others....connecting people to Jesus.....
- with the result of seeing 250 people baptized and living on mission with Jesus by 2031....
- For the purpose of multiplying God's kingdom in Redwood City.

We do this by carrying out our mission....

REDEEMER'S MISSION: LOVED + SENT

Helping people find their identity and purpose in Jesus.

- **Identity** - Who am I? You are perfectly loved by Jesus.
- **Purpose** - What am I here for? You are sent by Jesus with a unique calling to share his love and Gospel with your neighbors.

Or another way we can say it is, to help people discover the full answer to the two deepest questions of life, the two questions that best inform every human being. By finding your identity and purpose for living in Jesus and his mission, you will find the fullness of life God intends for you.

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

1. MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

A very important Bible passage records these words....

"An expert in the law tested Jesus with this question, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the law and the prophets hang on these two commands." Matthew 22:35-40



God created human beings with two primary purposes for life:

- To live in a loving relationship with Jesus our creator.
- To live in loving relationships with other human beings.

Relationships are the heart of God's creation and the heart of existence for human beings; vertical relationship with God and horizontal relationship with other people – the shape of the cross. Not coincidentally, that is the shape of the human body – a reflection of God's divine purpose and plan.

Augustine and Luther described sin as the act of turning away from God and other people and turning in on yourself. Being self-centered is at the core of our broken condition.

God's perfect design of the cross is broken by sin but restored when God's Son and Savior of the world Jesus died on the cross to atone for our sins and connect us back to our creator. Through faith in Jesus and the gift of baptism, the Holy Spirit forgives our sins and reconciles us back to God and gives us the work of reconciliation to the world.

That is the message of the cross – the story and defining reality of the Christian faith. And it is also the work and mission of Jesus, to restore his creation and redeem his people. That's what God is up to in this world, and the mission he invites us to be a part of.

2. THE APOSTLE'S CREED

For centuries, the most universal confession of faith in the Christian church has been the Apostles' Creed, which identifies the one true God as triune – one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Articulating the most central truths of the Bible, the Apostles' Creed says....



I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Key resources:

- *Loved and Sent* by Jeff Cloeter
- *Getting to Know Jesus* by Paul Schult
- *Living on mission with Jesus* by Greg Finke
- *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young

That's it...a quick summary of the heart and soul of Redeemer, the very core of who we are becoming, what we do and what we believe. Now it's time for part 2, the heart of Jesus' calling for us, discipleship.

CHAPTER 2: A GUIDE TO DISCIPLESHIP

A disciple of Jesus is a person who believes in Jesus as their Savior from sin, the Lord of their life, their creator, teacher, shepherd, and friend. A follower of Jesus is no longer living life for themselves, but for Jesus, being led by his Spirit.

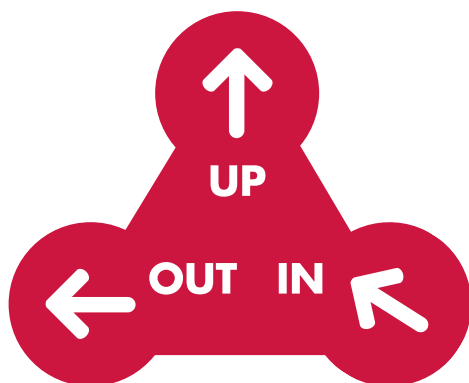
By living in and growing in relationship with Jesus, getting to know his heart, followers of Jesus are being transformed in heart, mind and soul, and learning what it means to live for Jesus and his purposes.

This little guide can help you...

- be a disciple of Jesus,
- make other disciples of Jesus,
- and equip them to make more disciples of Jesus.

This is the core of what Jesus teaches us about discipleship.

A model that can help you learn and put Jesus' teaching into practice is the very simple shape of a triangle, with three simple words; up, in and out.



What follows will be a substantive summary of each of these three components of discipleship that can serve as a structure and guide for your life of discipleship.

This is not an exhaustive explanation of every part of discipleship. For that, there are an abundance of resources; Bible studies, worship series, sermons, books, and podcasts. We will make some recommendations of resources as we go, but know that there are many, many more that may assist you in different areas of your life with Jesus.



UP: Your Relationship with Jesus

A good starting point in your relationship with Jesus is realizing that it works in many ways like a relationship with other human beings; spending time together, shared activities and life events, talking and listening, substantive and honest conversations, processing life, sharing life. These are all things that deepen relationships. These kinds of deep and genuine relationships with family and friends are a vital part of life that make it rich and meaningful. The same is true with Jesus, the God who created you in his image, the God who loves you perfectly and whose deepest desire is to live in close relationship with you.

It's a distinguishing characteristic of Jesus; the greatest treasure of his heart is human beings - knowing them, being known by them, loving them, and being loved by them.

There are a few Bible verses that capture this very clearly....

- *Ephesians 1:17* - *I keep asking that God will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know Jesus better.*
- *John 17:3* - *Jesus said, "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."*

There are many more verses in the Bible where we are invited to know God personally through Jesus, even as we are fully known by him.

In fact, that is the essence of life, to be fully known and perfectly loved. We can only find that in Jesus.

So, there are some critical activities that the Holy Spirit uses to help you grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus, which will in turn bless all the relationships in your life.

These activities are a vital part of being a follower of Jesus, and a vital part of helping teach other people what it means to follow Jesus.



DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Prayer and God's Word: Discerning what God is doing in your personal and inner life

Have you ever heard the word "devotion" or "devotional"? It's a word used by Christians to describe the life of personal interaction with Jesus - being devoted to each other. That's a central part of any relationship, being devoted to one another.

That devotion begins with conversation, listening, learning, processing, talking, discussing. Human interaction is what makes relationships happen.

This Christian practice is called a "Devotional life." There are many ways to go about this, but it is always centered on two things, God's Word and prayer. God speaks through his Word and we speak through prayer. Through these means we communicate with Jesus.

There are many ways that Christians practice this devotional life, but here are a few basic practices to help you get started.

- **Time** - 15-30 minutes a day is a good starting point for a time of daily devotions. Many people do this at the beginning of the day.

- **Devotion books and Bible passages** - many people use a devotion book that has thoughts and reflections on certain Bible verses.

Examples: Jesus Calling by Sarah Young; God's Wisdom for Navigating Life by Tim Keller; Portals of Prayer from Concordia Publishing House - to name just a few.

1. SCRIPTURE READING

A good starting point is to base your Bible readings in several key books in the Bible.

- **The Gospels** - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John - the books about Jesus' life, teachings, miracles, death and resurrection. It's good to read these books and get to know them extremely well.
- **Psalms** - this is the Old Testament book used for worship which contains songs, prayers and praise. They help you express the many emotions of life to God. There are 150 chapters, if you read 5 Psalms a day you can read them all in one month.
- **Proverbs** - this is an Old Testament book about how to get along with your neighbors. Psalms help you connect to God, Proverbs to your neighbor - the two most important teachings according to Jesus. There are 31 chapters. Reading a chapter a day will get you through them in a month.
- **Other key Bible books** - Acts, Galatians, Romans, Genesis, Exodus. But all 66 books are important for ongoing study!

2. PRAYER - TALKING WITH GOD.

Just like there are many kinds of conversations you have with a good friend, so there are many you can have with Jesus; short, long, serious, simple, planned, spontaneous, and everything in between.

Imagine the person in your life you know and love more than anyone. Chances are you communicate a lot with them every day. In fact, it is one of the greatest joys of life - staying in touch with them. It's the same with Jesus, talking with him all the time. Let your prayers be natural conversations with Jesus.

3. GOOD COMMUNICATION

In human relationships there can be healthy and unhealthy communication - so it is with Jesus. Jesus wants conversation that is honest, genuine, true, open, vulnerable, humble, deep, and challenging. He wants to talk about our joys, our failures, our challenges, our relationships, our lives.



YOUR CALLING

The 3 C's: Core, Capabilities, and Context

As we mentioned before, the two greatest commands according to Jesus are to love God and love your neighbor. Your devotional life is a big part of the first command; discovering God's calling in your life is a big part of the second command, loving your neighbor.

Every person is uniquely created, blessed, gifted, and positioned to share God's love with their neighbors. This unique calling can be more clearly discovered and realized by using the three Cs.

The deeper and more clearly you understand your 3 Cs, the more clearly you will see where those three Cs intersect and overlap, which is the heart of your calling from Jesus.

Important Note: this is only an introduction to the 3 C's - there is a workbook that is best used in a retreat setting to help you process them more thoroughly. The culminating work will be a personal mission statement that will help you guide the way you live your life - set priorities, use your time, invest your resources.

1. Core: Your unique beliefs and values.

Beliefs: There are many beliefs that make up the Christian faith, but there are some that are particularly personal, powerful, and meaningful to you. For example, if you grew up and were raised in an

environment of legalism, where people's love for you was conditional on how you behaved and performed, then the grace of Jesus may be a particularly powerful belief. Or if you were exposed to great injustices, God's work of justice may be very personal to you.

In other words, your life's experiences have a profound effect on shaping your core beliefs. It doesn't mean other beliefs are any less important, they just aren't as personal to you.

Values: Values are very similar to beliefs, but starts to get into the prioritization of certain values. Things like honesty, integrity, hard work, discipline, compassion, or service - are values that are prioritized differently by different people. Again, all values are important, but there are some that are most important and personal to you. When you are in the position to make tough choices about how to live your life and spend your time, the values that are most important to you will guide your decision making.

Prioritizing your values can be a difficult exercise because there are so many and they are all so good and so important. We all have priorities whether we know it or not. It's only a matter of whether you know them clearly and use them intentionally to help guide your life.

Having a clear and deep understanding of your CORE - your beliefs and values will go a long way to help you in discerning God's calling in for your life.

2. Capabilities: Your unique strengths, skills and abilities.

Strengths: Every person has God-given strengths, things that come very naturally to you. You may be naturally athletic, or musical, or mechanical, or intellectual, or social. It's important to know what you are naturally good at, because these things come the most easy to you, almost effortlessly. Other people who don't have your natural strengths have to work much harder to do the same things. Very often, people don't recognize their natural strengths because they come so easily to them. But other people notice your natural strengths, because you excel at using them.

You will know that something is your natural strength when you work at it and you just keep getting better, the more you work the better you get. And it all happens quite naturally, you never seem to have to force it.

Skills: A skill is something specific you learn to do that is related to your God-given strength. For example, a person naturally gifted in music can learn the skill of playing the guitar or piano. This skill will take a lot of time to develop, but you will probably become very good at it if it's an area of natural talent. You could have several skills in your area of strengths.

Abilities: As the name suggests, this is something you are able to do, but it doesn't fit in your area of natural strengths. Maybe you can play the piano, but you really aren't great at it, and no matter how hard you try, you just don't seem to get much better. Or maybe you can balance your checking account and take care of your home budget, but you really don't like numbers. You will know you have an ability when you are able to do it, but it has a tendency to drain you of your energy. If you spend too much time in this area, you are easily frustrated and fatigued.

This is important to know, because people who spend a lot of time outside of their areas of their strengths tend to burn out. Imagine if you were only allowed to use your weak hand at work all day - you would be very frustrated. So it is with your strengths - you want to work in areas that use your greatest strengths.

3. Context: Your unique spheres of influence

The last C is your context, where you live, work, play, go to school or church. It's your family, your neighbors, your community, your workplace, your church, your city, country and nation.

It's important to get to know the people around you, to learn culture, the needs, the challenges and problems. And this is when everything starts to come together. Ultimately, God wants you to be a blessing to other people. So he positions you in places where you can be used by God to be a blessing. He positions you to use your passions,

your gifts, your life, to share the love of Jesus by blessing the people around you.

The process of discerning your 3 Cs takes time, prayer, and conversations with people who know you and love you. The culmination of discovering the intersection of your 3 Cs is called your personal mission statement.

Your personal mission statement is a few paragraphs that describe what you believe God is calling you to do with your passions, talents, resources - where you have been called.

If you are able to clearly articulate your personal mission statement, it will go a long way to helping you live out God's calling for your life more effectively.

Outcome of clear 3 C's = **confidence, conviction, clarity, courage.**

This is Jesus' hope and plan for you - to live with confidence, conviction, clarity and courage, because your life is aligned with God's mission.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is a word used to describe what the Bible teaches about managing everything God has given us in service to Jesus, his kingdom and his mission - this includes being good stewards of our time, our talents, our finances, our relationships, our lives.

Time: Jesus teaches us how to live with a proper balance of work, rest, worship, family, friends, and service.

Talents: Jesus teaches us how to recognize and use our talents in service to people around us.

Finances: Jesus teaches us to give generously of our wealth, back

to Jesus, and to people in need. In the Bible, giving offerings to Jesus has always been based on a tithe - 10% of your income and wealth, given to the church you are a part of to carry out the mission of Jesus. Additionally, the Bible teaches us to also set aside money to help the poor, and other vital community service initiatives.

With all of our blessings, Jesus calls us to radical generosity, which reinforces his call to live for Jesus and our neighbors, and not for ourselves.

Resource: Fields of Gold by Andy Stanely.



IN: Your Relationship with Other Christians

The second part of following Jesus is your relationships with other Christians. Again, relationships are a central and foundational part of the Christian life, of God's design for life. What you will quickly find out about the three areas of discipleship, is that they are interconnected, they depend on each other. Just like other areas of your life, things done in community often make a bigger impact on our lives. You can practice a sport or music by yourself, but playing with others brings a whole new level of learning.

A great African proverb says,

"If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together."

So true! You may be able to get some things done faster by going it alone, but over the long haul, we can accomplish far greater things together. That is also true when it comes to putting God's Word into practice, it helps to have the encouragement, support, perspective, and prayers of other believers in Jesus.

Other people can see things in us that we may miss. People who know and love us can add depth of insight and provide honest feedback. They can help us process important thoughts and ideas. They can help us discern God's voice and work in our lives.

Jesus chose 12 disciples and invested deeply in them for 3 years. Out of those 12, he chose 3 to invest in even more deeply. The way Jesus worked provides us a great model for discipleship. Here are three primary ways God can use Christian friends in your life to help you put God's Word into practice, to apply it to your life.

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

Matthew 7:24

- **Mentorship** - Being mentored by a trusted and more mature Christian (or multiple)
- **Community** - Joining or starting a Connect Group and/or a Home Group
- **Worship** - Gathering with all of the Redeemer community



MENTORSHIP

The dictionary defines a mentor as an EXPERIENCED and TRUSTED advisor.

One of the best ways to learn is to spend time with someone who has a lot more experience, knowledge and wisdom than you do.

One of the most effective things you can do to grow as a disciple of Jesus, is to find a Christian that you respect and trust, and ask if you can spend more time with them. Ask them questions about their experiences in life, how they grow in faith and live out their faith. Ask about their failures and how they responded. Ask about their practices and thought processes.

Share stories with them about things going on in your life, and how you are learning to trust and follow Jesus. Have devotions together with them, pray together with them. Go out for coffee with them a few times every month. Serve on a church or community project with them and learn how they serve in the spirit of Jesus. Watch them interact with their family, friends, and colleagues.

Read through a gospel together and talk about it.

And then, it's time for you to BE a mentor. Make yourself available to people at church, at work, in your home. Be open to people who seem to be drawn to you, connected to you, look up to you.



COMMUNITY

Connect and Home Groups

CONNECT GROUPS

At Redeemer, Connect Groups are groups of 2-3 people who meet together for 30-45 minutes a week to share a devotion, pray, and help each other put God's Word into practice.

These groups can take many different forms. We recommend same sex groups - men or women. You may have different levels of spiritual maturity or about the same. You may have members of the same church, or members of different churches. They may vary in age, ethnicity, vocation, or background. It really doesn't matter too much.

What matters is what happens in your groups. You can start out simple, find a good devotion book and process a devotion together for 30 minutes a week. You can meet in person or through the internet (Zoom, Google Meets). As you go, take time to really get to know each other. Share stories and experiences. Pray for each other.

You may be in a group that lasts 3-6 months, maybe a year or two. You may be in several groups. Maybe after a year or two, you all move on and try to connect with some new people.

Key - the key to answering questions like who, how long, what to cover, and other details, can be answered through prayer!

That's what we mean by being a "spirit-led follower of Jesus." Ask Jesus to show you, to lead you, to guide you. Ask the spirit of Jesus to give you hints, nudges, insights, clues. Ask him for answers. And then, as you sense the Spirit leading, act!

HOME GROUPS

Home Groups are the name we use at Redeemer for "missional communities" - 6-12 people who meet several times a month to help each other live on mission with Jesus.

Home Groups are a little bigger than Connect Groups, which creates a different feel, a different atmosphere. Home Groups typically meet 2-4 times a month for 90 minutes.

That time is dedicated to connecting, being in God's Word, and helping each other put God's Word into practice.

The focus is on:

- What is God teaching me right now?
- What challenging things is Jesus asking me to do?
- How am I doing at following Jesus?
- What people in my life am I praying for daily who don't know Jesus?

These groups can also be organized in different ways, same sex or mixed gender; married couples, singles or mixed; young and old; same or different churches, close together or spread out (thanks to Zoom and the internet.)

You may use a Bible study designed for Home Small groups with videos and discussion guides. You may follow a printed Bible study.

Redeemer has a partnership with Right Now Media with a large number of Bible study resources all in an online format - ask for an invite from our church office.

Key - sometimes Home Groups tend to drift toward only being a Bible study. Bible study is a great thing, and very important part of discipleship. But Home Groups have a slightly different focus. Bible Study is a part of a Home Group - but the focus is on helping each other put God's Word into practice, to live on mission with Jesus.



WORSHIP

Worship is a vital part of following Jesus. There's a saying, "you become what you worship." Worship is the act of gathering together with other believers around God's Word, being fed and nurtured by God's Word and Spirit, receiving God's blessings of truth, grace, mercy, forgiveness, and wisdom, and offering God our prayers, praise the thanksgiving.

In many churches, weekly worship is accompanied by time of fellowship and Bible study. These also are great blessings of Christian community.

Making weekly worship a high priority is a vital part of following Jesus.



OUT: Your Relationship with Unbelievers

The third and final piece of being a follower and disciple of Jesus is to help other people who don't follow Jesus live in relationship with Him. One of the greatest desires of God is to see every person know Him and His son, Jesus, as Lord and Savior. He wants His children to know their Father. Since the beginning of time, this has been the centerpiece of all creation; people knowing and loving their Creator, God, and Savior.

The result of sin is separation from God. People have the natural inclination to resist and reject not only the need for God and a Savior, but even the existence of Him at all. This reality leaves people longing for their soul's deepest need: to live in relationship with the God who created them and their Savior who loves them. When people are not living in this design, it often leads to spiritual, emotional, and even physical chaos. In no way does God want any human to experience that in their lives. Therefore, the mission of God is to reconcile all people back to Himself through faith and trust in Jesus as Savior.

The question becomes this: How does God accomplish this mission? It is through the message of the Gospel being carried and shared through everyday, ordinary people who love, trust, and follow Jesus. You and me. That's how God accomplishes His mission.

Is it all up to you? Of course not! Jesus Himself promises that He is the one building His Church. He is the one that changes the hearts of people who are far from Him. He is the One who relentlessly pursues them regardless of their stance towards Him. But, He does involve you in this process.

That is why a major aspect of following and being a disciple of Jesus is helping people know Jesus. You and I have the honor of joining Jesus on His mission. We have the beautiful opportunity to share the greatest news in the world that has already transformed us.

There are a few Bible verses that capture this very clearly....

- *Matthew 28:19-20* - *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*
- *John 17:18-19* - *"As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."*

Basically, this is the willingness to befriend people in your life, even if they don't believe what you believe. Not everyone will want to be your friend, but when people are willing, we are called by Jesus to befriend people around us. Too often Christians limit their friendships to only people who believe what they do. Jesus shows us that we can befriend people who are different than we are. We should always be open to people God is leading us to befriend. You never know how God will use that friendship to bless you and the other person. And maybe, they will even ask you to share what you believe about Jesus. Or maybe they won't, and that's okay too. The call from Jesus to befriend people who don't believe what we do is an important one - one we entrust Jesus to work in ways we may or may not see.

THREE KEY COMPONENTS:

1 IDENTIFYING PEOPLE OF PEACE:

A person or people who you trust and who trusts you, that are open to a relationship with you, possible conversations around faith, and who can influence people with and for you. The simplest definition is this: Someone who does not believe in Jesus but is willing to have a drink of water with you. In order to help discern and discover who these people are, create a list of 10 people that are not living in relationship with Jesus, who you are praying for by name.



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- Who is someone in my life that doesn't know Jesus?
- Who is someone in my life that doesn't know Jesus and we have a good relationship?
- How can I make time with them an even more regular part of my life?

HOW TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP WITH THEM:

- Create your top 10 list: This is a list of 10 people who you are praying for by name as you find people of peace.
- Once you've considered those questions and identified a person (or people) of peace in your life:
 - Begin getting coffee, going on a hike, working out with, grabbing lunch, dinner, or your favorite beverage with them on a regular basis.
 - Ask them about their background with faith and religion.
 - Listen well and ask open ended questions that will allow them to share their faith story without judgement from you.
 - If they are comfortable, share your faith story with them. What's your background with Christianity and spirituality? Do you still even now have hang ups on belief in Jesus?
 - Consider ways to serve the city and community together.
 - Find common ground!

2 MAKING DISCIPLES:

The act of walking alongside someone as they learn to trust in and follow Jesus. This can be someone who does not believe, or someone who is new to faith in Jesus. A disciple is a learner of Jesus; a student. When we make disciples we are making learners and students of Jesus.



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- Can I talk about the Gospel?
- Which person of peace in my life is willing to read the gospel of John with me?
- How can I ask them in the most normal and natural way?
- What other resources would help me be prepared for our time together?

HOW TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP WITH THEM:

- Pick a day and time of the week to meet on a weekly basis and commit to it.
- Either give/buy them a Bible or show them the YouVersion Bible App through the itunes store or android.
- You are leading, so you are reminding them weekly of your meetings.
- Always come prepared with your own questions and notes as well! You don't have to be the expert, only seeking Jesus with them and helping answer their questions if possible.
- Invite them into a Home Group, Connect Group, or Worship if they are interested in doing so!
- Are they ready for baptism? If they believe in Jesus as God and Savior, then yes!

3 MAKING DISCIPLE MAKERS:

The act of training and equipping a disciple of Jesus to make disciples of Jesus. Every person who is a student of Jesus eventually makes disciples of Jesus as they follow Him.



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- Is the person I've been discipling able to disciple someone else? A few indicators to help you know:
 - Can they talk about the Gospel?
 - Can/do they pray?
 - Can/do they read their Bible and have a devotional life?
 - Are they baptized?
 - Are they involved in a local church community?
 - Are they living the UP & IN?
 - If yes, it's time for OUT!

HOW TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP WITH THEM:

- Teach them about a person of peace in their own life.
- Have them invite that or those people of peace to do what you've done with them over the last several months/years.
- Ask if they'd like for you to join them, or allow them to disciple on their own if they prefer.
- When they are ready on their own, do this again with another person of peace in your life, and coach and train others to do the same.
- Share this story of success with our Redeemer community!



CLOSING THOUGHTS

Well, there you have it. Not all that complicated. Jesus made it pretty simple for us - simple and clear. But it doesn't mean it's easy - it can be challenging.

Everyday we are all tempted to give into the allure of living for ourselves, to put our own wants and desires first, and to put God and others second. That's why we need Jesus and his spirit.

God's vision for his kingdom's work is that every follower of Jesus would join Jesus on his mission of reconciling all people back to their Father in heaven.....

Everyone, everywhere, every day!!

That's God's call of discipleship.

In the last chapter of Matthew, what is often called the Great Commission - Jesus sends his disciples into the world to make more disciples. It is often translated as a command "Go!"

But there is a nuance to that word that can be captured in the words, "As you are going..." In other words, as you are living your life, live on mission with Jesus.

Being a disciple of Jesus isn't adding more things to your life, it is realizing that Jesus is on mission all around you, and he is inviting you into the work. It's about living differently - with different purposes. Discipleship is asking the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to all the ways he wants to work in and through your everyday life. The opportunities are all around you - everyone, everywhere, everyday!

It is our hope and prayer that you will keep this little handbook in an accessible place - maybe right next to your Bible, in the place where you connect with Jesus every day. It is our prayer that you will use it frequently in your life of discipleship.

There is a question that we ask every person at Redeemer to think about and envision.

"Can you envision being used by God to lead a person to faith in Jesus?"

This question is the heart and soul of God's mission and vision at Redeemer, in Redwood City, and in the Bay Area. Fewer and fewer people will hear about Jesus by coming to church and listening to a pastor; in fact, almost none. People in this post-Christian era will most likely hear about Jesus from someone they know and trust. One of the greatest barriers to a person believing in Jesus is that they don't have a Christian friend they know and trust. Many people in the world don't have one person they know and trust that is a Christian. You can be that person for someone who doesn't know Jesus.

What a privilege, joy and honor it is, to be a part of God's work on earth, that will last into eternity.

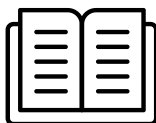
With you, we are being led by the Spirit of Jesus!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



ONLINE DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES:

Right Now Media
Saturate the World
Tampa Bay Underground
[Zume Discipleship Training]
Auxano
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BOOKS TO READ:

UP: YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

- Life of the Beloved: Henri Nouwen
- The Way of the Heart: Henri Nouwen
- Crazy Love: Francis Chan
- Sacred Rhythms: Ruth Barton
- Getting to Know Jesus: Paul Schult

- Loved and Sent: Jeff Cloeter
- The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: John Mark Comer

IN: YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

- Life Together: Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Tangible Kingdom: Hugh Halter
- Love Does: Bob Goff
- Gospel Fluency: Jeff Vanderstelt

OUT: YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH NON CHRISTIANS

- Tangible Kingdom: Hugh Halter
- Joining Jesus on his Mission: Greg Finke
- Spiritual Leadership: J. Oswald Sanders
- Flesh: Hugh Halter
- In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership: Henri Nouwen
- Building a Discipling Culture: Mike Breen
- Discipleshift: Jim Putman
- The Master Plan of Evangelism: Robert E. Coleman
- The Mission of God: Christopher Wright



DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES:

Jesus Calling: Sarah Young

Songs of Jesus: Timothy Keller

God's Wisdom for Navigating Life: Tim Keller

Portals of Prayer - Concordia Publishing House



IN-PERSON TRAINING:

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imagine and **SENT** with more purpose than
you could dare believe.*



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