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**DISCIPLESHIP
CULTURE**





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WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE?

DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE has discipleship in its DNA

Last words are important and Matthew records the last words of Jesus as this: *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. Matthew 28:19*

Jesus told His followers that they needed to go and make disciples of every nation. The call is no different today than it was 2,000 years ago. Somewhere along the way we have forgotten or even ignored Jesus' call to make disciples. Discipleship should not be just a program one can join, but it should be deeply rooted in the believer and Church's culture and fabric.

DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE does not rely on "One on One" discipleship

Greg Ogden in his book *Discipleship Essentials* says this, "The one-on-one sets up a teacher-student dynamic. The pressure is upon the discipler to be the answer person or the fountain of all wisdom and insight. When a third person is added, the dynamic shifts to a group process. The discipler can more naturally make his or her contribution in the dynamic of group interchange. Triad discipling shifts the model from hierarchical to relational. The greatest factor inhibiting those who are being disciplined to disciple others (multiplication) is the dependency fostered by one-on-one relationships. The triad/quad, on the other hand, views discipleship as a come-alongside relationship of mutual journey toward maturity in Christ. The hierarchical dimension is minimized."

DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE helps provide accelerated growth

The goal of every believer should be to become mature and help others become mature. *He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. Colossians 1:28*

We believe that if each person really puts their best into Discipleship Culture that they will see exponential spiritual growth in their life and in the lives of others.

DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE provides accountability

Accountability is taking the relational context of discipleship to another level. Accountability means giving your discipling partners authority to call you to keep the commitments you have made to one another. Accountability is rooted in realness and confessing sins to one another as well as keeping confidences within the D.C.

DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE Multiplies

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. II Timothy 2:2

Paul wrote this to Timothy and it actually represents four generations of disciples.

Paul ----- Timothy ----- Reliable People ----- Others

The proof of lasting discipleship is not really if I have disciplined one other person. The proof of lasting discipleship is if the person I disciplined has disciplined another person well enough to disciple another. Has your mind been blown yet? Discipleship Culture provides a systematic way to multiply the Kingdom of God. The goal being that each person in the group would go out and disciple two to three others within a year. We believe groups of three or four work best.

DAILY DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE

Bible Study and Prayer

Five days a week we are asking every person to spend a significant amount of time studying their Bibles and to faithfully SOAP. SOAP is an acronym that will help you get the most out of your daily Bible reading. Here is how it works.

S.O.A.P

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It is really that simple.

Scripture Memory

We believe that Scripture Memory is a spiritual discipline that is essential for accelerated growth and daily living for Christ.

Pastor Chuck Swindoll wrote, *“I know of no other single practice in the Christian life more rewarding, practically speaking, than memorizing Scripture. . . . No other single exercise pays greater spiritual dividends! Your prayer life will be strengthened. Your witnessing will be sharper and much more effective. Your attitudes and outlook will begin to change. Your mind will become alert and observant. Your confidence and assurance will be enhanced. Your faith will be solidified”* (Growing Strong in the Seasons of Life, p. 61).

You will be responsible for memorizing scripture every week. We memorize scripture because Psalm 119 tells us that we are to hide God’s Word in our heart. The key to memorizing scripture is to review it every day and to meditate on its meaning.

Review

At the end of the week make sure you have reviewed your lessons and be prepared to share what you have learned with your group. Write it down. Also make sure your scripture memory is word perfect before you attend your group.

WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE

Details on the next page.

MONTHLY DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE

Once a month all who are involved in D.C. will be getting together for a one hour meeting. This meeting will set out to accomplish three things.

1. Celebrate the Wins – We want to take some time every month to celebrate the victories of having a Discipleship Culture. We want to give thanks to God for forward momentum of all life change in our culture. This will also help us understand better how to make D.C. more successful.

2. Identify the Obstacles – We look at this first session of Discipleship Culture as a pilot program. We want to know what isn’t working and what tweaks need to be made along the way to help people become more like Jesus. Disciplers and Disciples alike are invited to suggest minor adjustments that may create greater impact.

3. Gain Instruction – Every month we will be spending part our time sharing vision and teaching more on the culture of Discipleship.

WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE

If you agree to be part of Discipleship Culture you are expected to be at all 12 weeks of meetings. The meetings will last one hour and will include accountability, reciting the Scripture memory verse, discussion of daily Bible study, and prayer.

Here is what the Weekly Discipleship Culture looks like:

1. Check In – [10 minutes] Start each meeting by checking in. This is the time when we are reminded to bear each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2) and sharpen one another through accountability (Proverbs 27:17).

A. **JOY, ANGER, FEAR, or SADNESS:** Sometimes it is hard for us to open up, but this exercise is very effective. These four feelings seem to be the base emotions we all feel. Share with your group the core emotion you are feeling right now and why.

B1. Accountability Option 1: Answer four basic questions

- 1) *How are you living a life of integrity?*
- 2) *How are you protecting your spouse (current or possible future) with purity?*
- 3) *How are you pursuing God with passion?*
- 4) *How are you investing in the work of God? (time, talent, 10% of your treasure/tithe)*

B2. Accountability Option 2: This is an extensive list that John Wesley created over 200 years ago but is still practical today. Use it to highlight areas of your life as you check in but be sensitive of time. Don't go over every question.

- 1) *Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?*
- 2) *Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?*
- 3) *Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence?*
- 4) *Can I be trusted?*
- 5) *Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?*
- 6) *Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?*
- 7) *Did the Bible live in me today?*
- 8) *Do I give it time to speak to me everyday?*
- 9) *Am I enjoying prayer?*
- 10) *When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?*
- 11) *Do I pray about the money I spend?*
- 12) *Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?*
- 13) *Do I disobey God in anything?*
- 14) *Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?*
- 15) *Am I defeated in any part of my life?*
- 16) *Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?*
- 17) *How do I spend my spare time?*
- 18) *Am I proud?*
- 19) *Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?*
- 20) *Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?*
- 21) *Do I grumble or complain constantly?*
- 22) *Is Christ real to me?*

2. Share Your SOAP – [15-20 minutes]

- A. Recite memorized verse.
- B. Share observations and applications (as well as questions you may have) from the week's reading.

3. Pray – [15-20 minutes] Pray together. We recommend using this prayer structure: **praise God, confess your sinfulness, and offer willing service to Him.** Pray through what you just talked about with each other. Pray for each other, allowing the Holy Spirit to convict you and guide you. Remember, you are all just talking with your Father together! It is a holy and fun conversation!

S • Read Proverbs 1:1-19

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Classic Scripture Memory:
James 1:19-20

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

S • Read Proverbs 3:1-18

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Scripture Memory:
Proverbs 4:18-19

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

Classic Scripture Memory:
Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

S • Read Proverbs 5:15-23

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Proverbs 7:1-3

My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

Classic Scripture Memory:
Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

S • Read Proverbs 8:22-36

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Proverbs 10:27

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Classic Scripture Memory:
Ecclesiastes 7:17-18

Do not be overwicked, and do not be a fool— why die before your time? It is good to grasp the one and not let go of the other. The man who fears God will avoid all extremes.

S • Read Proverbs 11:1-15

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Scripture Memory:
Proverbs 13:12

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life

Classic Scripture Memory:
Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

S • Read Proverbs 13:13-25

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Proverbs 15:1-2

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.

Classic Scripture Memory:
John 14:21

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

S • Read Proverbs 16:1-16

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Proverbs 17:22

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Classic Scripture Memory:
Philippians 2:3-4

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S • Read Proverbs 18:15-28

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S • Read Proverbs 20:1-15

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Classic Scripture Memory:
1 Peter 5:5-6

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Proverbs 22:1

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Classic Scripture Memory:
Ephesians 5:3

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

S • Read Proverbs 23:19-35 WEEK 9 • DAY 4 • DATE _____

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But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

S • Read Proverbs 24:23-34

WEEK 10 • DAY 1 • DATE _____

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PRAY

S • Read Proverbs 25:1-14

WEEK 10 • DAY 2 • DATE _____

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WEEK 10 • DAY 3 • DATE _____

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Scripture Memory:
Proverbs 26:18-19

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Classic Scripture Memory:
Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

S • Read Proverbs 26:1-14

WEEK 10 • DAY 4 • DATE _____

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S • Read Proverbs 27:15-27 WEEK 11 • DAY 2 • DATE _____

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Proverbs 28:6

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Classic Scripture Memory:
Galatians 6:9-10

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S • Read Proverbs 28:15-28

WEEK 11 • DAY 4 • DATE _____

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fears the Lord is to be
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your light shine before
men, that they may see
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praise your Father in
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S • Read Proverbs 31:1-9

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