



GroupLife

Connecting People to Christ, Community and the Commission

Session 1 - a workshop focusing on theology, philosophy, and methodology of making disciples and disciple-makers in groups.

Three things about YOU and ME!

In groups of 3-5, introduce yourself by working together to discover three things everyone in the group has in common and one thing unique to each group member.

(Be prepared to introduce the members of your group by sharing the things you discovered during this exercise)

"GroupLife Disciple Making Strategy: Refocusing or reengineering your group strategy to equip and encourage people to be and make disciples and disciple-makers with Jesus. This objective is accomplished by Connecting people to Christ, Community, and the Commission."

As we consider refocusing or reengineering our groups with greater intentionality toward making disciples and disciple-makers with Jesus...what are the primary ways you are moving people toward Christ-likeness; or helping them be disciples of Jesus that are making disciples with Jesus?



Group Exercise - In groups of 3-5 people, discuss the questions assigned to your group and be prepared to unpack highlights from your discussions.

Group 1

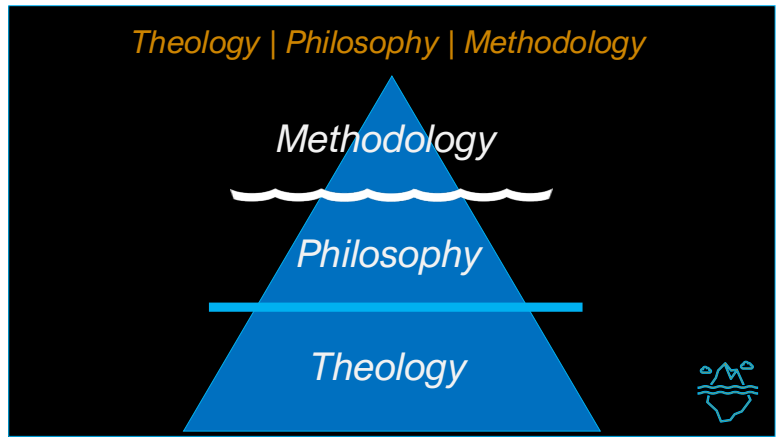
- *What do you think about when you hear "Connecting People to Christ"?*
- *How are you "Connecting People to Christ" in your church and groups?*
- *Is "Connecting People to Christ" a priority in your church and groups?*

Group 2

- *What do you think about when you hear "Connecting People to Community"?*
- *How are you "Connecting People to Community" in your church and groups?*
- *Is "Connecting People to Community" a priority in your church and groups?*

Group 3

- *What do you think about when you hear "Connecting People to the Commission"?*
- *How are you "Connecting People to the Commission" in your church and groups?*
- *Is "Connecting People to the Commission" a priority in your church and groups?*



Great Group Leaders and Sunday School Teachers understand their WHY and live it out daily where they live, work, worship, and play!



The New Testament Church Model

Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

From these verses...

1. What do we learn about God?
2. What did the New Testament Church value?
3. What did the New Testament Church do to make disciples and disciple-makers with Jesus?



Know your Why

- “When you know your WHY, your WHAT has more impact because you are walking in or toward your purpose”. Michael Jr
- “When you know your WHY, you’ll know your WAY”. Michael Hyatt
- “When you know your WHY, you can endure any HOW”. Viktor Frankl

My Why...



Watershed Moments in my Why...




The Great Commandment


The Great Commission


The Great Call

How are we teaching our groups, through both word and deed, to love God and others with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength?

If our one job as a disciple of Jesus is to make disciples with Jesus...what does a disciple of Jesus look like? What are the characteristics of a disciple of Jesus and how are we making them in our groups?

How are we teaching our groups, through both word and deed, to live "on mission" with Jesus? (Locally and Globally)

Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4:19 | Mark 1:17



Believes and
Follows Jesus



Being Changed
By Jesus



Lives on Mission
with Jesus

My definition of a disciple of Jesus...

How can we use groups to make disciples and disciple-makers with Jesus?...



Love God | Make Disciples | Live Sent

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men”

Matthew 4:19 | Mark 1:17

Believe and Follow Jesus – “Follow me”

God’s Story
My Gospel Story
Gospel Presentation

Be Changed by Jesus – “I will make you”

Sermons and Singing
Groups
Mentoring
@ Home

Live on Mission with Jesus – “Fishers of men”

Serving on Campus
Serving Locally
Participating in a Mission Journey



Given unlimited resources and restrictions to make changes in the disciple making strategy for your group/class (and/or church family), what would you affirm, adjust, add, or abort?

Affirm:

Adjust:

Add:

Abort: