

Discipling the Unchurched

The Discipleship Journey

1. Find someone who wants to study the Bible and agree on a place to meet.
2. Tailor the Bible Study
3. Repeatedly invite them to follow Jesus
4. Lead them into the Kingdom of God.
5. Help them see the necessity of church.
6. Draw them into a local fellowship of believers
7. Walk with them until they are stable and are an asset to the church and the Kingdom of God

All Along the Journey...

1. Involve them in discipleship and Christian disciplines
 - a. Encourage them to invite their friends
 - b. Give them opportunities to pray
 - c. Encourage them to share with others the things they are learning.
 - d. Take them along to do evangelism.

All Along the Journey...

2. Include them in all of your life.
 - a. Take them with you
 - b. Eat together.
 - c. Invite them to work with you

The Story of God and his work in the world

1. God creates the world. (God is a Spirit who is both Holy and Loving)
2. There is good and there is evil. Satan rebels against God. Now there are bad angels.
3. God creates man and woman in his own image, but Adam and Eve disobeyed God. (Sin)
4. God promises a Redeemer and many prophets throughout the O.T. predict the coming of Jesus.
5. Throughout the O.T. God shows glimpses of his heart for a separated, holy group of people who will love him and honor him.

The Story *continued...*

6. N.T. - God sends his son Jesus to teach us by word and example, what His Kingdom is really like.
7. Jesus dies for our sins, rises from the dead, and triumphs over evil.
8. Jesus establishes the Church, He ascends to heaven to prepare an eternal abode for his people, He sends His Spirit to be with us while He is gone, and He promises that one day He will come again to judge the world and take the righteous to be with Him.

The Call of God

1. God loves us and wants a relationship with us.
2. God deserves our love and our worship because he is God and because he is our Creator.
3. God created us and He has a plan and purpose for each of us.
There is a purpose for **your** existence! (We can only be truly fulfilled and at peace when we are in tune with our Creator.)
4. Jesus, the head of the Church, wants to save us from our sins and make us part of his Bride.

The Call continued

5. Jesus wants to make us his sons and his daughters and He wants to live with us forever.
6. Jesus offers forgiveness of sin, an new heart, and a place in his kingdom to those who:
 - a. Believe in Jesus by putting their faith and trust in Him
 - b. Repent, turn from their sins, and do not hold anything back.
 - c. Deny themselves, take up their cross, follow Jesus, and are baptized

7.

Anyone who receives Jesus is given His Spirit. If they stay connected to Jesus and open to His Spirit, they will be freed from guilt, given power over sin, and have the ability to live a new kind of life.

8.

This free gift of salvation and relationship with God is not primarily about me. It is about God. Jesus wants a people, a bride, a society of the redeemed, a church – one that will show the world what his kingdom is really like. Jesus is the head of the church. He wants his followers to live and fellowship together according to His teachings so that many more people will want to love God and become part of his Kingdom.

Studying the Bible...

1. Creation to Christ and beyond
2. Have participants read the Bible aloud.
3. Make sure they understand the meaning of the text.
4. Explain why this is important or give illustration of how to apply it.
5. Suggest application for today.

Apostolic Doctrine

- Instead of, "Jesus paid the penalty for our sins" the scriptures teach that "Jesus died as a ransom for our sins."
- Instead of the Gospel being about "Jesus dying on the cross so that we can go to heaven," the scriptures teach that the Gospel is Jesus liberating us from the power of Satan and bringing us into His Kingdom.
- Instead of "Jesus taking our sin and putting his righteousness on our account" the scriptures teach that "Jesus forgives us, takes away our unrighteousness, and makes us righteous as we yield to him."
- Isaiah's testimony about "all our righteousness's are as filthy rags" is not a blanket theological statement about how God looks at our attempts to be righteous. Look at the context!

Navigating Cultural Differences...

1. Timeliness
2. Clothing
3. Language
4. Topics of Conversation
5. View of Marriage
6. Invitations
7. Food
8. Fashion and Jewelry