

GROWING DISCIPLES TO IMPACT THE CITY FOR JESUS

A PROCESS FOR MAKING DISCIPLES IN OUR CITY

1 Story

Learn your guys/gals story. Get to know the real situation of their lives, not the pretend or polished version.

Do you know their story?

2 Idol & First Love

Identify the idol that drives their life (control, approval, comfort, power?). Disturb their idol and lead them towards the freedom of having Jesus as their first love. Teach them that King Jesus wants all of us: Head (doctrine & thought life), Heart (emotions & character), and Hands (strengths & service).

Are you shattering their idol with the disturbing, freeing love of Jesus?

3 Identity

Drill into them their new identity based on grace (undeserved love), not performance.

Are they learning to live and work from their identity instead of for their identity?

7 Church & City

Teach the importance of gathering and scattering with our church family in our city. Show them why they need the church and why the church needs them. Impart ownership and responsibility for the health of our church and city. Develop your guys/gals into leaders. Discover what is unique about them and capitalize on it.

Do your guys/gals have a clear lane to run in for serving and leading in our church/city?

WHO ARE YOUR GUYS/GALS?

We think it would be awesome if everyone at Garden City always had two or so people (Christian or non-Christian) who they are discipling and developing.

DISCIPLESHIP IS TRUTH AND LOVE TRANSFERRED THROUGH RELATIONSHIP, so these are intentional relationships/friendships of leading people towards Jesus.

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

A disciple is someone who follows Jesus and brings others to Jesus.

HOW DO YOU MAKE A DISCIPLE?

Create a relational environment where people are known, loved, trained, and sent, driven by a compelling vision of Jesus. Start by prayerfully selecting your guys/gals, then begin meeting together regularly.

Note: Discipleship gatherings should complement, not compete with, Sundays and Neighborhood Groups.

WHY DO WE DO THIS?

Because Jesus gave the church only one mission: to make disciples (Matt. 28:18-20)

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN GATHERING WITH YOUR GUYS/GALS?

1. **CONNECT** - Create a culture of grace where people are real and honest about their real life - their pain, problems, passions, sin, dreams, etc.

2. **TRAIN** - Identify specific ways your guys/gals need to be taught, and train them accordingly. Most training issues you run into will be covered by the nine training components on this document, so work your way through these nine. Follow the Holy Spirit's lead, he will guide you as you train! Read/discuss the Bible together and train your guys/gals to ask themselves two questions for the rest of their life:

1. What is God saying to me? - and -
2. What am I going to do about it?

Give homework or missions that will develop your guys/gals. In addition to the Bible, we recommend using one of these books as part of your training: *The Big Story*, *The Gospel*, *The Walk*, or *The Prodigal God* (All found on the front page of our recommended reading: <http://www.gardencitysv.com/resources/recommended-reading>).

3. **PRAY** - Pray together. A great method for prayer and Bible reading is the "three R's": Rejoice, Repent, and Request.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'VE SUCCEEDED?

When you've sent out your disciples to make disciples of their own.

4 Encouragement

Encourage your guys/gals as often as you can. Tell them what you're proud of and what they're good at.

How can you encourage your guys/gals today?

5 Honesty & Self-Awareness

Give direct, honest feedback even when it's hard (run to the tension). Sharpen their self-awareness: their understanding of how they're uniquely wired, and how they come off to other people (train them in www.youruniquedesign.com).

Is there a difficult truth that you need to lovingly share?

6 Time

Spend a lot of time with your guys/gals in a variety of contexts. Most of what they learn from you will be "caught," not taught. The secret to Jesus' ministry was lots of long meals and adventures with his disciples.

How can you invest in your guys/gals this month? How can you have fun together this month?

9 Multiply

Graduate your guys/gals and send them out to multiply this process and make disciples of their own. Every case is unique, but somewhere between 3-12 months is generally enough time to take people through this process.

Have you transferred the truth and love God wanted you to transfer through this process? If so, graduate your guys/gals and start praying about who your next group of guys/gals will be!

8 Enemy

Alert your guys/gals to their ultimate enemy (the devil), his destructive schemes, and the need to fight back (Eph 6:10-20).

Do your guys/gals know how to fight?

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ADDITIONAL TRAINING TOOLS

[Baptism](#) [Membership](#) [33 Series](#) (men) [Proverbs 31 Training](#) (women) Recommended Books at: <http://www.gardencitysv.com/resources/recommended-reading>