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AND MAKE DISCIPLES

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PERSONAL DISCIPLE-MAKING PLAN





ACTS IS ALL ABOUT THE SPREAD OF THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS BY THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PEOPLE WHO FOLLOW JESUS.

In what seems like a short space of time, this good news breaks out of Jerusalem, through Samaria, throughout all Judea and to the ends of the earth. It is exponential, contagious, life-transforming and culture-changing.

Acts describes the Kingdom of God breaking out in the world by the work of the Holy Spirit because of the person and work of Jesus. Jesus breaks in and, everywhere he does, life breaks out. It multiplies rapidly not based on some well-crafted strategy, but from the wildfire spread of the gospel that follows the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

To be a follower of Jesus, by Jesus' description of a disciple, is to make disciples.

Our desire at Red Door is to be a church who is continually shaped by God's Word as we follow after Jesus. A journey of disciple-making as individuals and as a church. This little booklet is intended to help with that journey. To fuel it, to help keep the main thing the main thing.

It's all about Jesus. Always will be.



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As we follow Christ, he transforms our minds, our desires, our wills, our relationships, and our ultimate reason for living. Every disciple of Jesus exists to make disciples of Jesus, here and among every people group on the planet. There are no spectators. We are all born to reproduce the life of Christ in others. So how are you going to reproduce?

The purpose in asking this question is to spur you on to consider how the life of Christ in you might be multiplied through you in the world. The prayer of us all is for every follower of Christ in our church to have an intentional plan for following Jesus and fishing for men.

So, consider the following six straightforward questions. After a brief overview of the questions, there are sub-questions and space provided to answer as you consider them to help you flesh out what it means to follow Jesus in each of these ways. These questions are not exhaustive, but they are essential. Our hope and prayer is that they will serve us as we consider what it means to be disciples of Jesus and make disciples of Jesus.

1. HOW WILL I FILL MY MIND WITH TRUTH?

The life of the disciple is the life of a learner. We constantly attune our ears to the words of our Master. As He teaches us through His Word, He transforms us in the world.

Consider a plan for reading, memorizing, and learning God's Word, but don't forget that disciples do these things not for information, but for transformation. Our goal as disciples is never just to believe God's Word; our goal is to obey God's Word. So as you plan to fill your mind with truth, purpose to follow the One Who is Truth.

2. HOW WILL I FUEL MY AFFECTIONS FOR GOD?

There is a dangerous tendency for discipline in the disciple's life to become mechanical and monotonous. Our aim is not simply to know God; our aim is to love God, and the more we read His Word, the more we delight in His glory. Our aim in other spiritual disciplines is similar. As we worship, pray, fast, and give, we fuel affection for God. It is impossible to separate true faith in Christ from profound feelings for Christ. So as disciples of Jesus, we intentionally worship, pray, fast, and give in order to fuel affection for God.

3. HOW WILL I SHARE GOD'S LOVE AS A WITNESS IN THE WORLD?

God's will in the world and for our lives is to spread His gospel, grace, and glory to all peoples. Instead of asking what God's will is for our lives, every disciple of Jesus asks, "How can my life align with His will for me to be His witness in the world?" Every person that God has graciously put around you is a sinner eternally in need of a Saviour. You were once that person, yet someone intentionally sought you out to share the gospel with you. And now this is the purpose for which God has graciously created, saved, and blessed you. So with the Word of God in your mouth and the Spirit of God in your heart, end your quest to find God's will by deciding today to follow it.

4. HOW WILL I SHOW GOD'S LOVE AS A MEMBER OF A CHURCH?

The Bible flies in the face of the individualism of our culture and church consumerism, prompting every follower of Christ to ask the question, "Am I committed to a local church where I am sharing life with other followers of Christ in mutual accountability under biblical leadership for the glory of God?" To follow Christ is to love His church. It is biblically, spiritually, and practically impossible to be a disciple of Christ (much less make disciples of Christ) apart from devoting yourself to a family of Christians.

5. HOW WILL I SPREAD GOD'S GLORY AMONG ALL PEOPLES?

The eternal purpose of God is to save people through Christ. The clear commission of Christ for every single disciple is to make disciples not just generally, but of all nations. So regardless of where you live, how is your life

going to impact every nation, tribe, tongue, and people in the world? This is not a question for extraordinary missionaries; this is a question for ordinary disciples. God wants His will to be accomplished through us more than we do. And as we follow Him, He will lead us to the people, places, and positions where we can most effectively make disciples of all nations for the glory of His name.

6. HOW WILL I MAKE DISCIPLE MAKERS AMONG A FEW PEOPLE?

Jesus spent his life investing in a few people. His strategy for reaching all peoples was clear: make disciple-makers among a few people. God will lead us to live in all kinds of different places in the world. Yet regardless of where we live, the task we have is the same. No Christian is excepted from the command to make disciples, and no Christian would want to escape this command. So every one of us looks around and asks, "How will I make disciple-makers among a few people?"

No child of God is intended by God to be sidelined as a spectator in the Great Commission. Every child of God has been invited by God to be on the front lines of the supreme mission in all of history. Every disciple of Jesus has been called, loved, created, and saved to make disciples of Jesus who make disciples of Jesus who make disciples of Jesus until the grace of God is enjoyed and the glory of God is exalted among every people group on the planet.

Making a personal plan for how we are going to join God in His mission is a vital step in joyfully experiencing the fullness of His grace in our lives as we join Him in His mission for the world.

1. HOW WILL I FILL MY MIND WITH TRUTH?

HOW WILL I READ GOD'S WORD?

You might start with a plan to read a chapter a day, or you could consider using an intentional Bible reading plan that covers all of Scripture over a certain period of time.

A great goal should be to eventually read the whole thing.

You might consider using Project Seven 3, Red Door's Bible Reading Plan at www.thereddoor.cc/73 or you might explore a list of suggested Bible reading guides at www.youversion.com/reading-plans.

HOW WILL I MEMORISE GOD'S WORD?

As you read, look for verses, paragraphs, or even chapters that seem particularly significant and applicable to your life. Then commit them to memory. Maybe you can start by memorizing a verse a week, and then eventually can take on more.

HOW WILL I LEARN GOD'S WORD FROM OTHERS?

Reading, studying, and understanding the Bible is not just an individual effort; it's a community project. We all need pastors who are teaching God's Word faithfully to us and brothers and sisters in Christ who are consistently encouraging us with God's Word.

2. HOW WILL I FUEL MY AFFECTIONS FOR GOD?

HOW WILL I WORSHIP?

Consider general ways that you might focus on worship in every facet of your life. In light of Scripture's exhortation to meet regularly with the church, plan to gather with the church weekly to express collective want for God through worship.

HOW WILL I PRAY?

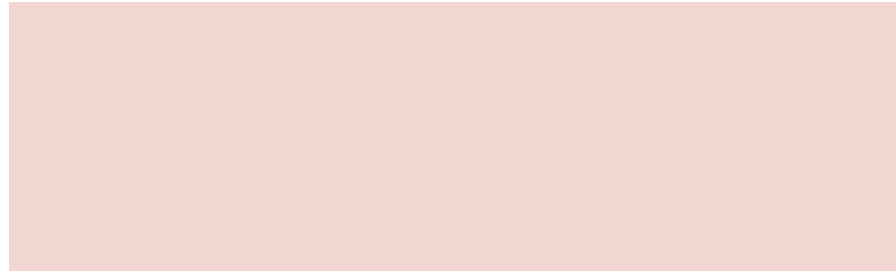
Find yourself a place and set aside a time to be with the Father. Concentrated prayer at a specific time is the best fuel for continual prayer all the time. Simply setting aside this time and place will substantially change your life as a disciple of Jesus.

Consider a space where you can make your prayer audible. There is power in declaring God's promises over yourself and those you're praying for in Jesus' name.

As well as a private prayer time consider committing to praying together with others. At the Red Door we have a prayer meeting every Wednesday morning at 7am and also the first Saturday night of every month at 6pm.

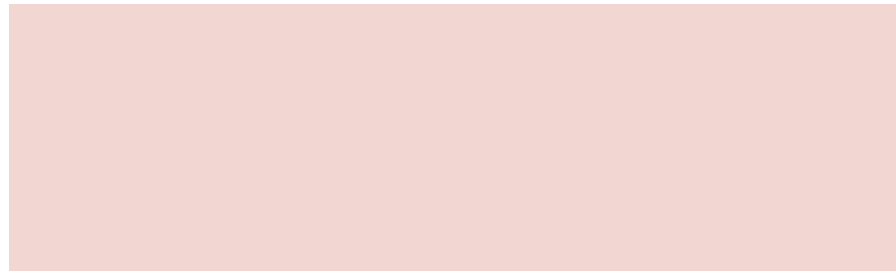
HOW WILL I FAST?

Once a week or once every few weeks, instead of eating breakfast, lunch, or dinner, spend an hour praying and reading God's Word. Once you've grown accustomed to this practice, plan to fast for two meals in one day, and then for an entire twenty-four-hour period. Once a quarter during the year, we'll participate corporately in a day of prayer and fasting.



HOW WILL I GIVE?

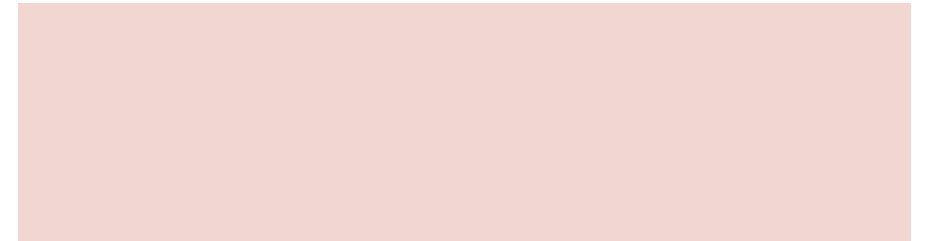
One of the most effective ways to fuel affection for God is to give your resources in obedience to God. Giving intentionally, generously, sacrificially, and cheerfully fuels selfless love for God that overcomes selfish desires for the things of this world.



3. HOW WILL I SHARE GOD'S LOVE AS A WITNESS IN THE WORLD?

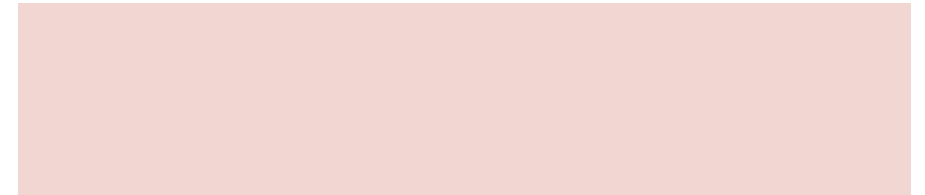
WHO?

Take some time to write down the names of three, five, or maybe ten unbelievers God has placed in your life. Then begin praying specifically for God, through the power of his Spirit, to draw them to his salvation and to use you to share the gospel with them.



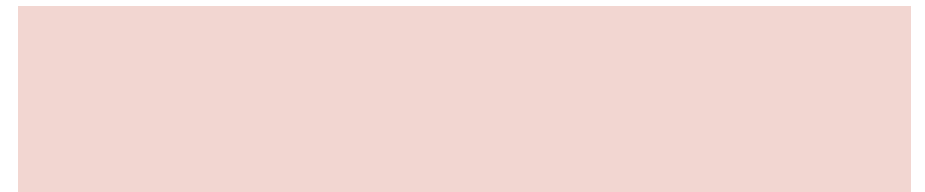
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Think through how, in the context of where you live, work, and play, and with the people God has put around you, you can begin to speak intentionally about God's character, man's sin, Christ's provision, and our need to respond to that provision.



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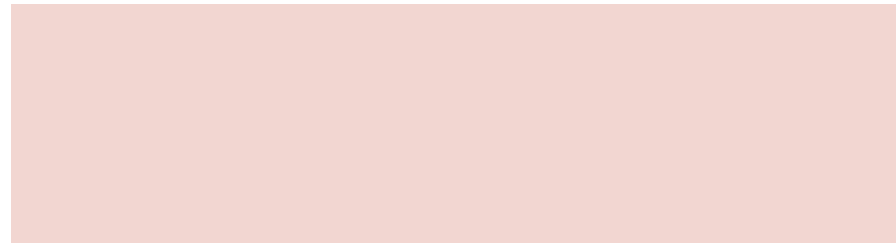
It's wise to consider how you can actively show Christ's love by creating opportunities to tell people about Jesus. Think about the people you identified above and how you can specifically and deliberately create opportunities to share the gospel with them.



4. HOW WILL I SHOW GOD'S LOVE AS A MEMBER OF A CHURCH?

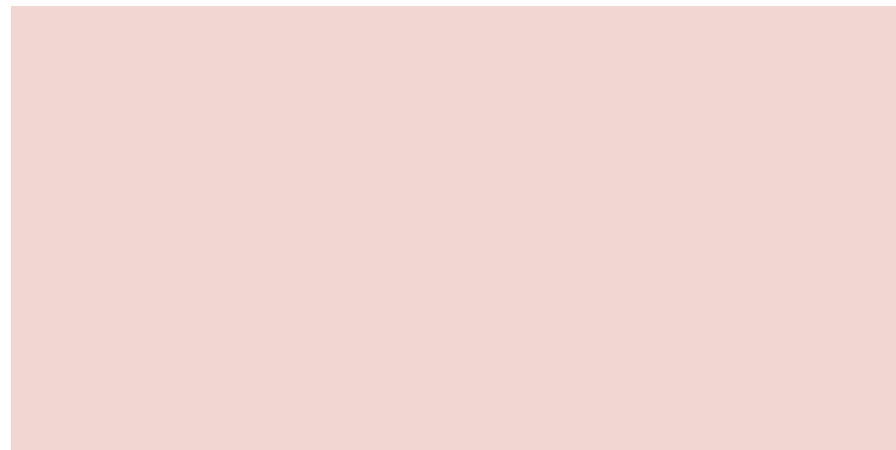
WHERE?

Think about the local body of Christ where you can most effectively make disciples of Christ and lock arms with that church, not as a spectator on the sidelines, but as a participant in the mission. Then, as a member of that church, identify where can you best plug into biblical disciple-making community (i.e., through a small group or some other means within the church).



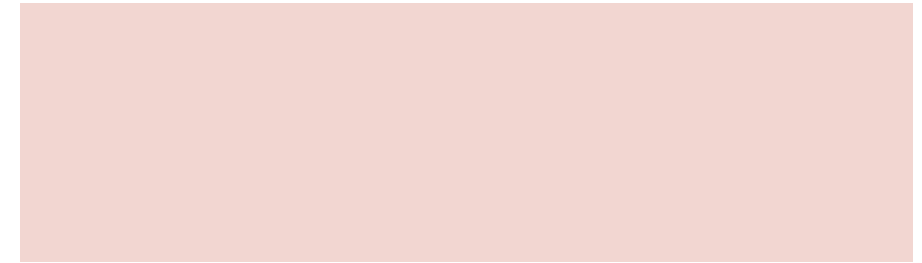
WHAT?

As you look at Red Door Community Church, consider what things you can do to build up the body of Christ here and what you will do to make sure that you have people who are watching out for your life in Christ. Identify specific ways that you will clearly express the love of Christ in and through the church of which you are a member.



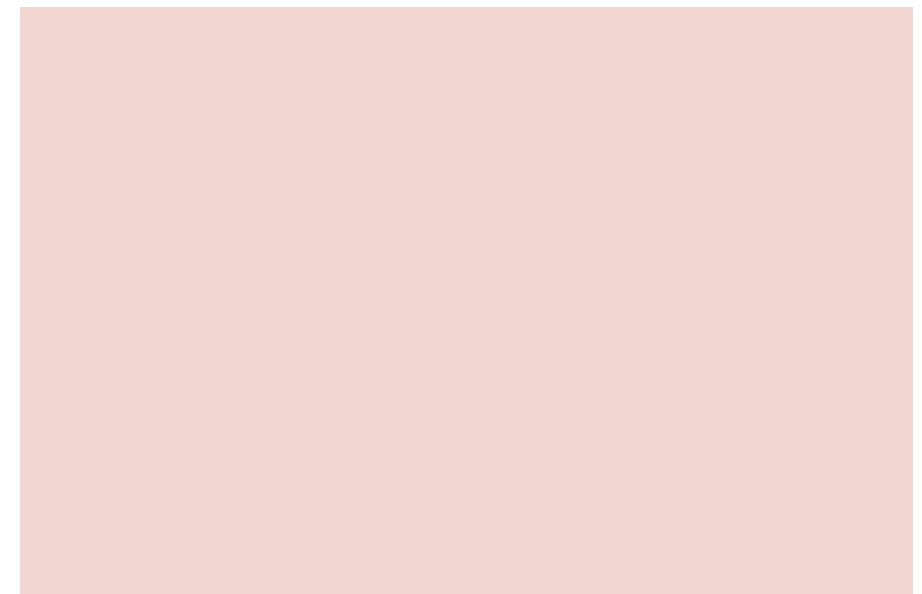
5. HOW WILL I SPREAD GOD'S GLORY AMONG ALL THE WORLD?

How will I pray for this local community and the nations? Pray passionately for God's Kingdom to come and will to be done across the earth—in this city and all the world. Plan to deliberately focus your praying on the needs of this local community and specifically on the unreached people groups of the world.



HOW WILL I GIVE TO THIS LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE NATIONS?

Plan to sacrifice and spend for the sake of this local community and for those beyond our borders. Sacrifice the wants in your budget to give to the needs of the world—most particularly the need for every people group to hear the gospel.



HOW WILL I GO TO INTO THIS LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE NATIONS?

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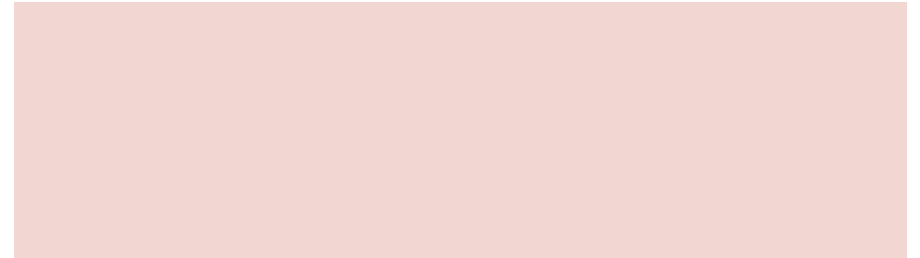
GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL
NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE
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THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE
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I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.

– MATTHEW 28: 19-20

6. HOW WILL I MAKE DISCIPLES AMONG A FEW PEOPLE?

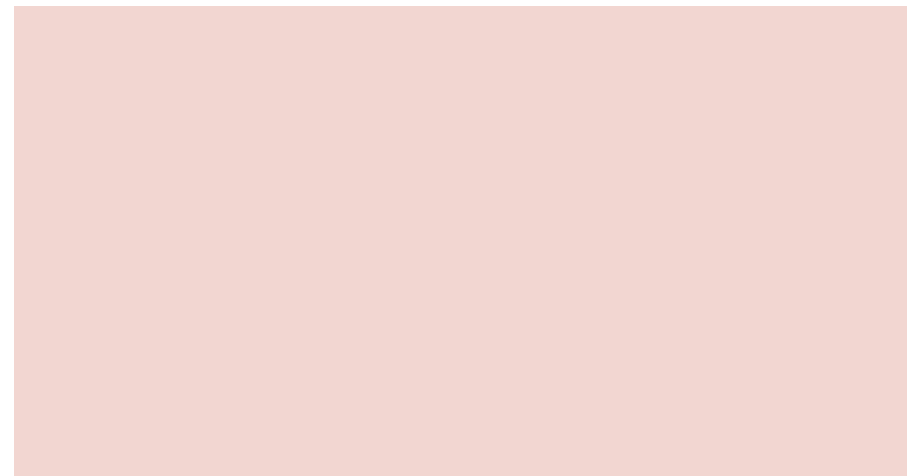
HOW WILL I BRING THEM IN?

Consider two, three, or four people God has put in your sphere of influence whom you can lead to make disciples. Then invite those few people to spend intentional time with you in the days ahead for the express purpose of growing in Christ together.



HOW WILL I TEACH THEM TO OBEY?

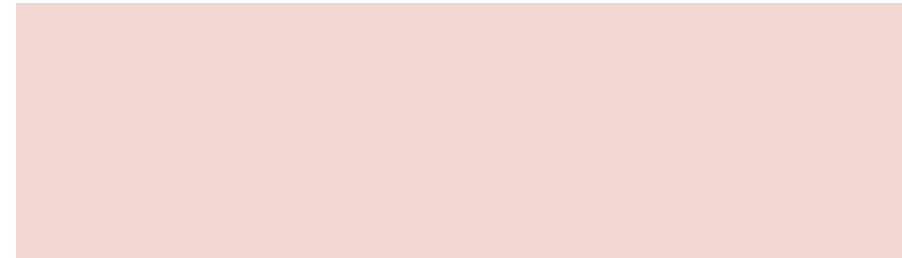
Think through how you can teach the few people your life is focused on how to obey everything Christ has commanded you. Focus on seeing their transformation. You might start by using these questions to lead them to develop their own disciple-making plans or could implement the Multiply Material available at www.multiplymovement.com



HOW WILL I MODEL OBEDIENCE?

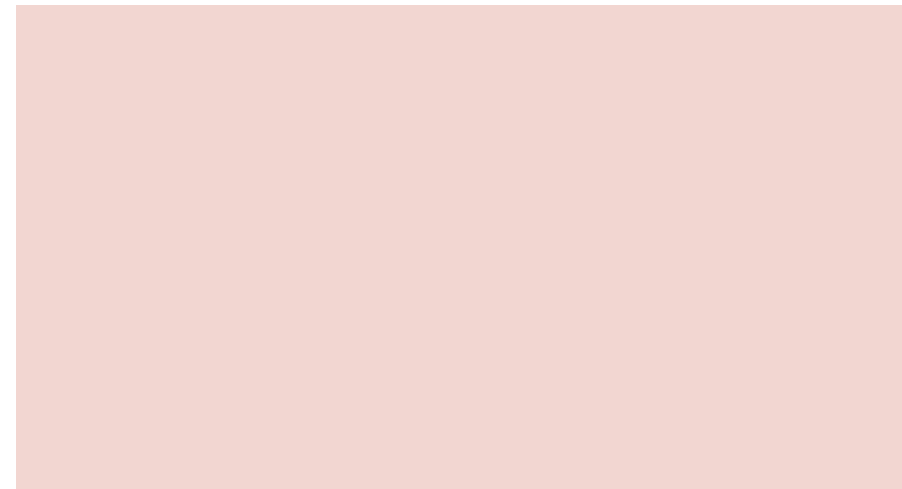
As you focus your life on the few people God has given you, they need to see and hear and sense the life of Christ in you. Making disciple makers involves saying to them: "Follow me."

So identify intentional ways in which you will serve them and model before them what it means to follow Christ.



HOW WILL I SEND THEM OUT?

The goal is not just for these few people you are focused on to follow Jesus; the goal is for them to lead other people to follow Jesus. So think through how you will commission those few to begin making disciples. And consider how you will serve them as you send them out.



BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN
THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU, AND

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BE MY
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IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA,
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- ACTS 1:8 -

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