

disciples are made, not born

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//:study guide

Intro: These questions in this guide are meant to be done outside of the group's discussion time. Their purpose is to help each member of the group think through what challenges face him in becoming a disciple of Christ. Each chapter has one application question. The application question does not suggest a specific application, but is designed to help participants make an application from the reading.

//:chapter 1: the kind of person god uses

What life objective has God set forth for us in scripture?

What are you not willing to give up in order to have God's will fulfilled in your life?

What is your scripture intake? What are some ways you personally expose yourself to the scriptures?

In what ways do you serve others?

Explain what the author means by not putting confidence in the flesh.

What is an independent spirit?

What are some ways you express your love for others?

How would you explain the phrase 'a root of bitterness'?

What part does discipline play in the life of a person God uses?

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What one thing is keeping you from being the kind of person God uses?

//:chapter 2: Jesus as lord

What does it mean to be lord over someone or something?

What does Col. 1:16-18 tell us Jesus is Lord over?

What are some reasons we don't acknowledge Jesus as Lord?

What does it mean to acknowledge Jesus as Lord?

Why does Jesus want to be your Lord?

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In what ways do you not acknowledge Jesus as Lord in your own life?

How have you seen God's commands work for your best?

What does 'You can't truly live without dying' mean?

How can we be in tune with the voice of the Spirit in our lives?

In what ways are you desperate for Christ?

What will it cost you to be a disciple of Christ?

What are some 'avenues of retreat' you are leaving open?

Who is discipling you?

//:chapter 3: the cost of discipleship

Read over Luke 14.

In what ways do you live by circumstance and not principle?

Who are some people in need that you interact with daily?

//:chapter 4: a proper view of god and man

What part of God's nature and character does each passage emphasize?

Isaiah 40:3-5

40:10-11

40:13-14

40:15-17

40:28

//:chapter 5: evangelism and the disciple

What part does evangelism play in the life of a disciple?

What are some principles Jesus used in evangelism?

What are some ways to build passion for evangelism?

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Who can you share the gospel with this week?

42:1-4

42:8

43:11-13

What part of man's character and nature does each passage emphasize?

Isaiah 40:6-7

47:8-10

53:6

64:6

What are some ways you can glorify the character of God with your life?

//:chapter 6: recruiting a prospective disciple

What vision are you recruiting people to?

What are some ways we think we are doing God a favor by following Him?

What is meant by 'growing not going into business'?

What are the other principles of recruiting disciples?

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How can you begin to look for a disciple?

//:chapter 7: how to train a disciple - follow-up

What does it mean to 'follow someone up'?

What are the first three principles of follow-up?

How do you help someone have a 'proper diet'?

What are some ways to ensure love and affection for a young believer?

//:chapter 8: how to train a disciple - imparting the basics

What is the five-fold objective of a disciple maker?

What two areas does training contribute to a person's development?

What are the basics?

What is the hub of the wheel?

What are the ways to get the word in your life?

What is the rim of the wheel?

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What does your wheel look like?

How do you ensure an atmosphere of acceptance for a young believer?

Who can you follow up?

//:chapter 9: how to train a disciple - conviction and perspective

What is conviction?

What is perspective?

What are the four ways to develop conviction and perspective in your disciple?

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What are your convictions?

//:chapter 10: how to train a disciple - gifts and calling

Why are gifts important?

How do you help someone develop their gifts?

How do gifts and God's calling go hand in hand?

//:chapter 11: multiplying your efforts

Write a paragraph explaining the principle of multiplication.

Why is quality the key to multiplication?

What are some biblical illustrations of multiplication?

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What are some ways you can inform other Christians about spiritual multiplication?

What are your gifts?

//:chapter 12: choosing a life objective

What was Christ's life objective?

What was Paul's life objective?

What really counts in life?

What is really important to you?

What should you give your life to?

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How can you develop a life objective?