

Journey

The Spiritual Formation of Multiplying Disciples.

Leader Expanded Training

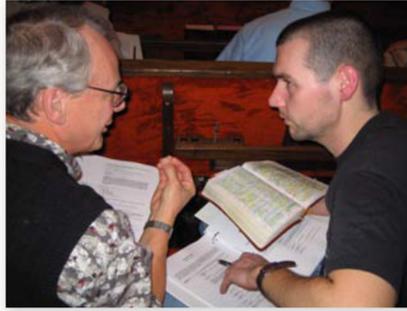
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Introduction Workshop

A CLOSER LOOK AT JOURNEY

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We could say that Discipleship is...

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- It is BIBLE STUDY, but not just that;
- A CLOSE relationship between the discipler and the disciple, but not just that;
- TEACHING the Word of God, but not just that;
- TRAINING to be a Disciple, but not just that and the list could go on and on.

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Throughout Journey, we are not only learning biblical truths for every day life, we are also learning what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We do this by knowing and practicing the Steps of Discipleship. These biblical steps provide a life-long philosophy of being a Disciple-maker.

Let's look up each Bible verse and read them.

Step #1 Become a BELIEVER by trusting Jesus Christ as Savior from John 3:16.

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#3 Getting Started with a New Disciple



1. Understand that pure one on one discipleship is leading an UNSAVED person to Christ and teaching them to observe all things Jesus commanded.
2. Remember, one on one discipleship is ONLY one to one. Meet with your disciple every week.
3. Men should only meet with men and women with women. Close FAMILY members should not disciple each other whenever possible (there can be exceptions in extreme circumstances).
4. Do not use the lessons that you disciple with as Sunday school lessons, sermons or for any other PURPOSE than one on one discipleship.
5. One on one discipleship is the only way to reach the world and is the one reason we are left on earth after our salvation. Some or all of your disciples should be people you have WON to Christ.
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7. If you do not know the answer to a question tell the disciple you will study and PREPARE an answer or you can ask them to wait because the question is answered in a coming LESSON.
8. Do not go on to the next LESSON if the disciple is not obedient or does not completely understand.
9. All assignments are REQUIRED.
10. Try to get your disciple through the entire BIBLE.
11. Inform your church LEADERSHIP of any unusual situations.
12. The way you BEGIN a one on one discipleship relationship may determine its SUCCESS.
13. Be excited, encouraging and loving in all your WORDS.
14. Try to disciple in such a way that you would want your disciple to disciple your CHILDREN when they are old enough.
15. You will find that in one on one discipleship there are two TEACHERS and two LEARNERS at the same time. When we teach we LEARN, when we disciple we are DISCIPLED.
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18. The disciple is to be discipling before they GRADUATE from the final lesson.

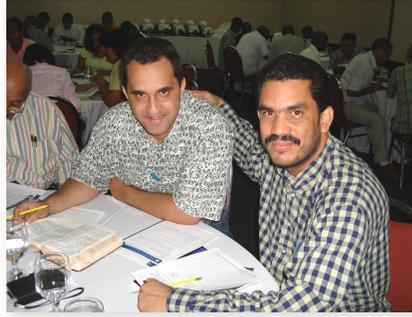
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8. We must pray with our disciples and pray for our disciples.
9. Our disciples will learn to lead by following us and learning from their mistakes...and ours.
10. There is accountability for us as disciplers also. In Journey, the disciple is encouraged to contact the church leaders if they think they have been taught something incorrect, or their discipler will not meet with them. We must understand that the power of multiplication is very great in the church and we must be careful to keep it as "pure" as possible.
11. Our disciples will disciple their disciple like we disciple.
12. We must bring our disciples to spiritual maturity.
13. We must master each lesson and know the Word of God.
14. We will not be spiritually strong unless we are faithful to the Word of God and to our disciples.
15. We must continue to lead people to faith in Christ and disciple them. Let's not forget that this is the reason for one on one discipleship with Journey.
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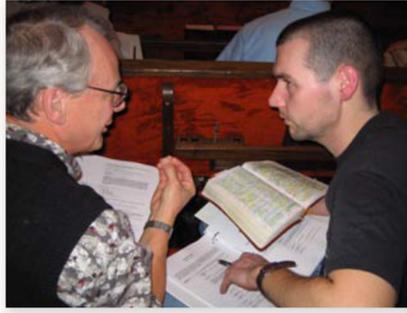
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#5 Common Questions Answered

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Help them by writing it out and working on it at your weekly one on one Discipleship meetings together.

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4. How long should it take to complete the Journey?

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If you detect your disciple is a very mature believer, go at a pace the Holy Spirit leads you to go at, but be careful. Some of your disciples will be mature enough that your one on one Discipleship is more training than discipling.

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If you stop meeting an unfaithful disciple in a loving way, it leaves an open door for them to continue at some point in time. Be ready for drop-out disciples to come back in the future.

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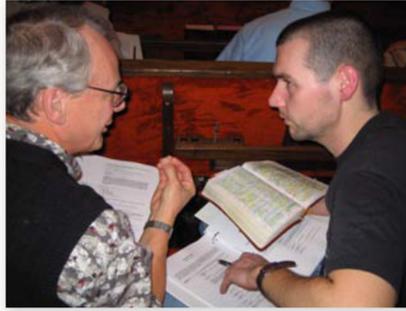
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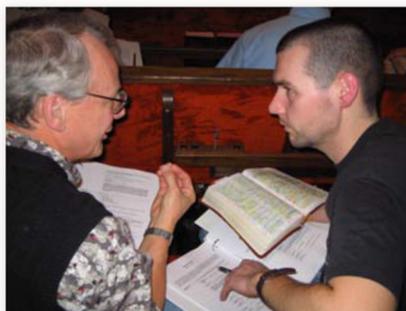
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