

## Discipleship:

### 5 Principles That May Forever Change The Way You Do Groups!

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#### What do we mean by “Disciple” and “Discipleship”:

- Disciple (Noun) – mathétés – learner, follower, student (Luke 9:23-24)
- Disciple (Verb) – To model and train a believer in becoming a learner and follower of Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20).
- Discipleship – The relational and intentional process of helping another believer become an active learner and follower of Jesus Christ.

#### 5 Principles and Practices of Discipleship to make your group Thrive.

##### 1. Kindness Matters

- “He has told you, O man, what is good;  
And what does the LORD require of you  
But to do justice, to love kindness,  
And to walk humbly with your God”  
Micah 6:8 (NASB)
- Meet each person where he or she is and create a safe and loving environment

##### 2. Relational webs are crucial

- “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:12
- You can never be everything for anyone.

##### 3. It’s not about you

- “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” Philippians 2:3-4
- Flip the switch
  - Being served to serving others
  - Receiving to giving

##### 4. Problems are for Solving

- “And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:19b-21
- Sometimes you just need a “Come to Jesus Moment”

##### 5. Begin with the end in mind

- “Children are a heritage from the LORD,

offspring a reward from him.

Like arrows in the hands of a warrior  
are children born in one's youth." Psalm 127

- We raise our kids to send them out to be independent of us and dependent on the Lord – growing Christ-followers