



Quick Discipleship Tips

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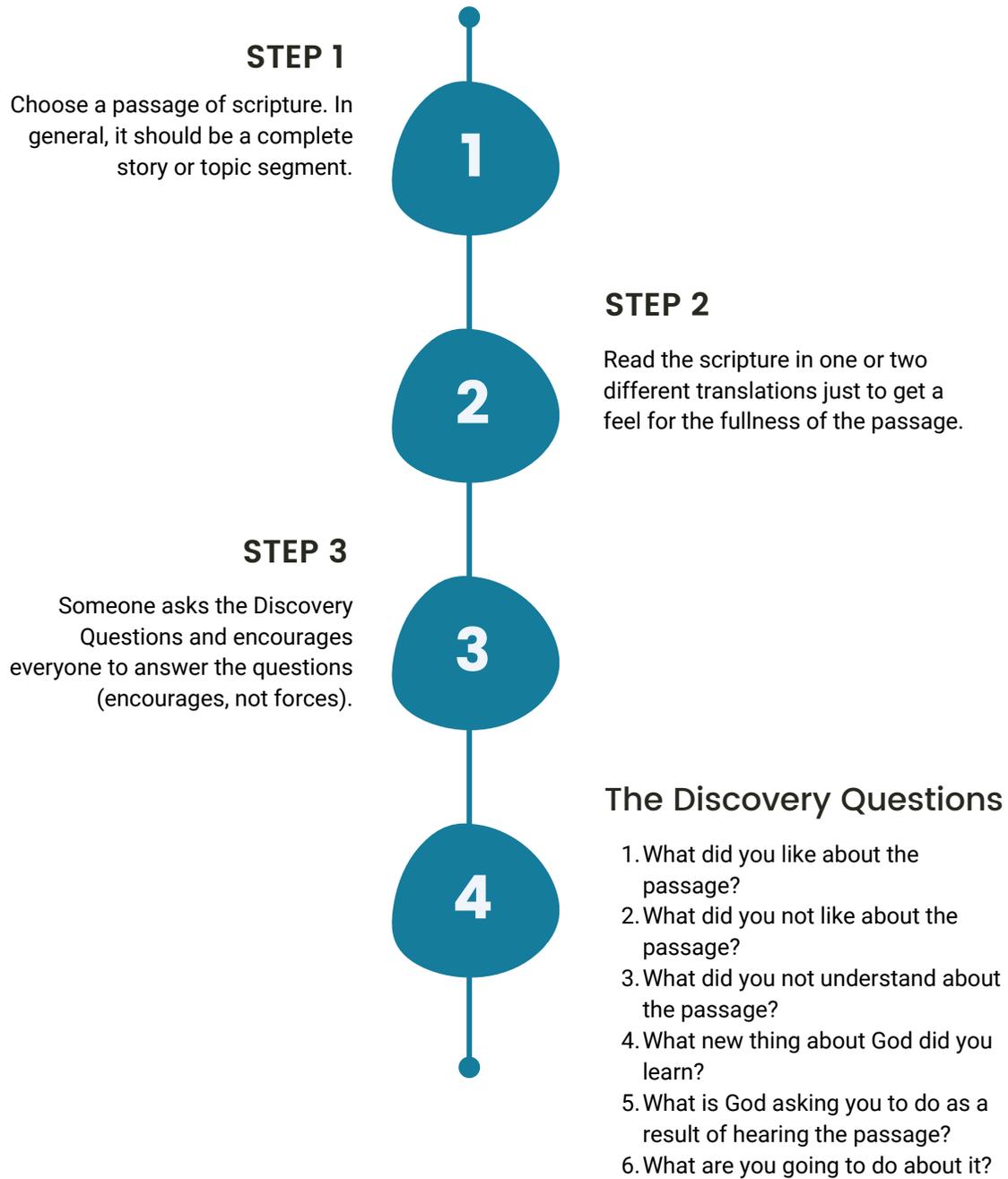
If you evaluate the state of North American culture today, one might have to conclude that whatever discipleship ministries the church has been using over the past sixty-plus years have not been terribly effective. The intended results of effective disciple-making was to make more followers of Jesus and that those who followed Jesus would be fully committed and obedient to his teachings. If the church had been successful at that endeavor, we would expect our church worship services to be full, churches would be growing, and our culture would be influenced by the church's love and commitment to mercy and justice.

I've used the following disciple-making tools in a variety of settings over the past decades and can testify to life-transforming results for individuals and for congregations. Of course, these aren't the only disciple-making tools and they're not the only ones I've used. But these are the Quick Tools ... tools you can put into practice today with little or no preparation.

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DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

This is a no-study Bible Study outline that I've found effective in kicking off a disciple-making small group. It is NOT sufficient for disciple-making on it's own, but add some Living Life Together and accountability practices, and you've got a winning combination.



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Spiritual Development Questions

The five spiritual development questions are helpful to kick off discussions and to help hold individuals and group members accountable. The key is to ask everyone in the room the same question individually and to expect an answer from every person.

NOTE: For best results, if someone hasn't accomplished or engaged in the spiritual activity during the past week, simply acknowledge the response and move on. No recriminations or shaming!

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The Foundational Question

What have you read in scripture this week that intrigued you?

This is a good question to ask to kick off a Bible study. After everyone has responded, choose one of the shared passages and use the Discovery Bible Study questions.

2

The Faith Encouragement Question

Who have you encouraged in the faith this week?

This is a "one another" question that focuses on fellow church members/believers. Encouragement isn't about "You Did Good," but an encouragement to continue in the faith. "How can I pray for you?" is a good encouragement question, as is "How's your walk with Jesus this week?"

3

The Quiet Prayer Question

What have you heard from God in your listening prayer time this week?

This isn't about whether or not someone's been praying, but if they're paying attention to God's intervention in their lives. Some add, "And what are you going to do about it?" to the question.

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The Service Question

Who's life has been touched because of your service in Jesus' name this week?

There are logistically three parts to this question: Who's life has been touched? What service did you do? And did you make it clear that the service was done in Jesus' name? The point is to encourage our members to be active in doing non-anonymous ministry (see Matthew 5:16).

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The Discipleship Question

With whom did you share your faith story with this week?

Faithful disciples of Jesus make more disciples of Jesus. This question helps our members keep that at their front-of-mind.



The Journey Group

Complete Journey Group instructions can be found in my book *High-Voltage Spirituality*.

Journey Groups are discipleship mentoring groups that meet weekly and includes two or three people of the same gender. There are two parts of the group meeting. (1) Daily scripture reading accountability (an agreed upon reading portion of 2–5 chapters daily); and (2) Behavior accountability.

Each person responds to the following questions every week. With only one exception, no explanation is required, though as group members become more comfortable with each other, more accountability details tend to get shared. There must not be ANY recriminations or shaming of one-another. The purpose of the Journey Group is to ask the questions and to answer the questions. Nothing more, nothing less.

Journey Group Accountability Questions

1. Have you been a verbal witness to someone this week about the good news of Jesus Christ?
2. Have you exposed yourself, either accidentally or intentionally, to sexually alluring material, or have you entertained inappropriate sexual thoughts this week?
3. Have you lacked any financial integrity this week?
4. Have you been honoring, understanding, and generous in your important relationships this week?
5. Have you lied or shaded the truth to look better to others this week?
6. Have you given in to an addictive behavior this week? If so, explain.
7. Are you harboring anger, resentment, or bitterness toward someone?
8. Have you secretly wished for someone's misfortune?
9. Your personalized accountability question goes here.
10. Were you faithful in your reading and praying, and did you hear from God? What will you do about it?
11. During this conversation, have you lied, left out parts of the truth, or left a mis-impression with me that needs to be cleared up?

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