

August 20, 2017- Disciplemaking Continues

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions

[If there are new people in your group, give brief introductions.]

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- What has changed in your life because of what you learned last week?
- Has God placed someone in your life outside this group that you need to invest in?
- How do you think God wants you to do this?

Ask a “hook question” to get the group going.

- Who is someone who made you better as a person or at your job?

Share background for the story.

Last week we saw how the first missionaries ministered in several cities. This week we will see how their disciplemaking continued as they returned to the areas where they worked to encourage the new believers.

Tell the story – Acts 14:21-28 This week we will see Barnabas and Paul continue their mission work in Acts 14.

[Tell the story with your Bible open on your lap to the passage.]

Rebuild the story

[Group members tell the story together, one piece at a time, based on what they remember.]

Read the story out loud – Read Acts 14:21-28 from the Bible.

[The scripture may have more details. Were there any important details left out of the telling or retelling that you discover in the scripture?]

Discuss these questions:

1. What do you learn about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit in this story?
2. What do you learn about the characters in the story?
3. What stood out to you in this story?
4. What key things did Paul and Barnabas do in this story for disciplemaking and how can you apply that to your life? What are the implications of verse 28?
5. A person asked, “Are we too Christian for non-Christians?” What do you think about that?
6. How will this story be used in your life and with others?

Ask someone to retell the story.

Assign next week’s passage. Acts 15:36-41. Controversy and Growth.

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August 20, 2017- Disciplemaking Continues – Leader Coaching

[This page is to help you sharpen your skills as a DiscipleGroup Leader. Each week we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your group and grow as a disciple yourself. Also, we have added comments (enclosed in brackets []) on the Leader Guide.]

Abiding

[grow as a disciple yourself]

- Paul and Barnabas were willing to face suffering to get the Gospel out to the people. As someone has said, they valued the kingdom of God more than their own lives. Spend some time praying about your own level of commitment. How committed are you to the disciplemaking process? Is disciplemaking a priority in your life or just something you do with a group on Tuesday nights?

Leading

[learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

- This is another short story. Think about assigning it to someone who has never shared the story before. Also, it will be important to tie the story to the first part of Acts 14. Notice how they returned to areas where they had had problems.

Shepherding

[know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

- This might be a good time to ask your people about their own mission fields or the fields around their neighborhoods. Talk with your group about the possibility of going out to one of your neighborhoods on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon and getting to know some of the folks there.

Resources:

- Why not do a web search of the cities mentioned in Acts 14 to see what interesting things you find?