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Discovering and Developing
Christlike Disciple Makers



SESSION 5

How Do We Disciple Maturing
Christ-followers to Make Disciples?

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How Do We Disciple Maturing Christ-followers to Make Disciples?

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LEARNER OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, you should:

- Be faithfully walking with Jesus
- Be able to identify some Christlike disciples who are willing to be disciple makers
- Be willing to help some Christlike disciples who are willing to be disciple makers

Introduction to How Do We Disciple Maturing Christ-followers to Make Disciples?

INTRODUCTION



It is important for each Christ-follower to be engaged in a lifelong journey of being and making Christlike disciples. Christians need to be highly committed to guiding other Christ-followers to become more and more like Christ. Hal Perkins' book *Walk with Me* challenges me to ask some searching questions like: "How can I identify some Christlike disciples who are willing to be disciple makers? How can I help some Christlike disciples to be disciple makers?"

Please read chapters 9, 10, and 11 of Hal Perkins' book *Walk with Me* in preparation for this session.

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IDENTIFYING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES WHO ARE WILLING TO BE DISCIPLE MAKERS

This requires finding those who are faithfully walking with Jesus and making them aware of their potential for becoming disciple makers. In the same way that Jesus gathered travelling companions around Himself and mentored them as disciple makers, we are called to gather other members of the Body of Christ and mentor additional disciple makers.

NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL (NDI) DESIRES TO ENABLE US TO BE AND MAKE CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES

We need to identify Christlike disciples who will join us in fulfilling our (NDI) mission “to carry out the Great Commission to children, youth, and adults in preparation for a lifelong journey of being and making Christlike disciples in the nations.” We need them to help us equip more disciple makers who will assist local churches globally in “reaching non-believers for Jesus; establishing new believers in their faith in Christ; and walking with believers to a fully surrendered, heart-cleansed, fruit-bearing, and Spirit-filled life.” Our disciple makers need to affirm and be willing to help others affirm our 5 core discipleship principles of “fervent prayer, compassionate outreach, comprehensive biblical learning, intentional mentoring and equipping, and authentic relationships.”

WHERE CAN WE FIND NEW DISCIPLE MAKERS?

Our [Nazarene Essentials](#) reveals that some potential new disciple makers may be those being disciplined through our pastors’ ongoing discipleship through their preaching, teaching and other forms of ministry. Other potential disciple makers may be those disciples resulting from our well-planned church schedule, such as Bible quizzing programs; Caravan children’s ministry; Vacation Bible Schools; Christmas and Easter outreach programs; compassionate ministry efforts; ministries for men, women, senior adults, singles, special needs, sports teams, and a variety of other affinity groups that help people make the connection to Christ and His church. Especially, we may find new disciple makers among disciples who are participating in our Sunday school classes that nurture and grow Christlike disciples.


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However, as Perkins points out in *Walk with Me*, we need to prayerfully be led by the Holy Spirit to identify new disciple makers who are FAST:

F – faithful and dependable disciples

A – available and willing to establish time and disciple making priorities

S – submitted absolutely to Jesus

T – teachable and hungry to learn

HELPING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES TO BE DISCIPLE MAKERS

This means moving Christ-followers from meetings “for being disciplined” to meetings “for being disciple makers.” Discussion will move toward helping others they are discipling to know and follow Jesus. As Charles “Chic” Shaver has observed, discipleship is first engaging in evangelism and then engaging in activities to *Conserve the Converts*.

It is essential for someone to first become a Christ-follower before we attempt to disciple them to be disciple makers.

It is important that new disciple makers understand and at least begin to practice some basics for new and growing disciples. Shaver’s *Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians* has helped hundreds of thousands of new believers. These discipling resources are available from the Foundry Publishing as [leaflets](#) or as an [ESL booklet](#) and in [digital](#) formats. They are also available in many Nazarene ministry languages via the Wesleyan Holiness Digital Library ([WHDL](#)).

Disciple makers need to be equipped to help new believers understand what has happened to them as new Christ-followers:

- They must help new Christ-followers know that they now belong to God.
- They will help new believers begin to be established and assured in their new faith in Christ.
- They will orientate new believers in basic Christian discipline.
- They will help new Christ-followers engage in daily Bible reading.
- They will guide new believers in praying daily.
- They must help new believers find ways to frequently meet with other believers.
- They need to help new believers learn to consistently obey God.
- They must also show new believers how to witness Christ to others.

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Disciple makers need to be enabled to help new Christ-followers to be guided by the Holy Spirit so they will consistently walk with Jesus, trusting God, overcoming temptation and avoiding sin. They will guide new believers to be filled with the Holy Spirit, made clean and pure within, and empowered for holy living.

Disciple makers help new Christ-followers to talk with God: declaring their desire to remain in Jesus all the time, praying with thanksgiving, giving glory to God for all He has done, confessing any know disobedience, and telling God what they feel in their hearts.

Disciple makers need to be ready to help new believers learn from God by studying God's Word daily to find God's truth, taking God's Word to heart, discovering God's plan for their lives, and receiving God's promises to us as Jesus' disciples.

Disciple makers need to be prepared to assist new believers in witnessing for Jesus. When they witness, they will tell others what Jesus has done for them. When they witness, they will testify of what they see and hear. When they witness, they will help draw others to Jesus.

New believers need to understand that baptism shows others that they are Christians.

New believers also need to learn that Christians' testimonies should include: "what they were before they became Christians, how they became Christians, and what Jesus means to them now – how Jesus is their Friend.

Disciple makers need to help new believers unite for Jesus. Disciple makers first help others trust God for salvation through Christ, and later they guide new believers in becoming part of the family of God. New believers need to understand that the family of God is called the Church. Disciple makers help new believers recognize Christ as the head of the Church. New Christians need to learn how to show others a lot of love as brothers and sisters in Christ. New believers need to be introduced to ways Christians fellowship with each other. Disciple makers help new believers understand that in the Lord's Supper Christians remember Christ in a special way. New believers also need to discover the role of their pastors and other leaders of their local churches. Disciple makers likewise encourage new Christians to officially join a local church so they will continue to grow and mature in their Christian faith.

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Finally, disciple makers need to be able to help new believers share with Jesus. New believers need to do everything for the glory of God.

- They need to understand how to show their love for God as well as how to show their love for others.
- They need to discover how to live to please God.
- They need to be guided on establishing new attitudes.
- They need to determine to use every opportunity to do good.

Disciple makers need to be able to enable new Christ-followers to honor God.

FINDING WAYS TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL NEW DISCIPLE MAKERS AND EQUIP THEM TO DISCIPLE OTHERS

Would you share with others how you are identifying potential new disciple makers? Each of us has a particular area of ministry that provides the context of our finding new disciple makers. Would you also share ways you are equipping new disciple makers?

APPLICATION



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1. Read chapter 9 of Hal Perkins' book *Walk with Me*. Reflect on the question: Of all our Christian activities, how important is guarding our hearts and bringing our thoughts to Jesus? Why?
2. How can you help your disciples to develop this practice?
3. Read chapter 10 of Hal Perkins' book *Walk with Me*. Read Luke 9:10. Then, reflect on the question: What do you think about Christians gathering in supportive groups to report the way they served Jesus in their family, church and world during the previous week?
4. What benefits and difficulties can you foresee?
5. Read chapter 11 of Hal Perkins' book *Walk with Me*. Reflect on the question: Why is it essential for fully devoted disciples to consistently talk with their discipleship partners about pure devotion to Jesus?
6. Go to the [Way, Truth & Life Videos](#) and watch the "Sanctifying Grace" video (19:08 duration) and continue to think about discipleship as a Journey of Grace with Jesus. Then, describe God's "Sanctifying Grace" for you.

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1. Which of the following are true about identifying Christlike disciples who are willing to be disciple makers?
 - A. This requires finding those who are faithfully walking with Jesus and making them aware of their potential for becoming disciple makers.
 - B. In the same way that Jesus gathered travelling companions around Himself and mentored them as disciple makers, we are called to gather other members of the Body of Christ and mentor additional disciple makers.
 - C. We do not want new believers to become disciple makers.
 - D. All of the above
 - E. Only A and B above
2. Which of the following is NOT true about NDI's desire to enable us to be and make Christlike disciples?
 - A. We need to identify Christlike disciples who will join us in fulfilling our mission to carry out the Great Commission.
 - B. We carry out the Great Commission to children, youth, and adults in preparation for a lifelong journey of being and making Christlike disciples in the nations.
 - C. We do not need to equip more disciple makers who will assist local churches globally in reaching non-believers for Jesus.
 - D. We need more help in reaching non-believers for Jesus.
 - E. We need more help in establishing new believers in their faith in Christ.
3. Christians need to be highly committed to guiding other Christ-followers to become more and more like Christ.
 - A. True
 - B. False
4. We do not need more help in establishing believers in the heart-cleansed, fruit-bearing, and Spirit-filled life.
 - A. True
 - B. False
5. Which of the following is NOT true about finding new disciple makers?
 - A. Some potential new disciple makers have been discipled through our pastors' ongoing discipleship.
 - B. Some new disciple makers are the result of our Bible quizzing programs.

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- C. Some new disciple makers are the result of our compassionate ministry efforts.
 - D. Preaching and pastoral teaching are not some of our discipleship efforts.
 - E. Some new disciple makers are the result of our Sunday school classes that nurture and grow Christlike disciples.
6. Which of the following are true about identifying new disciple makers who are FAST?
- A. We need faithful and dependable disciples.
 - B. We need disciples who are available and willing to establish time and disciple-making priorities.
 - C. We need disciples who are submitted absolutely to Jesus.
 - D. We need disciples who are teachable and hungry to learn.
 - E. All of the above (A, B, C and D)
7. We need to move some Christ-followers from our meetings “for being disciplined” to our meetings “for being disciple makers”.
- A. True
 - B. False
8. In our meetings for disciple makers, our discussion needs to move toward helping others they are discipling to know and follow Jesus.
- A. True
 - B. False
9. Which of the following are ways we help Christlike disciples to be disciple makers?
- A. Disciple makers need to be equipped to help new believers understand what has happened to them as new Christ-followers.
 - B. Disciple makers need to know how to help new Christ-followers know that they now belong to God.
 - C. Disciple makers need to know how to help new believers begin to be established and assured in their new faith in Christ.
 - D. Disciple makers need to know how to orient new believers in basic Christian discipline.
 - E. All of the above (A, B, C and D)
10. It is important that new disciple makers understand and at least begin to practice some basics for new and growing disciples.
- A. True
 - B. False

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR MENTOR AND PARTICIPANT



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Be prepared to discuss the following with your mentor:

1. Am I a Christlike disciple?
2. How faithfully am I walking with Jesus?
3. Am I making others aware of their potential for becoming disciple makers?
4. How am I trying to carry out the Great Commission to children, youth, and adults?
5. Am I a FAST disciple of Jesus?
6. How well do I understand and practice some of the basics for new and growing disciples?