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**SESSION 6**

How Do We Mentor Disciple Makers to  
Also Make Disciple Makers?

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# How Do We Mentor Disciple Makers to Also Make Disciple Makers?

## SESSION OVERVIEW

IDENTIFYING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLE MAKERS WHO ARE WILLING TO BE MAKERS OF DISCIPLE MAKERS

ANSWERING THREE QUESTIONS CAN HELP US IDENTIFY THEM

- QUESTION 1: ARE THEY TRULY COMMITTED CHRIST FOLLOWERS?
- QUESTION 2: ARE THEY ALREADY ENGAGED IN DISCIPLING THEIR FAMILIES?
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HELPING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLE MAKERS TO BE MAKERS OF MORE DISCIPLE MAKERS

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## LEARNER OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, you should:

- Be identifying Christlike disciples who are willing to be disciple makers
- Be enabling others to be Christlike disciples
- Be committed to enabling others to make Christlike disciples

# Introduction to How Do We Mentor Disciple Makers to Also Make Disciple Makers?

## INTRODUCTION



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

Please read chapters 3, 4, and 12 of Hal Perkins' book *Walk with Me* in preparation for this session.

## SESSION 6: HOW DO WE MENTOR DISCIPLE MAKERS TO ALSO MAKE DISCIPLE MAKERS?

### NOTES

#### IDENTIFYING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLE MAKERS WHO ARE WILLING TO BE MAKERS OF DISCIPLE MAKERS

We need to identify some disciple makers who are willing to join a “closed” group of those who meet regularly for disciple makers. But what qualities do we look for? Again, as Perkins points out in *Walk with Me*, we need to prayerfully be led by the Holy Spirit to identify these potential mentors of disciple makers. They need to already be 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

#### ANSWERING THREE QUESTIONS CAN HELP US IDENTIFY THEM

##### Question 1: Are they truly committed Christ-followers?

It is important to identify those who are themselves growing as Christlike disciples. We need to see evidence of them growing in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is important that they are prayerful people, depending much on God, being led by the Holy Spirit, and showing evidence of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). We seek true believers, as articulated in our *Nazarene Essentials*, who proclaim the lordship of Jesus Christ and affirm the historic Trinitarian creeds and beliefs of the Christian faith. We seek Christ-followers who value the Nazarene Wesleyan-Holiness heritage and believe it to be a way of understanding the faith that is true to Scripture, reason, tradition, and experience. We seek disciples who are united with other believers in proclaiming the lordship of Jesus Christ. We look for those who believe that in divine love God offers to all people forgiveness of sins and restored relationship. We look for those who affirm that in being reconciled to God, we are also to be reconciled to one another, loving each other as we have been loved by God and forgiving each other as we have been forgiven by God. We look for those who believe that our life together is to exemplify the character of Christ. We seek those who also look to Scripture as the primary source of spiritual truth confirmed by reason, tradition, and experience.

These potential mentors of disciple makers are Christ-followers who are first committed to being discipled by Jesus through God's Word, the Holy Spirit,


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other Christ-followers, and frequent personal meetings with Jesus. They also give high priority to the church's worship and educational activities. We seek disciples who are called by Scripture and drawn by grace to worship God and to love Him with their whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and their neighbors as themselves. We look for believers who have committed themselves fully and completely to God, believing that they can be or are "sanctified wholly," as a second crisis experience. We look for Christ-followers who believe that the Holy Spirit convicts, cleanses, fills, and empowers us as the grace of God transforms us day by day into a people of love, spiritual discipline, ethical and moral purity, compassion, and justice. We seek disciples who know that it is the work of the Holy Spirit that restores us in the image of God and produces in us the character of Christ.

**Question 2: Are they already engaged in discipling their families?**

All Christ-followers are given the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit gives us spiritual gifts, which help us do the work of Christ (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-10 and 28; Ephesians 4:11-14; and Hebrews 2:4). Although each of us has a particular focus of ministry that provides the context of our being and making disciples, these potential mentors of additional disciple makers need to already be engaged in discipleship in and through their immediate and extended families.

In excellence, they need to be walking with Jesus as they relate to their families. Their spouses, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives are being disciplined by them. They listen to and serve their families in various ways, even though sometimes it must take place through phone calls, writing, or traveling to visit them.

**Question 3: Are they already engaged in discipling in their churches?**

These potential mentors of additional disciple makers are also engaged in discipleship in and through their churches. They methodically connect with others in and outside of the local churches, showing them kindness and interest, but also inviting them to occasions for individual and small group discipleship. We seek people who affirm that they are sent people, responding to the call of Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to go into all the world, witnessing to the Lordship of Christ and participating with God in the building of the Church and the extension of His kingdom (Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1).

We seek true believers, as articulated in our [Nazarene Essentials](#), who are fully consecrated to God, and share His love for the lost and His compassion for the poor and broken. We look for those who understand that the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) move us to engage the world in evangelism, compassion, and justice. To this

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end, they are committed to inviting people to faith in God through Jesus Christ, to caring for those in need, to standing against injustice and with the oppressed, to working to protect and preserve the resources of God's creation, and to including in our fellowship all who will accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We seek Christ-followers who confirm that through its mission in the world, the church demonstrates the love of God. They understand that the story of the Bible is the story of God reconciling the world to Him, ultimately through Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:16-21). They agree to be sent into the world to participate with God in this ministry of love and reconciliation.

### **HELPING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLE MAKERS TO BE MAKERS OF MORE DISCIPLE MAKERS**

This requires help with questions, addressing their issues, coaching in biblical theology and disciple-making skills.

Mentoring agendas differ vastly according to need, purpose, time, money, and personnel. We must aim to be proactive and not reactive. Modeling is a primary method or process by which we pass on the fundamental character qualities and values needed in future disciple makers. Through our mentoring, we transfer our worldview to new makers of disciple makers with the hope of replication.

We need to be role models who exemplify, in word and deed, the very character qualities and values we most admire in Jesus and other authentic Christ-followers. Three important areas include:

1. The evidence of discipleship is in the qualitative growth of the individual disciple as well as group members.
2. The purpose of discipleship is to nurture good and godly disciples who will also make Christlike disciples (2 Peter 3:11-12).
3. The process of making more disciple makers is in modeling before potential disciple makers what we seek to "pass on" to them for lifelong service to Christ and His kingdom.

### **BEING INTENTIONALLY ENGAGED IN DISCIPLING/MENTORING OTHER DISCIPLE MAKERS**

We need more mature disciples to be intentionally engaged in discipling/mentoring other mature disciple makers, who in turn are helping others in making

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Christlike disciple makers. Here are a few steps that Perkins offers to help foster and develop disciple makers:

- **Select:** Watch and pray for a FAST disciple (Faithful, Available, Submitted, and Teachable).
- **Invite:** Invite a FAST disciple to pray about transitioning from being disciplined to formally making disciples.
- **Model:** When a FAST disciple agrees, say: “You watch me make disciples at our group.”
- **Train:** As the FAST disciple progresses, say: “You and I can start a new group, but first you can practice with me in private.”
- **Coach:** At an appropriate point in development, say: “Now, you make disciples. I’ll help by participating, plus I’ll watch you facilitate. Then, later we’ll talk, and I’ll give feedback.”
- **Family:** Again, at an appropriate point in development, say: “Though I will leave your weekly meetings, I do not leave you. I will invite you to a monthly meeting of disciple makers.”
- **Repeat:** You will look for FAST disciples from your group, repeating the above steps.
- **Multiply:** You leave monthly meetings to start your own monthly meeting for your disciple makers.

### **LET’S FIND WAYS TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL NEW DISCIPLE MAKERS AND EQUIP THEM TO DEVELOP MORE DISCIPLE MAKERS**

It is our hope that you are already finding ways to implement the *Journey of Grace* denominational discipleship framework in your area of ministry. We would like to discover how you are achieving this. Would you share with others how you are identifying makers of disciple makers? Each of us has our particular area of ministry that provides the context of our finding new disciple makers. Would you also share ways you are equipping makers of disciple makers?



## APPLICATION



### NOTES

1. Read chapter 3 of Hal Perkins' book *Walk with Me*. Reflect on the question: How much time and emphasis do you think Jesus gave to making disciples?
2. What are your conclusions about why He strategically invested so much in so few?
3. What do you think is the greatest reason we, as Christ-followers, should intentionally make disciples?
4. Read chapter 4 of Hal Perkins' book *Walk with Me*. Reflect on the question: What do you think of the idea that Jesus' disciple making principles are the same principles that have mobilized other massive movements?
5. Do you think Jesus was operating with Spirit-given genius by investing in a few to reach the masses? Why? Why not?
6. What do you think about the methods churches are presently employing?
7. How much typical programming can a church do and still have time and energy available to make disciples the way Jesus did?
8. Read chapter 12 of Hal Perkins' book *Walk with Me*. What are some ways to make more disciple makers?
9. Go to the [Way, Truth & Life Videos](#) and watch the "Sustaining Grace" video (19:08 duration) and continue to think about discipleship as a Journey of Grace with Jesus. Then, describe God's "Sustaining Grace" for you.

## EXAM



### NOTES

1. Which of the following are true about identifying Christlike disciples who are willing to be makers of disciple makers?
  - A. Some potential new disciple makers have been discipled by our pastors.
  - B. Some potential new disciple makers have been discipled in our 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.
  - C. We may find new disciple makers who are participating in our Sunday school classes that nurture and grow Christlike disciples.
  - D. We need to prayerfully be led by the Holy Spirit to identify new disciple makers who are FAST.
  - E. All of the above (A, B, C and D).
2. The evidence of discipleship is in the qualitative growth of the individual disciple as well as group members.
  - A. True
  - B. False
3. We do not need mature Christians to be highly committed to guiding other Christ-followers to become more and more like Christ.
  - A. True
  - B. False
4. Which of the following are true about identifying makers of 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)
5. There is currently no shortage of disciple makers.
  - A. True
  - B. False
6. The process of making more disciple makers is in modeling before potential disciple makers what we seek to “pass on” to them for lifelong service to


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Christ and His Kingdom.

- A. True
  - B. False
7. Which of the following does NOT help us find a positive answer to the question: "Are they truly committed Christ-followers?"
- A. They are themselves growing as Christlike disciples.
  - B. There is evidence of them growing in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
  - C. They are not prayerful people.
  - D. They depend much on God, being led by the Holy Spirit.
  - E. They show evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.
8. Which of the following is NOT true about helping us find a positive answer to the question: "Are they already engaged in discipling their families?"
- A. Our potential mentors of new disciple makers are discipling their immediate families.
  - B. Our potential mentors of new disciple makers are discipling their extended families.
  - C. Our potential mentors of new disciple makers are walking with Jesus as they relate to their families.
  - D. There doesn't seem to be any results from their discipleship efforts.
  - E. Our potential mentors of new disciple makers listen to and serve their families in various ways, even though sometimes it must take place through phone calls, writing, or traveling to visit them.
9. Which of the following helps us find a positive answer to the question: "Are they already engaged in discipling in their churches?"
- A. They methodically connect with others in and outside of the local churches, showing them kindness and interest.
  - B. They methodically connect with others, inviting them to occasions for individual and small group discipleship.
  - C. They affirm that they are sent people, responding to the call of Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
  - D. They are consecrated to God, and share His love for the lost and His compassion for the poor and broken.
  - E. All of the above (A, B, C and D).
10. The purpose of discipleship is to nurture good and godly disciples who will also make Christlike 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 enabling others to be Christlike disciples?
4. Am I identifying other Christlike disciples who are willing to be disciple makers?
5. How committed am I to enabling others to make Christlike disciples?
6. Am I a FAST disciple of Jesus?
7. Do I understand the steps that help foster and develop disciple makers?