

Facilitator Notes: Disciple Making Prayer DBS

The Place of Prayer in the Disciple Making Strategies of Jesus and Paul

Background

Jesus and Paul spend a tremendous amount of time investing in individuals, small groups of disciples and churches. With this study we want to highlight the primacy of prayer in their work of discipling their disciples.

Time Needed: 1 Hour

1. Introduction: 10 minutes
2. Assignment: 45 minutes
3. Reflection and Prayer: 5 minutes

Materials Needed

Bibles, Notebooks (or handouts), whiteboard or large sticky notes.

Introduction: Ask the group to discuss (in groups of 3-5) what the main disciple making activities were that they have observed in Jesus and Paul in the gospels, the Book of Acts and the Epistles. Have each group make a bullet point list. Give them 3-5 minutes to discuss this and find examples in the Bible.

Facilitate a time of sharing, writing down the ideas that the group comes up with on the board or large sticky note.

Assignment

Next, have the groups read the following passages to discover one of the primary discipleship strategies used by both Jesus and Paul. You can print off and hand out the worksheet or simply write the passages and questions on the board. Give them time to work through each passage and then to answer the questions both personally and as a group. (give 45 minutes for this exercise. That is about 2 minutes for each passage and then 15 minutes to work through the questions)

| Passage | Observations |
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| Mark 1:35 | |
| Luke 11:1-4 | |
| John 17:6-20 | |
| 1 Corinthians 1:4-6 | |
| Ephesians 1:16-18 | |
| Philippians 1:9-11 | |
| Colossians 1:9-12 | |
| 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 | |
| 1 Thessalonians 4:9b | |
| 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 | |
| 1 Timothy 2:1-3 | |
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| Philemon 6 | |

Group and Personal Discovery Questions

1. What is the role of prayer in the disciple making processes of Jesus and Paul?
2. In general, how much is Paul praying for his disciples?
3. How much am I praying for those whom I am discipling?
4. How is the Lord inviting me to respond to these scriptures in my own life?
5. With whom can I share what I have learned? Who can I train?

This week I will _____