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HOMECELL LEADER DEVELOPMENT COURSE **SESSION TWO**

TRUE DISCIPLES AND MAKING DISCIPLES

What is a DISCIPLE?

Christ's clear command to the church was **to make disciples who make disciples**:

Matthew 28:18-20 Amplified Bible

Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age."

TRUE/REAL Disciples make disciples.

Matthew 4:19-20 Amplified Bible

19 And He said to them, "Follow Me [as My disciples, accepting Me as your Master and Teacher and walking the same path of life that I walk], and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him [becoming His disciples, believing and trusting in Him and following His example].

SO THEN, WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

A DISCIPLE is a **born-again follower of Christ who is continually growing into the likeness of Christ, becoming like Him in character, acting like Him, and fulfilling His purpose for mankind.**

According to the above scriptures, these are the **basics 'traits' of a disciple**:

- A disciple is a person who has come to believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour, **and**
- who has turned from their own ways of life, to a life of obedience to the Word of God, **and**
- who, as a consequence of repentance, and in obedience to God's Word, has been baptised, **and**
- who is actively and continually learning to observe and obey the commands of God, **and**
- who not only receives Jesus as Saviour, but also as 'Master/Lord' and 'Teacher', **and**
- who follows the same path of life and the clear example of Christ in life, **and**
- who has been empowered by the Holy Spirit for the purpose Christ has called us to:

Acts 1:4-5,8 Amplified Bible

While being together and eating with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Of which," He said, "you have heard Me speak. 5 For John baptised with water, but you will be baptised and empowered and united with the Holy Spirit, not long from now."

*...8 But you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.", **and***

who, as the centre purpose of their life as a disciple of Christ, strives to fulfil the Great Commission, which is to make more disciples of Christ who have the above 'traits'.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING DISCIPLES?

Please watch the following video clip about the power of making disciples:

CLICK HERE

To watch Make disciples, not converts.

Are you a DISCIPLE?

As we become more committed to make disciples, it is important to look to ourselves and assess our own position, mindsets and relationship with God. We can only be effective in making disciples of Christ, if we ourselves are actually disciples of Christ. All of us should regularly assess if we are or if we have become someone who is a 'believer' in Jesus and who does 'the church thing' every now and then as long as it's convenient, or are we truly passionately pursuing what it means to be a fully committed disciple of Christ.

We should not answer too quickly! (It is really helpful for a moment to ask yourself how Jesus would answer this question about you.)

Let's do the following survey together to assess where we ourselves are in the process of becoming a true disciple of Christ vs being a 'believer' only:

PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF 'DISCIPLE-HOOD'

In order to become a true disciple of Christ, we need to let go of certain worldly ways of thinking about and doing LIFE. We need to let go of the old (the world's ways), and embrace the way that leads to true life in Him!

Matthew 16:25 Amplified Bible

For whoever wishes to save his life [in this world] will [eventually] lose it [through death], but whoever loses his life [in this world] for My sake will find it [that is, life with Me for all eternity].

#	BELIEVERS	DISCIPLES	B	D	WIP
1	BELIEVERS believe in Jesus as their Saviour but live to please themselves.	DISCIPLES believe in Jesus as Lord and live to please God. All of us begin our walk of faith because we need to receive forgiveness and acceptance from God, but many of us never grow beyond the perception that God exists for our benefit. Disciples turn the corner; they realise they've been blessed so they can be a blessing to others. They live to honour the One who has rescued them from death and given them hope			

		<p>for the future. Disciples don't focus only on what God can do for them; they long to give to God and to others.</p> <p><i>John 6:38 Amplified Bible (Click here)</i></p>			
2	<p>BELIEVERS exalt their opinions, feelings, and thoughts above the Word of God. They tend to focus only on the passages that promise what God will do for them.</p>	<p>DISCIPLES exalt the Word of God above their opinions, feelings, and thoughts. Disciples take seriously the whole counsel of God. Disciples follow God whether they agree with God's Word or not, whether they understand or not, and whether obeying is easy or not.</p> <p><i>1 John 2:5-6 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (Click here)</i></p>			
3	<p>BELIEVERS think of church as a place they go to hear what God's Word says.</p>	<p>DISCIPLES think of church as a place they learn to do what God's Word says. Many people go to church to be 'entertained', and they complain when the sermon isn't as interesting as they'd like. Disciples have open ears and eager hearts as they listen. They plan to take action on what they hear from God.</p> <p><i>John 14:15 Amplified Bible (Click here)</i></p>			
4	<p>BELIEVERS are accountable only to themselves. They prefer to keep honest feedback at arm's length.</p>	<p>DISCIPLES are accountable to everyone. They are open to instruction and correction.</p> <p><i>Romans 14:12 Amplified Bible (Click here)</i></p>			
5	<p>BELIEVERS serve God if and when it is convenient, ie on their own terms.</p>	<p>DISCIPLES serve God based on obedience and conviction. Many people give and serve, but only if it doesn't cost them very much. Disciples give, love, and serve like Jesus—even at a great cost.</p> <p><i>Luke 14:27 Amplified Bible (Click here)</i></p>			
6	<p>BELIEVERS try to impress God by being religious.</p>	<p>DISCIPLES seek to know God through a relationship. Believers and disciples appear to do many of the same activities, but their motives are miles apart. Many Christians try to impress God (and those around them) by being involved in church and service, but disciples do</p>			

		<p>those same things to know God better and reflect His goodness and greatness to everyone.</p> <p><i>Matthew 7:21-23 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition</i> <i>(Click here)</i></p>			
7	<p>BELIEVERS follow God as long as everything is going well.</p>	<p>DISCIPLES follow God regardless of the circumstances.</p> <p>Believers and disciples have very different breaking points. Believers stick around as long as God seems to be blessing them and life is easy, but disciples keep pursuing God and trusting Him even when their world is falling apart.</p> <p><i>James 1:2-4 Amplified Bible</i> <i>(Click here)</i></p>			
8	<p>BELIEVERS choose their own path and ask God to bless it. They are self-focused. They determine their own goals, and they expect God to help them achieve them.</p>	<p>DISCIPLES ask God to reveal the path, and they follow it. Disciples start with God's will, God's purposes, and God's heart. They look to Him for direction, and they are eager to follow His leading.</p> <p><i>Matthew 16:25-26 The Message</i> <i>(Click here)</i></p>			
9	<p>BELIEVERS are full of pride if they're doing well, and full of self-pity if they're not.</p>	<p>DISCIPLES are full of gratitude because God's love never fails.</p> <p>If a person's identity is tied to performance, then pride or self-pity are the rollercoaster they ride all day, every day. But if the grace of God is their source of identity, they find security, strength, and peace even in difficult circumstances.</p> <p><i>Luke 10:17-20 New Life Version</i> <i>(Click here)</i></p>			
10	<p>BELIEVERS follow the example of the world that seeks to go higher.</p>	<p>DISCIPLES follow the example of Jesus to ...</p> <p>The natural mind always wants more power, prestige, and possessions, but the spiritual mind of disciples follows the self-sacrificial example of Jesus.</p> <p><i>Philippians 2:5-11 Living Bible</i> <i>(Click here)</i></p>			

THE PROCESS OF MAKING DISCIPLES

So then, practically, what should we be doing if we are committed to making disciples?

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We should be:

- Walking in the authority Jesus vested in us, to make disciples, and
- Helping the people we want to disciple to 'learn of Jesus, believe in Jesus, and obey Jesus's words',
- We should be baptising people, and
- Teaching them to observe everything that Jesus has commanded us.

SOME 'HOW TO'S' OF MAKING DISCIPLES

RIGHTEOUSNESS FIRST!

WE CAN ONLY MAKE A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST OF A 'SPIRITUAL' MAN, NOT A 'NATURAL' MAN.

(Even) Jesus only started His ministry (including the making of disciples), when He had been baptised with water AND received the Holy Spirit, i.e. the EMPOWERMENT for His work.

Similarly, no one can be a disciple or make disciples without the foundations of repentance, baptism with water, and the Holy Spirit, i.e. without receiving biblical righteousness.

So to recap on foundations of the becoming of/making of a disciple:

Without repentance no one can enter the (spiritual) Kingdom of God...

John 3:3 Amplified Bible

3 Jesus answered him, "I assure you and most solemnly say to you, unless a person is born again [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified], he cannot [ever] see and experience the kingdom of God."

Without the baptism of water we are still under the control of sin and not free to live a new (spiritual) life in Christ...

Romans 6:4 Amplified Bible

We have therefore been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory and power of the Father, we too might walk habitually in newness of life [abandoning our old ways].

Without receiving the Holy Spirit, through a spiritual baptism and the resulting evidence of tongues, we are without the ability and power to understand or function in God's Kingdom..

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 Living Bible

14 But the man who isn't a Christian can't understand and can't accept these thoughts from God, which the Holy Spirit teaches us. They sound foolish to him because only those who have the Holy Spirit within them can understand what the Holy Spirit means. Others just can't take it in. 15 But the spiritual man has insight into everything, and that bothers and baffles the man of the world, who can't understand him at all. 16 How could he? For certainly he has never been one to know the Lord's thoughts, or to discuss them with him, or to move the hands of God by prayer.[a] But, strange as it seems, we Christians actually do have within us a portion of the very thoughts and mind of Christ.

□ BRING THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS AND CULTIVATE A REAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM

Jesus expects us to love others as He loved us, i.e. sacrificially as He commanded all disciples in **John 13:34-35**.

John 13:34-35 The Message

"Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other."

Jesus expects us to follow His model for making disciples. He brought them into His life, and He got into their lives, and they DID LIFE TOGETHER. In that process, He taught them the Kingdom ways.

In a (digital) world where people hardly know how to have real relationships, we have to FIGHT for a relationship with those that we have to disciple.

□ CONNECT THEM TO JESUS

Jesus is the Head, and we are the body, and we are ONE!

Colossians 1:18 Amplified Bible

He is also the head [the life-source and leader] of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will occupy the first place [He will stand supreme and be preeminent] in everything.

But it is vital that people are taught to follow JESUS and His ways...not to let them think they need to follow **a certain 'church' protocol/doctrine.**

It is KINGDOM ways, not 'church' ways.

We need to help disciples to know the Word, as we are governed by His Word and live according to His Word.

And we need to make sure we bring them into the presence of God to become acquainted with His Spirit.

The sharpest and fastest growing disciples/disciple-makers are those who constantly have to look for answers from the Word to help guide their own disciples.

□ BE A SERVANT TO THE PEOPLE GOD GIVES YOU TO DISCIPLE

We have to follow the example of Jesus who came to serve mankind (by bringing salvation), giving His earthly life as a ransom to us - Matt 20:28.

Luke 22:25-27 New Living Translation

Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' 26 But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. 27 Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.

□ GET THEM INVOLVED IN KINGDOM LIFE AND RESPONSIBILITIES IMMEDIATELY

Uninvolved people do not reach spiritual maturity!

A key factor that brings growth to any person is responsibility.

Jesus entrusts the responsibility of the Kingdom to every single newly born-again child of God.

Obviously we need wisdom to walk with people and to train and equip them - not just throw them in the deep end!

□ HELP THEM TO REACH THEIR OIKOS

We need to help our new disciples to reach their oikos, i.e. their family and friends.

We are in a covenant with each other:

Ruth 1:16 New Living Translation

But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."

□ JIM TRACK

We need to ensure that we equip every new believer with biblical foundations to build their lives on:

DISCIPLESHIP TRACK



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1. INTRODUCTION TRACK
TRACK ONE - VISITOR/SALVATION

1.1 NEW LIFE - REPENTANCE, ASSURANCE OF SALVATION, WATER BAPTISM, HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM, BECOME A MEMBER OF CRC

DISCIPLESHIP TRACK

2.

JIM TRACK

TRACK TWO - NEW MEMBER

2.1 NMO1 - BE PLANTED IN A HOMECCELL, JOIN A CHURCH MINISTRY TO SERVE IN

2.2 NMO2 - DEVELOP A HABIT OF STUDYING THE WORD OF GOD/PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL TIME

2.3 NMO3 - JOIN A ZONE PRAYER MEETING/DEVELOP A PERSONAL HABIT OF PRAYER

2.4 BASIC FINANCE COURSE - BECOME A TITHER AND GIVER

2.5 JOHN 3:16 - LEARN TO WITNESS ABOUT YOUR FAITH TO UNBELIEVERS, PRACTISE THE HABIT OF EVANGELISING BY LEARNING TO ACTIVELY REACH OUT AND INVITE UNBELIEVERS TO HOMECCELL AND CHURCH

2.6 DISC - UNDERSTAND YOUR PERSONALITY AND ITS RELEVANCE IN THE FAMILY AND TEAM THAT GOD HAS PLACED YOU

2.7 FFI 1 - BLESSING GENERATIONS - EMOTIONAL HEALING/FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE

DISCIPLESHIP TRACK

3.

STEWARDSHIP TRACK

TRACK THREE - GROWING MEMBER

3.1 MORETHANMONEY COURSE - SETUP A BIBLICAL BUDGET, LEARN TO LIVE BELOW YOUR MEANS, DEAL WITH DEBT

3.2 SOLID FOUNDATIONS - UNDERSTAND BASIC CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS FROM THE BIBLE

3.3 THE BLESSED LIFE COURSE - GROW IN GENEROSITY, BECOME PART OF THE BUILDERS CLUB

3.4 SPIRITUAL GIFTS - IDENTIFY YOUR GIFTS, LEARN TO USE GIFTS IN THE CONTEXT OF HOMECCELL & MINISTRIES

3.5 BEYOND BLESSED COURSE - COMMIT TO DISCIPLE OTHERS TO BECOME BIBLICAL STEWARDS OF FINANCES

DISCIPLESHIP TRACK

4.

DISCIPLEMAKER/LEADER TRACK

TRACK FOUR - ESTABLISHED MEMBER/POTENTIAL LEADERS

4.1 RIGHTEOUSNESS TEACHING - BECOME CONFIDENT TO EXPLAIN RIGHTEOUSNESS TO UNBELIEVERS, BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE EVANGELISM ACTIVITIES OF THE HOMECCELL

4.2 CRC MANUAL 'VISION, DREAM & STATEMENT OF FAITH OF CRC' TRAINING - COMMIT TO ACTIVELY FULFILL THE VISION OF CRC

4.3 CRC MANUAL 'BASICS OF HOMECCELL' TRAINING - COMMIT TO THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT AND GROWING OF THE COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS OF YOUR HOMECCELL

4.4 CRC MANUAL '2IC' TRAINING - BECOME AN ACTIVE SUPPORT TO THE HOMECCELL LEADER, TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE HOMECCELL ALONGSIDE THE LEADER

4.5 FFI 2 - QUESTIONS FOR MEN/WOMEN - EMOTIONAL HEALING

4.6 10 THINGS FOR HOMECCELL GROWTH - SUPPORT THE HOMECCELL LEADER IN APPLYING THE KEYS TO HOMECCELL GROWTH

DISCIPLESHIP TRACK

5.

ADVANCED LEADER TRACK

TRACK FIVE - APPOINTED LEADER

5.1 CRC MANUAL 'HOMECCELL LEADER' TRAINING (1 & 2) - UNDERSTAND YOUR ROLE AS HCL

5.2 CRC MANUAL 'COORDINATOR' TRAINING - UNDERSTAND YOUR ROLE AS A CDR

5.3 CRC MANUAL 'ZONE SUPERVISOR' TRAINING - UNDERSTAND YOUR ROLE AS ZS

5.4 CRC MANUAL 'OVERSEER' TRAINING - UNDERSTAND YOUR ROLE AS OS

5.5 CRC MANUAL 'INTERN PASTOR' TRAINING - UNDERSTAND YOUR ROLE AS IP

5.6 GOALSETTING & GOAL-REACHING - BECOME EFFECTIVE IN REACHING HOMECCELL GOALS

5.7 FFI FACILITATOR TRAINING - LEARN TO APPLY THE TOOLS OF FFI TO MINISTER TO HOMECCELL MEMBERS

HOMework/Self-Study

TRUE DISCIPLES AND MAKING DISCIPLES

1. Watch the 'Righteousness' video on the following link www.crclondon.com/capacity22 before we meet for Session 3 and complete the short 'test' below as an accountability measure for completion of this task.
2. If you have not yet baptised someone with water, ask your Pastor to connect you with a member in the next 2-3 weeks to train you in baptising someone in water, and infilling of the Holy Spirit.
3. Complete the personal assessment of 'Disciple-Hood'.

CLICK HERE

TO WATCH THE RIGHTEOUSNESS TRAINING

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**TO COMPLETE THE 'TEST' AFTER THE
RIGHTEOUSNESS TRAINING**

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TO ASK A QUESTION