

TO EXPLAIN THE GOSPEL

1 Corinthians 15:1–8.
Romans 3:9–26.
John 3:16.
John 4:1–26.

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GATHERING NEW CHURCHES

New disciples grow best in new groups.
Each new group or church has a seminar on:

1. How Jesus made disciples.
2. How Jesus' story reveals God.

Each new church has a:

Plan: see "Planting Churches that Multiply" guide.

Purpose: to please God.

Authority: Word and Spirit.

Community: do service projects.

Leadership: use gifts of Spirit.

Activities:

Great Commandments
(Matthew 22:37–39):

- Worship.
- Ministry.

Great Commission
(Matthew 28:16–20):

- Evangelism.
- Community.
- Christlikeness.

Marks of growth:

Sustainable (Acts 11:19–26).

Supportive (Acts 11:27–29).

Multiplying (Acts 13:1–4).

Multiplication plan.

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PLANTING CHURCHES THAT MULTIPLY

New churches:

- Give new life to existing churches.
- Confront culture.
- Engage with the Spirit outside the church.
- Establish the faith of next generations.
- Form new hubs for equipping and multiplying church planters.

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MULTIPLICATION PLAN

Each new church:

- Teaches the Harvest Model.
- Equips each believer to identify: Their relational stream. People of peace (Luke 10:5–7). Steps to make disciples (Luke 10:8, 9).
- Equips another group to start.
- Encourages the new group.

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FOLLOWING JESUS

COUNTER-CULTURAL DISCIPLE- MAKING, CHURCH-PLANTING, MOVEMENT-BUILDING

A disciple is a person who in every way
is becoming more like Jesus Christ.

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

- The church is the body of Christ. Ephesians 1:22–23.
- The church is a gathering of Jesus' disciples. Matthew 18:15–20.
- The church is to have the attitude of Jesus. Philippians 2:1–11.
- The church has the keys to the Kingdom. Matthew 16:13–20.
- The church has been given its commission. Matthew 28:16–20.
- God's kingdom is like the harvest process. Mark 4:26–29.
- Disciples multiply in relational streams. Luke 10:1–9.
- Evangelism and church are Holy Spirit activities. Acts 1:1–2:47.

MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

HARVEST MODEL

Making disciples who multiply
(Matthew 28:16–20;
Mark 4:26–29; Luke 10:1–9).

PREPARE THE SOIL

Step 1 Pray (Luke 10:1–4).

Step 2 Connect (Luke 10:5–9).

Find people of peace:

1. Eat with them (their story).
2. Heal them (our story).
3. Point to (God's story).

SOW THE SEED

Step 3 Sow Gospel

Encourage to read the Gospel of Mark. Use "DISCOVERY BIBLE READING".

CULTIVATE THE PLANT

Step 4 Grow (God's work)

Share "ELEMENTARY TEACHINGS".

After Mark, read the Gospel of John and Acts.

HARVEST THE CROP

Step 5 Gather

See "GATHERING—NEW CHURCHES" Activities (Matthew 22:37–39; Matthew 28:16–20).

MULTIPLY THE HARVEST

Continually foster steps 1-5. Equip another core team. Pray—encourage others—invite people.

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DISCOVERY BIBLE READING

A simple effective reading plan, whatever your level of knowledge or experience of Jesus:

- Friends meet to read a gospel (Mark's gospel is a good place to start).
- One person prays a prayer: *Dear God, please guide us. Thank You. Amen.*
- Start to read at the beginning—one story at a time.
- Read each story through twice, then retell the story in your own words.
- Discuss using five bookmark questions:
 1. What is new?
 2. What surprises you?
 3. What don't you understand?
 4. What will you obey or apply?
 5. What will you share with another this week?
- Pray for each other: *Dear God, Thank You for Your Word. Help us to follow You. Amen.*

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If you do not understand something: Don't argue—you will read more.

Tell others of this Bible-reading plan:

- Invite people to join you.
- Give each person a bookmark.
- Encourage others to form groups.

Plan the time to meet to read again. You will meet and ask:

- How did we go applying this in our lives?
- How did we go sharing?

Then, follow the above process for the next story.

ELEMENTARY TEACHINGS

Visit friends reading the gospels:

- What are you finding about Jesus?
- What are you applying to life?
- Shall we read another story?

Choose a story of Jesus for the:

Six elementary teachings

(Hebrews 6:1, 2):

- Repentance (Luke 19:1–10).
- Faith in God (John 4:1–26).
- Baptisms (Matthew 3:1–17).
- Laying on of hands (John 14:1–31).
- Resurrection (John 11:1–57).
- Judgment (John 5:16–30).

Eight commands of Jesus:

- Repent and believe (Luke 19:1–10).
- Pray (Luke 11:1–13).
- Receive the Spirit (John 14:1–23).
- Be baptised (Matthew 3:1–17).
- Make disciples (Matthew 28:16–20).
- Love others (Luke 10:25–37).
- Share Lord's Supper (Luke 22:7–20).
- Give (Mark 12:41–44).

If any questions about doctrines: "Next time, let us read a story about Jesus and that subject"—for example:

- Death (John 11).
- Sabbath (John 5 or 9).
- Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15).

Discussion:

Use the Discovery Bible Reading method to discuss.

Finally:

Ask: what does this Bible story tell us about the subject?

GOSPEL OF JOHN

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FAITH

God's nature and being

(John 1:1–18).

Word of God

(John 1:1, 2; 5:31–47).

Jesus—Creator Saviour

(John 1:3, 4, 10).

Sanctuary (John 1:29; 2:12–25; 6:1–15; 7:1–43; 19:28–42).

Baptism

(John 1:29–34; 3:5, 22–36).

Human nature and salvation

(John 3:1–21).

Forgiveness, new life, witness

(John 4:1–38).

Sabbath—life through Jesus

(John 5:1–47).

Death and resurrection

(John 5:21–29; 11:1–44).

Two resurrections

(John 5:28, 29).

Resurrection on the last day

(John 6:25–71).

Holy Spirit (John 7:25–43; 14–16).

Commandments and grace

(John 8:1–11).

Real disciples—the "church"

(John 8:31–47).

Sabbath—Jesus is God

(John 8:48–10:42).

Glory of God and judgment

(John 12:20–50).

Foot-washing and Lord's Supper

(John 13:1–38).

Second Coming of Jesus

(John 14:1–3).

The presence of Jesus in us

(John 14:12–23).

Prayer (John 17:1–26).

Salvation story (John 18:1–20:9).

Resurrection body

(John 20:10–31).

Great commission

(John 20:21–23; 21:1–25).

Restitution and restoration

(John 21:15–23).