

# Pursuing a Culture of Discipleship

## Session 6: Discipleship like Jesus did it

### Small-Group Study Guide

#### 1. Introduce the Session: Read pages 55-67

5 Minutes

#### Key Verse

**Matthew 18:20** *For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.*

- In this session we will explore the way Jesus made disciples and learn from His example.
- Begin the session by opening with prayer.

#### 2. Watch the video

20 minutes

#### Bible Passage

Mark 3:14

#### Summary Points

Biblical discipleship isn't programs but real-life practices. When Christians hear the word discipleship, they immediately think of Bible studies and programs. Yet the model Jesus lived with the 12 was a way of life.

The group dynamic can often reveal imperfections among us that come out more as we have to interact with a group. This is how it happened with the disciples (arguing over who was the greatest).

Discipleship is entering into real life with people and helping them learn to put what Jesus said into practice.

Everyone needs three types of discipleship relationships, those further along than you (Paul), peers with you (Barnabbas), and those younger than you (Timothy).

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If we are to discipleship for life, then we need discipleship in life. Discipleship in busy lives is more about intentionally inviting people into our lives than adding a special program for it.

### 3. Discussion Questions

20 minutes

Q. Can you identify any Paul's, Barnabbas', and Timothy's in your life?

Q. Can you discipleship someone who doesn't respond to your investment, why or why not?

Q. Why are group interactions important to discipleship?

Q. How would it practically work to intentionally inviting someone into things you are already doing, and how would it help them in discipleship?

Discussion Quote: "Jesus called twelve men into a way of life with Him. As they followed Him as His family on His mission every day, they learned how put God's word into practice in their everyday life" (Mark 3:14-35).

### 4. PIP (Put it into Practice)

15 Minutes

Who is it that you feel like God has put in your life to invest in? Have a conversation with them in a non-threatening way to see if they want to do it?

What are some things you can invite someone to join you in doing so they can learn how to put His word into practice?

Identify Paul's, Barnabbas', and Timothy's God has in your life and begin to spend time with them on a weekly/monthly basis.