

# Activating Gospel Movements In 8 Simple Steps



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# The 8 Steps

The 8 steps of Activating Gospel Movements are simple to understand. They are mostly common sense. But that does not mean they are easy to implement. Putting the 8 steps into practice will be a lifelong journey, best practiced in a team.

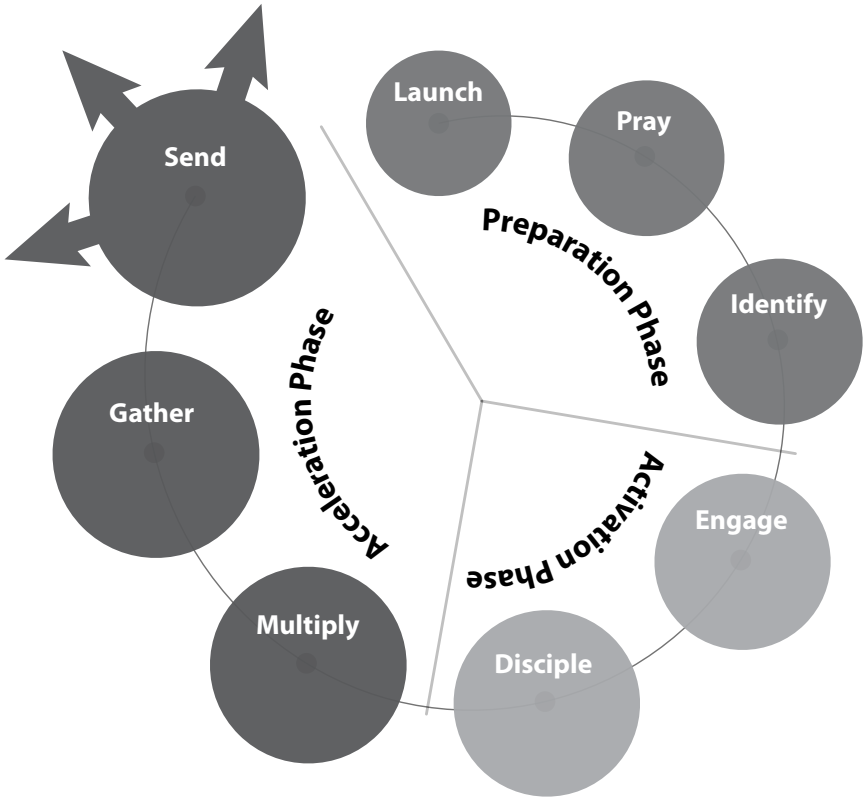
The 8 steps covered in the book are:

- 1 Launch** Start a team
- 2 Pray** Pray for the city
- 3 Identify** Discover your mission
- 4 Engage** Look for opportunities to serve  
Initiate Spiritual Conversations  
Look for People of Peace  
Bless households  
Show and share the Kingdom
- 5 Disciple** Make disciples
- 6 Multiply** Multiply disciple makers
- 7 Gather** Start new Gatherings
- 8 Send** Send teams to new places

You will notice that step 4 has significantly more content than the other steps. There is a good reason for this. Engaging with people who do not know Christ is often the most difficult step for many people.

Take time to reflect on the lessons in these 8 steps. Then put them into practice. It would also be helpful for you to do some more training and connect to a mentor before attempting to launch a team. More details can be found at [www.acceleratetraining.org](http://www.acceleratetraining.org).

Now are you ready? Let's begin...



Can you identify which phase your team is in?

# The Discovery Process

*“When people self-discover truth, they own it. Instead of telling people what to believe, we facilitate opportunities for them to discover God for themselves.”*

Take some time to learn the Group Discovery Process below. It is our primary disciple-making tool.

## **CONNECT Questions**

How did God **show up** in your life this week?  
What are you **thankful** for?  
What is **causing stress** in your life right now?

## **DISCOVER Questions**

What does the passage **say**? (repeat it in your own words)  
What does the passage **mean**?  
(If this is God speaking...) What will you **do** about it?

## **MULTIPLY Questions**

How can we help **one another** in our group?  
**Who else** (outside of our group) can we show kindness to?  
Who can we **tell** and how will we tell what we are learning?

A discovery group does not have an expert teacher. Rather, the group has a facilitator who asks questions. You need to create space for every person to share.

*Can you think of a time that you discovered a truth by yourself? How did that feel? Did it have more impact on you than someone teaching you that truth?*

*What have you learned about facilitating the discovery of truth? What changes do you need to make?*

# How to Facilitate a Group Discovery

1. Ask the CONNECT questions.
2. Move on to the Bible discovery and get the group to read the passage - let them decide how. The best is for everyone to be involved in the reading.
3. Ask someone in the group to restate the passage in his/her own words. Choose this person randomly and do not forewarn. This way, everyone will concentrate on the passage because they may be chosen to give the summary.
4. Ask the others to add anything important that this person left out, or to add any other thoughts about the passage.
5. Ask the first two DISCOVERY questions: work through each verse or paragraph in the passage and ask the group what it says and what it means. Remember: don't teach or preach - just ask the questions. Let the Bible and the Holy Spirit teach! Do not allow anyone in the group to drift off the passage - keep bringing them back with questions like: "Where does it say that in this passage?" or "Do you mind if we keep to this particular scripture?"
6. Ask the last DISCOVERY question. Then give people a few minutes (3 minutes is good) to prayerfully consider how they will obey this passage. Have everyone then share his or her "I will" obedience statement.
7. Ask the MULTIPLY questions. Give people another few minutes (3 minutes again is good) to prayerfully consider to whom they will show kindness, and how they will share their "I will tell" statement.
8. From the second meeting onwards: discuss the previous meeting's "I will" and "I will tell" statements just before you commence with the new discovery. Celebrate victories and encourage one another to grow in obedience to God. In the case of no action by a group member on their "I will" or "I will tell" statements, gently ask them: "How can we help you to obey what God is telling you to do?"



# Learning to Facilitate

Facilitation is a skill you need to learn. Great facilitators listen much more than they talk. They know how to steer a group by asking good questions. They facilitate self-discovery of truth and continuously build away from themselves towards Christ.

You *are not* facilitating when:

- You hear the sound of your voice more than the others
- People do not dare interrupt you
- After you have spoken, the group goes silent
- You share prior knowledge rather than revelation in the moment
- You are more concerned with correcting others than hearing from God
- The members of the group are receiving truth from you and not the Bible
- You participate readily in the discussion, but struggle to apply what you are learning
- You find it easy to apply the Bible to the mistakes of others, but difficult to apply the Bible to correct your own lifestyle
- You never train up other facilitators by giving them a chance to also learn how to steer the group through the discovery.

What changes will you have to make in your own life after reading this list? How can you help leaders of groups become better facilitators?

## *Self evaluation*

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When people self-discover truth, they own it. Instead of telling people what to believe, we facilitate opportunities for them to **discover God for themselves.**

Can you think of a time that you discovered a truth by yourself? How did that feel? Did it have more impact on you than someone teaching you that truth?

What have you learned about facilitating the discovery of truth? What changes do you need to make?

### 3 Movement Structures

The three movement structures fit together to form a complete Disciple-making cycle. Each structure has a specific purpose. Over time, you will begin to appreciate teams, groups and gatherings and the unique contribution each structure makes to movements.

<b>Teams</b>	<b>Groups</b>	<b>Gatherings</b>
for developing <b>leaders</b> on mission	for <b>pre-believers</b> to discover God	for the growth and nurture of <b>believers</b>
<p>An Accelerate Team is formed when two or more believers unite and work towards the common vision of making disciples and disciple makers.</p> <p>They do this primarily through launching Seeker Groups.</p>	<p>A Seeker Group starts when a Person of Peace introduces their friends and/or family to the journey to discovering God.</p> <p>The group culminates in baptism and the formation of new Gatherings.</p>	<p>A Gathering (church) is formed when a group of believers assemble regularly for worship, community and nurture, obey Jesus together and transform their families, friends and city.</p> <p>Gatherings recruit and send out new teams.</p>
<p><b>Key Distinctive</b></p> <p>This is a leadership development environment for Disciple Makers.</p>	<p><b>Key Distinctive</b></p> <p>This is a place where people can explore and discover God before making a commitment to follow Him from new Gatherings.</p>	<p><b>Key Distinctive</b></p> <p>This is where believers can worship together, care for one another, make disciples and go on mission together.</p>

## Vision Exercise

Draw a map of your context. Add the current teams, groups and gatherings. If you are not structured in this way, try to imagine what it would look like to form teams, groups and gatherings with the people you have.

What do you believe this could look like in 12 months? Dream together as a team. How many teams, groups and gatherings could you see started?



## Finding a Mentor

Your team is part of a much bigger family. This global association is important because it connects all the teams together. Staying connected will help you to:

- see the bigger strategic picture,
- learn from one another's successes as well as failures,
- formulate better tactics,
- help other teams and share resources, and
- encourage one another on the journey.

### Team Mentors

We are not familiar with mentoring in our modern society. A mentor is a trusted counselor, coach and guide, someone who maintains a close relationship with the team, who invests his or her time and expertise to equip the team to achieve their goal.

Every team is going to go through times when no one in the team has the answer or knows what to do next. A crisis may arise or help may be needed from an experienced and objective person. No team can successfully complete the mission to disciple a city alone.

The team mentor is responsible to guide the team through the learning process. The mentor is always an outsider to the team, but is in continuous and close contact with the team leader.

## Consider

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*What would you like from a mentor? How could a team mentor help you to be a better disciple maker?*

## ***Mentoring Reflections***

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What mentors have you had in your life (good or bad). What have you learned from them?

Which areas of your life do you need mentoring in? If the perfect mentor were to stand in front of you today, what would you ask him or her?

# The Importance of Team

When Jesus was on earth, He built a team.

Jesus spent a lot of time with his disciples. He also sent his disciples out in teams. Teams are a living example of Christ's love by serving, honouring and meeting one another's needs.

*"This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you." - John 15:12*

Accelerate Teams work to accelerate the movement of the Gospel through their city by reaching out to their natural social networks. They become effective disciple makers who make more disciple makers. Accelerate Teams don't merely make converts, but contagious disciples who live out their love for Jesus through obedience.

Something that accelerates begins slowly, but then begins to go faster and faster. When we take the time to help people become committed followers of Jesus and they reproduce themselves, the movement continues.

*"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."*

*-Helen Keller*



## Consider

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*Acceleration is the result of each person in the team learning to make and multiply disciples. How would this simple idea be able to reach entire cities?*

# A Typical Team Meeting

There is really no such thing as a “typical team meeting,” but this can help to serve as a guide. All these elements need to be part of your meetings over the course of time.

## **Prayer**

A successful team spends much time in prayer.

Begin by listening to one another. What are the needs, struggles and successes. What can you be thankful for? Then listen to God and pray for one another, pray for the workers and pray for the work.

## **Discovery**

Spend time in discovery, learning from Scripture and from one another. The 8 steps in this book are a great place to begin.

## **Planning**

Successful teams plan carefully, communicate well and execute their plans. Work out how you will calendar and communicate well with one another and everyone in the movement.

## **Mentoring**

Invite an outside mentor into the team to help you identify your weaknesses and blind spots.

## **Bonding**

Your team is not only a work group. It is a community that needs to be nurtured. Find ways to bond and strengthen relationships, so that you are able to stand through the tougher times.



## Step 1: Launch Start a team

***“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”***

*- African proverb*

Jesus started his ministry by calling a team and giving them a specific vision: “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” Before we launch into ministry, we should carefully follow Jesus’ example.

Jesus called his team, his disciples, on a mission. He didn’t call them to a church (a gathered community), but He called them as a sent community.

The vision Jesus gave his team was to make them fishers of men. This meant that Jesus would make them disciple makers. All they had to do was follow Him in obedience.

Once your team is in place, you can start on the mission as a team. Mission is not something we start, it is something we join. Mission is participating in God’s love for people.

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## ***Consider***

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*Think about your friends, coworkers and family. Who is God leading you to approach? Who could be on a team with you?*

## ***Discuss***

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*What teams have you participated in? What were some of the highlights and some of the struggles of working in team?*

## ***Discovery: Jesus starts a Team***

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**Read and meditate** on the following passages of Scripture:

Luke 5:27-32

Luke 6:12-16

What can you learn from these passages as you carefully read them?

How does Jesus **call and select** his team of disciples?

Write down **how** you can **imitate** what Jesus does:

## Step 2: Pray

## Pray for the City

*“Ministry is finding out through prayer what God is doing and then joining him in His work.”*

Prayer is a dialogue – a **two-way conversation** – with God. It is listening, speaking and discussing matters with Him. It makes no difference whether we stand, sit, lie down, walk, shout or whisper when we pray. God looks at our hearts, not our style.

God wants to answer our prayers. His heart is to communicate, to protect, to lead and to provide. He is the perfect, all-knowing and loving Heavenly Father.

There are three truths about movements:

- all movements **BEGIN** with prayer
- all movements are **SUSTAINED** through prayer
- there is no movement **WITHOUT** prayer

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### *Consider*

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*What would happen if you asked God to lead you to people He is already working in? Pray this prayer and see what happens, “Lord, lead me to the person You want me to love and speak to today.”*

### *Discuss*

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*What have you learned about prayer? How can our team begin to pray together?*

## ***Discovery: Prayer Reflections***

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What are you **thankful** for today? Have you expressed this to God?

What is causing you **stress** in your life right now? Tell God about it.

### **Guidelines for praying together:**

- Use short, one-thought prayers. This is to encourage everyone to pray. Make sure your prayer time is interactive.
- Learn to facilitate prayer as the leader. The leader should facilitate in a way that leads everyone to pray.
- Responding to needs in the community leads to ministry that often leads to evangelism. Set specific dates, times and places where the group intends to meet needs and minister to others.

## Step 3: Identify Discover Your Mission

*“The power of full agreement will bond you together and create a resilient team. Do not rush this process.”*

It can be a daunting task to draft a plan for reaching your city with the Gospel. Your starting point will be determined by numerous factors, such as:

- the people in your team
- The people group that God highlights to you
- The people in your city who have not yet heard the gospel.
- The needs, opportunities and open doors that exist.

Clarity will come only after much prayer, discussion, and thought as a team. Three things will help you to determine your starting point:

1. Define your target group of people.
2. Understand their challenges.
3. Find the best vehicle for reaching them.

It is well worth the time spent wrestling with these issues together as a team.

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## Explore

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**Question 1:** Describe, as specifically as possible, the people group that God is leading you to begin with. Include factors such as language, age, sex, interests, geography, etc.

**Question 2:** Define the problems and challenges that this group of people faces. Be careful not to “spiritualize” this part. Keep your list focused on tangible, practical and social challenges.

**Question 3:** Determine the best vehicle and method for reaching your chosen people group.

Now draft your first team mission statement. It should look something like this:

Example: Our mission is to make disciple makers of teenagers in South African townships, addressing the specific need of joblessness and hopelessness about the future through entrepreneurial schools, discussions, and gatherings.

## Step 4: Engage Look for Opportunities to Serve

*“Start by asking the question, ‘Am I useful to the people I want to reach?’ If you’re not useful, you haven’t earned the right to be heard.”*

Serving and loving people is a doorway to the hearts. But that should not be our motive for loving them. Rather, we love people because Christ in us loves them.

In “The Great Commission” found in Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus commands us to make disciples of all nations. In “The Great Commandment” found in Matthew 22:25-40, He tells us to love them. We will struggle to make disciples if we do not practically love people first.

Jesus tells us that we are to love others as we love ourselves. People who do not love themselves – who function from a place of insecurity and self rejection – cannot truly love others. The danger is that we can easily take the place of God in other people’s lives and feel good about it!

Motive is everything. Make sure yours is true.

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### **Consider**

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*Are you in a good emotional place to serve others? If not, ask some friends to pray with you and help you get there!*

### **Discuss**

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*What are the opportunities to serve the people we want to reach? What are their needs, struggles, fears and dreams?*

## ***Discovery: Learning to Serve***

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**Read and meditate** on the following passages of Scripture:

Luke 10:25-37

What can you learn from these passages as you carefully read them?

Write down **how** you can **imitate** what Jesus does:



## Step 4: Engage Initiate Spiritual Conversations

*“We need to learn the art of spiritual conversation that draws people in and makes them curious to learn more.”*

In every city all around the world, billions of people are **having spiritual conversations every day**. They talk about God. They talk about purpose and meaning. They talk about fear, love, death, astrology and many other things. All of these are spiritual conversations.

Spiritual conversations are **not the same as religious conversations**. We need to learn to be noticeably spiritual without being offensively religious! So, how do we initiate or recognize and join spiritual existing conversations?

1. Begin with **their** interest  
(Listen to what people are talking about)
2. Ask a **question**  
("Have you ever thought about...?")
3. Share a **personal discovery**  
("Yesterday I learned that...")
4. Share a **personal commitment**  
("Recently, I decided to...")
5. Ask for **interaction**  
("What do you think about that?")

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## *Consider*

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*Post something on social media that is spiritual but not religious. Watch how people respond.*

## *Discuss*

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*Have each team member write down a few spiritual statements. What works in your target culture?*

## *Discovery: Jesus starts a spiritual conversation*

**Read and meditate** on  
John 4:1-30

What can you learn from this story as you carefully observe how Jesus interacts with this woman? How does Jesus start and continue a **spiritual conversation**?

Write down some thoughts on how you can **imitate** what Jesus does. Write an example of a spiritual statement you could use.

## Step 4: Engage Look for People of Peace

*“Jesus gave us a strategy for making disciples of families, communities and tribes. He said we should search for Persons of Peace.”*

The Person of Peace becomes the key through which entire relational networks are reached with God’s love. Persons of Peace have been prepared by the Holy Spirit to receive the Gospel for the first time into a community.

### **Persons of Peace have 4 characteristics in common:**

- they are **open to you** being in their lives and to learning
- they are **hungry** for spiritual things,
- they **quickly share** the truths they have discovered
- they **pull you into** their network of relationships.

If the person is open and willing to engage in a spiritual conversation, we know that the Holy Spirit has prepared this person to be the first recipient of the Gospel into their community.

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*Who do you know that may be a link to an entire family or group of people? How could you reach this family or group through this one person?*

### **Discuss**

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*Which potential People of Peace have the team identified? Should the team focus together on the few that really show potential?*

## ***Discovery: Jesus Gives Instructions***

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Jesus gave his disciples very specific instructions when He sent them out. One of these instructions was to find a Person of Peace.

**Read Luke 10:1-9 very carefully** and list the instructions that Jesus gives his disciples. Draw two columns on a paper as seen below. In the right hand column, try to describe those instructions in your own words. (What was Jesus saying?)

**Jesus' instructions**

**My own words**

Write down briefly how you will **respond** to these instructions that Jesus gives for going out:

## Step 4: Engage Bless Households

*“May God bless you shine his face on you and give you peace.”*

The greeting “Peace be upon you,” is traditional to Jews all over the world. When someone is greeted this way, they are supposed to respond with, “Upon you be peace.” So one way of understanding this is that the greeting was to solicit a response from someone who, by responding, would **show themselves** to be a person of peace. What does this look like in our modern **urban culture**?

**Peace is desperately needed** in our modern urban and suburban environments. People are full of worry, fear, stress and turmoil. We should be agents of God’s peace in the midst of this. Jesus often greeted his disciples with the phrase “Peace be with you.” (see John 20:21). Jesus, often in contrast to those around him, was filled with peace because He had an unwavering confidence and trust in God, his Father.

The idea of blessing people with peace goes back to the priests of Israel. Today can still bring God’s blessing of peace in the midst of turmoil.

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### *Consider*

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*Do you bring peace when you enter a room? Why or why not?*

### *Discuss*

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*Share your fears, worries and concerns. Pray for one another that Christ’s peace would radiate through you.*

## ***Reflections on Blessing***

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***"May the Lord bless you  
and protect you.***

***May the Lord smile on you  
and be gracious to you.***

***May the Lord show you his favour  
and give you his peace."***

***(Numbers 6:24)***

Now restate this in everyday words using your own language. How could you say this to people in a way that solicits a positive response? How would that help you find people of peace?

## Step 4: Engage Show and Share the Kingdom

*“Jesus uses the phrase ‘The Kingdom of Heaven’ or ‘The Kingdom of God’ to refer to God’s power working amongst his people.”*

Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead and expelled evil spirits. **The Kingdom that Jesus declared was not mere talk**, but was embodied through spectacular miracles.

Jesus told his disciples to heal the sick people they found. This was clearly a supernatural action of God’s power flowing through them. We need to look out for needs amongst the people we are going to and then trust God to work through us to meet those needs.

### Share (declare) the Kingdom

Based on the evidence in front of them (the sick were healed) the disciples were to declare, “The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” What does this mean?

The terms “Kingdom of God” and “Kingdom of Heaven” are used interchangeably. The phrase “at hand” means, “close by”.

### Consider

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*In essence, the disciples were to declare, “God is close - He is here right now”, or “**God is close - closer than you think!**” Who could you share this good news with today?*

### Discuss

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*Have you held back from praying for the sick or trusting God for a miracle? Why? Share honestly and pray for one another.*

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## **Discovery: Jesus Declares the Kingdom Come**

**Read and meditate** on  
Luke 11:14-20

What can you learn from this passage as you carefully read through it?

How does Jesus prove the statement, "The Kingdom of God has arrived among you"?

Write down how you can imitate what Jesus does.



## Step 5: Disciple Make Disciples

*“Becoming an obedient follower of Jesus leads to a whole new life of peace, freedom and joy.”*

The word “disciple” could also be translated as pupil, student, learner or follower

The word “Christian” has come to mean “some- one who believes in Jesus.” Jesus actually never told us to make “Christians.” The sad truth is that many of these people today do not live out their beliefs. They are not disciples.

Jesus told us to make disciples who would *continually learn to follow Him and put his teachings into practice*. So, in plain language, a disciple is someone who **grows in** his or her **obedience** to Jesus.

Following Jesus is a lifestyle. Obedience is not a “heavy” word. It is very liberating when we discover that Jesus taught us how to live and that **obeying Him brings great rewards!**

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## Consider

*Have you thought of disciple making as teaching knowledge rather than application? What needs to change?*

## Discuss

*Stories are powerful. How are we as a team going to capture the stories of people’s lives changing?*

## ***Discovery: Scripture and obedience***

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**Read and meditate** on  
Acts 8:26-40

What can you learn from  
this passage as you  
carefully read through  
it?

## Step 6: Multiply Make Disciple Makers

*“Many Christians focus on making disciples. Very few intentionally focus on making disciple makers.”*

The first disciples had a life-changing experience with Jesus. They were willing to simply obey Him and go in the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank God they obeyed the command to **go EVERYWHERE** and **teach EVERYONE** to **obey EVERYTHING** that Jesus taught them. The number of Christians is still increasing every day, but the percentage of Christians is **stuck at around 33%** of the world's population.

### How do we solve this?

We need movements of ordinary believers that regularly make disciples where they live, work and hang out.

Paul taught Timothy:

*“You’ve heard my message... now entrust it to faithful individuals who will be competent to teach others.” - 2 Timothy 2:2.*

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### Consider

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*We sometimes get so busy making disciples, we fail to replicate ourselves. Who are the disciple makers you are mentoring?*

### Discuss

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*How will you love and bring healing to your city? Where is the Gospel not in your city? What will it take to multiply the Gospel from person to person?*

## ***Discovery: Movements***

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Read and meditate on  
John 3:16-17 and 2  
Corinthians 5:14-21.  
God the Father reached  
out to the world in Jesus  
2000 years ago and  
today He wants to do  
the same through you!  
How can you accelerate  
the Good News in the  
affinity group (natural  
social network) that the  
Lord has put on your  
heart?

What are **your  
thoughts** as you read  
these words?

Try to summarise  
the main point of  
both passages into  
one sentence each.  
How would you  
communicate this  
briefly  
**in your own words?**

Write down briefly how  
you will respond to this  
passage:

## Step 7: Gather Start New Gatherings

*“Effective disciple making will always have a church-planting outcome. It is important to understand that the gospel movement process is also a process of church planting.”*

A gathering (church) is formed when a group of believers assemble regularly for **worship**, **community** and **nurture**, and depart those gatherings with the intention of **obeying** Jesus in order to **transform** their families, friends and city.

The church is described in scripture as the body of Christ, the flock of God, God’s field and building, God’s household, a spiritual house built with living stones, and a holy priesthood. The most beautiful analogy is the bride of Jesus. There is no greater love story in the universe than that of Jesus and his bride!

*“He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As **each part does its own special work**, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”*  
- Ephesians 4:16

### Consider

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*The passage above indicates that each person has value, and adds value, to the body. How can you create space for every person to add value in a gathering?*

### Discuss

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*What are our goals to start new Gatherings? How are we preparing teams to lead these new Gatherings?*

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- 2 Pray
- 3 Identify
- 4 Engage
- Serve
- Conversations
- People of Peace
- Bless
- Kingdom
- 5 Disciple
- 6 Multiply
- » 7 **Gather**
- 8 Send

## **Discovery: Gatherings**

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Read and meditate on Acts 2:42-47. This is a description of an early church meeting. What values do you see in this passage that should also be lived out in church gatherings today?

What are **your thoughts** as you read these words?

Try to summarise the main point of this story into one sentence. How would you communicate this briefly **in your own words**?

Write down briefly how you will **respond** to this passage.

## Step 8: Send

## Send Teams to Start New Teams

*“In a disciple making movement everything multiplies rapidly and consistently.”*

To accelerate movements, we don't need to know everything; we only need the Holy Spirit in our hearts and the Bible in our hands. God is not looking for our qualifications, but for our willingness. Accelerate **teams** find Persons of Peace and equip leaders to launch and multiply new discovery groups. Seeker **groups** take people who are far from God through a group disciple making process that leads to new gatherings. **Gatherings** (churches) meet regularly and send out new teams.

**In order to reach the whole city, we also need to send out leaders to multiply new teams.**

The first disciples of Jesus radically impacted the world with the love of Christ. The Holy Spirit is still looking for obedient and hard-working followers of Jesus who will activate Gospel movements in their cities.

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### Consider

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*Take a moment to consider your own city. Think about the people, the families and the communities. Ask God to give you His love for your city.*

### Discuss

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*Are we preparing to send out workers to form new teams? Where will they go? Who will replace them on the team they leave behind?*

## ***Discovery: The Early Church Sends a Team***

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**Read and meditate** on the following passages of Scripture:

Acts 13:1-5

What can you learn from these passages as you carefully read them?

Write down **how** you can **imitate** what Jesus does:



