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WEEK 2 | DISCIPLESHIP - The Empowering Way

PRAYER

Lord, it is your desire for everyone to know you. Help me to be a part of that. Help me to be a good disciple for your kingdom and give me the grace to disciple others. Help me to advance your kingdom every day. Lord, reveal to me my weaknesses and give me the strength to grow in these areas so that I will be a better example to those that I disciple. Send me out into my community, my country, and all over the world to disciple others and show them how to grow near to you.

Help me to remember that I am your tool for accomplishing your plan. You are the one who is working in their lives and drawing them to yourself. Help me to commission those that I am discipling to follow your calling on their lives. Help me to prepare them to go out and make disciples themselves so that your church can be grown around the globe.

God, prepare the hearts of those who will become your disciples to have ears to hear and understand, and that they would become strong followers of you. I love you Lord; help me to show others how to love you, too. Amen.

-Prayer for Discipleship to the Nations, Paige Deane

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

Do you or did you ever have a mentor? If so, who was your mentor and how did they mentor you? If you have never had one, what would you look for in a mentor?

WORD

¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

[2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2](#)

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John, his brother, in the boat with Zebedee, their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

[MATTHEW 4:18-22](#)

When Jesus calls these men to become his disciples, he calls them to:

- 1. Follow: to grow in a reverent intimacy and unconditional obedience to him in all aspects of life.**
- 2. Fish for the lost: to co-labour with Christ in outreach and seek to have his salvation made available to those who are far from him.**
- 3. Fellowship with the other disciples: to grow alongside other Christ-believers who are in relationship with God and with one another.**

All three of these qualities must be present in the life of a growing disciple of Christ.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale of 1-10, how do you rate how easy you find it to share your faith with others? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. What do you think are challenges we face today that would cause people to not leave their immediate situations and follow Jesus? Do you face these challenges?

3. Does anyone speak into your life regularly as a spiritual mentor who can guide you to live more like Christ?
4. If you are a follower of Jesus, who do you mentor/disciple? What does this look like in their life?
5. If you do not yet have a relationship with God, and you would like to follow him, would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer with them:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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