

## The Dynamics of Discipleship

In this session we'll look at the "how" of disciple-making. We will go through the ins and outs of how to start and guide a discipleship meeting. We'll look at the strengths of one-on-one meetings, small groups, and large classes. We'll also cover issues of duration, frequency, and setting the tone for each meeting. Time will be reserved for asking questions about how discipleship could look in your own context.

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- I. The Vision (Colossians 1:28-29)
  
- II. How to start?
  - a. Prayer
  
  - b. Curriculum
  
  - c. Screening
    - i. Personal invitations
  
    - ii. Define expectations
  
  - d. Small number
  
  - e.
  
- III. Ingredients
  - a. Bible study
  
  - b. Prayer
  
  - c. Leadership rotation
  
  - d. Active participation for all

- e. Humor
- f. Flexibility
- g. Discipline

IV. Poisons

- a. Boring Bible study
- b. Discussions without substance
- c. Persons who monopolize the discussion
- d. Lack of honesty or reality anchoring
- e. Criticism
- f. Food

V. Evaluation

- a. Relationships
- b. Spiritual growth
- c. Personal life change
- d. Springboard to fruitful ministry

**Suggested Readings:**

- *Classic Discipleship* by John Musselman
- *Discipleship of the Mind* by James W. Sire
- *The Trellis and the Vine - The Ministry Mind-Shift that Changes Everything* by Colin Marshall & Tony Payne
- *Transforming Discipleship* by Greg Ogden
- *Following the Master* by Michael J. Wilkins