

## 12 Best Practices for Leading a Discipleship Group

Leading a discipleship group can be a very intimidating task and many resort to using techniques from the secular world. Further study of the great works of Robert Coleman's *Master Plan of Evangelism*, Roberta Hestenes' *Using the Bible in Groups*, and *Following The Master* by Michael Wilkins shows that there is a common thread of best practices in facilitating a successful Discipleship Group. This workshop will expose participants to 12 'best practices' and elaborate on four in more detail.

**Bill Lohnes** was raised in the Lutheran Church in the Midwestern area of the United States. In 1972 he married Paula, his college sweetheart, and they began a 30 year career in the Financial Services industry. In 1998, a series of events, including their daughter Holly's witness to them at the foot of their bed, led Bill and Paula to attend a Bible Study in a home. Four years later, after being faithfully mentored by a Christian discipler, John Musselman, Bill surrendered to Jesus as Savior and Lord. In 2002 Bill founded his own investment firm, which is now called Wise Path, LLC, and in 2004 forged the way for their ministry, Narrow Gate EFL, which is dedicated to Investing in Disciples and Equipping Disciple Makers.

### Apprentice of Jesus “Covenant Groups Best Practices”

#### I. Building Your Authentic Community

#### II. Forming Your Group

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### **III. Annual Covenant**

### **IV. T.E.A.M.S. Methodology**

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### **V. Modeling**

- Jesus' Methods
- Spiritual Journey
- Personal Worship
- Testimony

- Four Spiritual Laws
- Targeted Prayer

## **VI. Leaving a Legacy**

### ***Suggested Readings:***

The Biblical Principles of Discipleship  
By Dr. Allan Coppedge

Classic Discipleship  
By John Musselman

Growing True Disciples  
By George Barna

The Invested Life  
By Joel C. Rosenberg and Dr. T.E. Koshy

Master Plan of Evangelism  
By Robert E. Coleman

Using the Bible in Groups  
By Roberta Hestenes

Follow the Master  
By Michael Wilkins