



The mission of God
in the hands of ordinary people.



Building a Discipling Culture is the rediscovery of how to be a
disciple who knows how to multiply

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Discipling towards maturity (Mark 1)

- Discipleship =
 - Living out the words, ways & works of Jesus
 - Living everyday life with gospel intentionality
 - Disciple = apprentice / follower
- Stewarding the gospel - *being* and *bringing* the good news (evangelism)
- Bringing people to Jesus and then continuing to encourage them as they grow in faith

Recap

Discipling towards maturity (Mark 1)

- Starting where God is already at work
- Use the lens of relationship
- Mark 1:17: 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.'
 - The call to follow Jesus is a call to disciple others

Recap

Person of Peace (Luke 10)

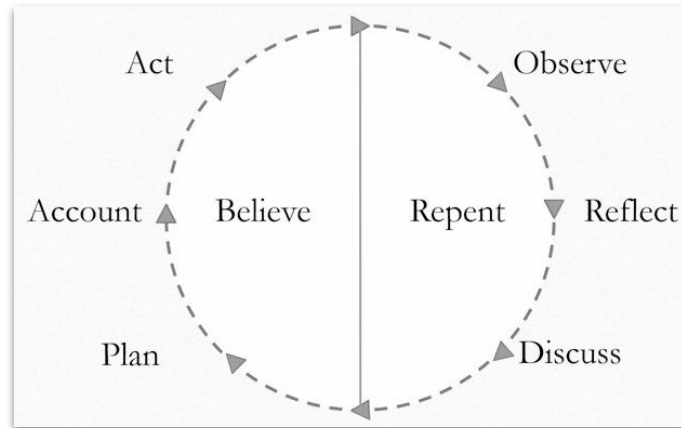
- Someone who
 - Likes us, listens to us, serves us
 - Receptive, welcoming, hospitable
- Those with whom we already have a relationship
- Love and serve everyone, but look for those who are people of peace

Recap

Discovery Bible Method (DBM)

- Read / Retell / Reflect / Respond
- Goal: not to get information, but to hear the voice of God and then obey/respond

Recap



Repent - what is God saying?

Believe - What will I do about it?

All sounds good, however what if...

- *They come up with really weird responses...?*
- *They ask questions you don't know the answers to...?*

And how long will this take anyway?

Can you do it in groups?

These are all good questions...



Some key things to remember... our posture

1. **You are not the teacher** imparting your wisdom... the Spirit is!
 - Freeing - anyone can do this!
 - Don't have to spend ages reading/preparing
 - It doesn't rely on your knowledge (or lack of)
 - Important to pray (before) and listen (during)

Don't take over and tell them what they 'need to know'!

Don't be afraid of silences

Some key things to remember... our posture

2. Looking for where God is already at work

- Key principle of any pastoral work - where is God working and how does he want me to partner with him...?
- Read the Bible with someone, not at them...

3. We're helping people hear God for themselves and respond

- 'What do you think God is saying?' - open-ended questions
- God has chosen to reveal himself to us through Jesus and the primary way we learn about Jesus is through the Bible

Ask questions... let the Spirit draw people out

- 'What do you see?'
- 'What does this say about God?'
- 'What does this say about us?'
- 'What is God saying to you?'
- 'What are you going to do?'
- 'Who are you going to tell?'

Some helpful passages to use... ones with story

- See crossway.org.au/dbm/

Really weird responses...

- 'Did I miss anything?'
 - Ask this when you retell (step 2)
 - Sets this up for the next question...
- 'How did you get this idea from the passage?' or 'Where do you see that in the Bible?'
 - Refers them back to the Word - let it poke and prod!
 - Healthy tension - don't want complete tangents but also don't want to shut down genuine questions/thoughts

You don't know the answers to their questions...

- It's OK if we don't know the answers... !
 - Affirm the question
 - Ask it back
 - 'That's a really good question. What do you think?'
 - We're not the teacher... God is
- Also OK to say we don't know...
 - 'I don't know, but I'll get back to you...' and then make sure you do! On a journey...

Can I use DBM in groups?

- Sure - can be used in small groups
- One way among many of reading the Bible
 - Helpful framework for allowing God to speak to us

How long does this go on for?

- As long as the person/group finds value in it
- Aim is to help them grow towards maturity in Christ and to repeat this process with others