

A man with a full, well-groomed reddish-brown beard and short brown hair is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the right. He is wearing a dark green, short-sleeved t-shirt. The background is a blurred, overcast sky or body of water, creating a moody and contemplative atmosphere.

# BDC

## BUILDING A DISCIPLING CULTURE

The mission of God in the  
hands of ordinary people.



We want to empower leaders to bring change to their churches and see lasting impact in their local communities.



## Disciples Making Disciples

Do the relentless demands of ministry side-track you from your core mission and leave you discouraged and depleted? If so, you are not alone. A recent National Church Life Survey (NCLS) indicated that training people for ministry and mission was “the ministry area of largest mismatch where leaders indicated they should be doing more”.<sup>1</sup>

The answer is *not* more programs. We need to be equipped to make disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.

Discipleship is about the words, the ways and the works of Jesus – becoming more like Jesus and doing things the way Jesus did. A healthy discipling culture is the engine for long-term, sustainable mission.

## Immersive Learning Partnership

*Building a Discipling Culture* (BDC) is an immersive learning partnership available for Christian leaders including church, ministry and business leaders.

Across a two-year period, the leader and their core team engage in a series of interactive coaching clusters and intensives. Teams cover four key domains: biblical discipleship, leadership development, missional impact and multiplying movement.



<sup>1</sup> Powell, R., Sterland, S., & Pepper, M. (2018). *Ministry roles- what should be done vs actual reality*. <http://ncls.org.au/news/ministry-roles>

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### Practical and Proven

For the best part of a decade, our journey of discipleship has seen genuine change in local church culture. We have developed principles, processes and practices that create measurable qualitative and quantitative growth in personal discipleship, leadership development and missional impact. We've worked to see people's understanding of mission reframed, releasing them into creative new expressions of "being and bringing the good news of Jesus" to those in their local neighbourhoods and communities.

Our experience shows that as leaders engage with a life of missional discipleship for themselves, they are empowered to develop and grow disciples around them in their leadership context. This cultural shift to missional discipleship leads to disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.



"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

ACTS 4:13





## Investing in the Discipleship Journey

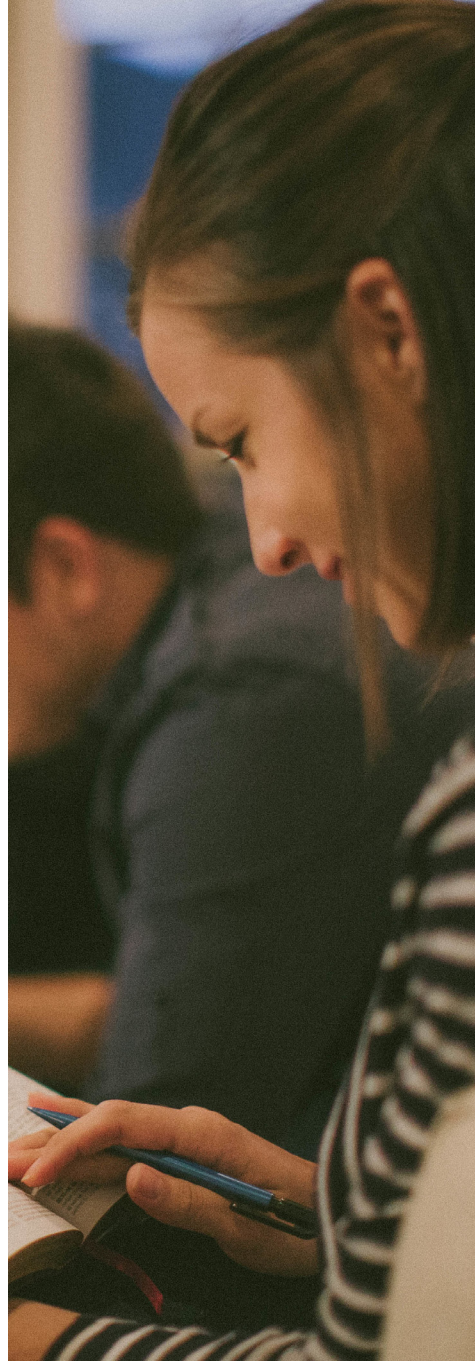
Through the BDC process we will invest in you with tools, practices and skills for imitating the life and ministry of Jesus. These tools are simple, memorable and reproducible, allowing them to be passed along from generation to generation.

The training brings clarity, intentionality and effectiveness to the discipling process. Cultural change is catalysed through the application of key principles and practices in discipleship, leadership and mission.

## BDC Intensives

Two-day BDC Intensives take place every six months and provide space for your leadership team to focus and strategise together.

Intensives offer a tailored environment that enables deeper exploration of concepts, application to your team's context, cross-team learning, strategic planning and time for waiting on God.



## Coaching Clusters

Coaching clusters are an authentic environment to process how you are applying and implementing the tools for discipleship and mission. Clusters are comprised of your leadership team of 5-8 people and a BDC Coach, who is a trained practitioner with hands-on experience in the BDC process.

The team journeys together to learn and apply practical skills and strategic insights that equip you to disciple leaders in your context and release them into mission. Clusters meet for one hour a fortnight and take place via web conferencing.

## Practical Transformation

By moving beyond theory and putting the tools into practice, leaders can expect to see transformation in their own lives, ministry and the lives of those they lead.



## How can I take part?

- Attend a BDC Conference in your state
- Join a Coaching Cluster with your team

Find out more at [www.bdc.org.au](http://www.bdc.org.au)



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