

Making Disciple- Makers

Envisioning, Principles, Framework, Pre-Encounter and
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This booklet has been written at the request of those that attended a recent meeting where the subject of the **God's** mission and vision of making disciples of nations by making disciple makers was the subject.

We pray that you will find it useful and refreshing.

If after reading this booklet you have questions about any area, please contact us through the details at the back of the booklet.

God bless you.

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<p>1. Introduction</p>	<p>Provides critical biblical context and background to the vision of making disciple makers, and how other spiritual activities can be prioritised above this vision and for years have been prioritised above it.</p>
<p>2. Envisioning, the necessity of faith and a call to repentance</p>	<p>Sets out the vision of making disciple makers. Helps the reader to understand the criticality of this vision and its transforming nature. Lets the reader know that the embrace of this vision can only be "By Faith" just like Joshua and Caleb and others in the Bible. Calls the reader to move to the dimension of faith required to lay hold and embrace the faith required. It also clarifies the nature and position of this vision vis-a-vis other Christian duties and activities.</p>
<p>3. Principles of Making Disciple-Makers</p>	<p>Sets out the core biblical principles and pillars of making disciple-makers, which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making disciple-makers is supernatural and requires being filled and led by the Holy Spirit • Abiding in Christ, that is living in union with Christ is central • The central principle of walking with God is obedience, and obedience is the expression of love for God according to John 14. • Focus needs to be on making makers of disciple makers and not on just people that attend church or discipleship.
<p>4. Framework for Making Disciple-Makers</p>	<p>Provides an approach and framework for making disciple-makers. Emphasis is on understanding the framework as an implementation of the core biblical principles, based on vibrant spiritual lifestyles, and avoiding treating the framework as a set of activities or process.</p>

PART ONE – INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Recently, a minister (we will call him Pastor John) who has planted several churches made a very sincere confession. The minister narrated an encounter with the Lord. In the encounter, the Lord said to the minister in a displeasing way, "I know you have planted several churches for me, but how many disciples have you raised?"

The Lord's statement to Pastor John surprised him. It was a real wake-up call for him.

Pastor John obviously had been instrumental in the conversion of many people to Christ and those converts had then joined a church. Until the encounter, Pastor John had assumed that just planting churches was all that God wanted him to do.

The encounter made Pastor John to re-evaluate his focus and priorities. He then realised that he had subtly changed the mandate of the Lord from making disciples to making converts and planting churches.

Pastor John realised that he was not far from the mandate of the Lord, but at the same time, he had not been obedient to the Lord. He also recognised that he had only focused on some of the steps involved in making someone a disciple; instead of focusing on the goal and outcome that the Lord wanted and had commanded.

Pastor John realised that he had to focus on making disciples and put the mission mandate to make disciples at the heart of his life and ministry.

All true and genuine believers in Christ and followers of Jesus have sincere desires to obey and please the Lord Jesus and will not deliberately focus on wrong priorities. However, it is possible to be a sincere believer and still focus on wrong spiritual priorities.

The last and great commandment of the Lord to His disciples before He left for heaven in Matthew 28:18-20 is "...go and make disciples of all nations."

Surely, the focus and priority of the Lord is very clear in this command, and it is for us to make disciples that obey ALL His commands. Somehow, many believers still end up focusing on other spiritual activities or on activities that are part of the process of making disciples, such as preaching, making converts, planting churches, etc. And many believers are yet to make this mission mandate of making disciples the focus and priority of their life and ministry.

Someone said, "The main thing is to make the main thing the main thing." The primary and main command is to "go and make disciples of all nations."

Preaching is good and vital, planting churches is good, but they are some of the things that we do to make disciples, and they are not the only things required to make disciples. The conversion of a soul is wonderful, but the Lord did not ask us to just make converts, He asked us to make disciples!

Suppose you ask your son to clean his room – make his bed, put his clothes and toys away. He understands your instructions but only hangs up a few clothes and says that he has done what you asked for. What would you call that? Disobedience!

Disobedience may be either unintentional– in the case of misunderstanding of instruction, or intentional– in the case of not fulfilling what a person understood.

Love and obedience

The Lord Jesus made it very clear in John 14:15-24 that obedience is the true expression of genuine love for Him. So it is impossible for a person to say they genuinely love God while disobeying Him.

What would God call it when we carry out the first step of His Great Commission command (such as evangelism) but omit the priority of His command to make disciples?

Disobedience can be very subtle and can hide in a religious camouflage. Disobedience can sound very spiritual. The Lord Jesus spoke about this kind of situation several times and the Bible warns us about it.

One of the best stories to illustrate how disobedience can hide and pretend to be real obedience is the story of Saul, which is narrated in 1 Samuel 15:2-23.

In the story, you should observe what the Lord commanded, what Saul did and how Saul felt confident he had obeyed, when God said Saul had turned away from Him. This is an example of where shifting from the main thing, not focusing on the goal and outcome caused a great personal tragedy.

1 Samuel 15:2-23 NIV [2] *This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. [3] Now go, attack the Amalekites and **totally destroy everything that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.**' "* [4] *So Saul summoned the men and mustered them at Telaim---two hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten thousand men from Judah. [5] Saul went to the city of Amalek and set an ambush in the ravine. [6]*

Then he said to the Kenites, "Go away, leave the Amalekites so that I do not destroy you along with them; for you showed kindness to all the Israelites when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites moved away from the Amalekites. [7] Then Saul attacked the Amalekites all the way from Havilah to Shur, to the east of Egypt. [8] He took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and all his people he totally destroyed with the sword. [9] **But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs---everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed. [10] Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel: [11] **"I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions."** Samuel was troubled, and he cried out to the Lord all that night. [12] Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul, but he was told, "Saul has gone to Carmel. There he has set up a monument in his own honor and has turned and gone on down to Gilgal." [13] When Samuel reached him, Saul said, "The Lord bless you! **I have carried out the Lord's instructions.**" [14] But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?" [15] Saul answered, "The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the Lord your God, but we totally destroyed the rest." [16] "Stop!" Samuel said to Saul. "Let me tell you what the Lord said to me last night." "Tell me," Saul replied. [17] Samuel said, "Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. [18] And he sent you on a mission, saying, 'Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; make war on them until you have wiped them out.' [19] Why did you not obey the Lord? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the Lord?" [20] **"But I did obey the Lord," Saul said. "I went on the mission the Lord assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king.** [21] The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the Lord your God at Gilgal." [22] But Samuel replied: "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. [23] For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king."**

In the story above, God gave Saul a mission to make war against the Amalekites. The main thing, the outcome and end result of the war was very specific: nothing was to be left of Amalekites - human and animals.

Saul went on the mission and verse 6 shows that Saul understood the mission, for he advised the Kenites to move away from the area.

We know from the scripture that Saul did not achieve the outcome or end result of the mission. However, Saul still felt and was convinced that he had completed the mission as given by God. In verse 13, he said, "I have carried out the Lord's instructions." Again in verse 20, he insisted he had obeyed the Lord. But at the same time, he confessed that he brought back Agag, the king, and he further stated in verse 21, that the soldiers brought the cattle to sacrifice to the Lord.

Can we say Saul was sincere? It looks like it. But he was sincerely wrong! As far as the Lord was concerned, as recorded in verse 11, Saul had *turned away from Him and had not carried out the Lord's instructions.*

What made Saul to get it so wrong?

There are several reasons, but the ones that are relevant to us in this study are as follows:

1. **Saul's** understanding of God (doctrine and theology) was wrong. Saul had lived in a land where thousands of animals were sacrificed daily to the Lord in the temple. These traditional sacrifices that consumed the effort of the Old Testament church was seen and understood as the priority of God. Yearly, the high priest went into the presence of God with blood from a sacrifice. So, Saul mistakenly prioritised and focused on animal sacrifices to focusing on God. He somehow reasoned and concluded that animal sacrifices were more important to God than obedience, but God's priority and focus was obedience, specifically, obedience to the instructions He gave. The irony was that the sacrifices in the temple were necessary, primarily because of disobedience. Obedience has always been the priority of God.
2. Saul prioritised what he thought God liked above what God commanded him. God thought God liked sacrifice of animals because that is what the religious system of Israel had demonstrated. He therefore prioritised what he had seen in the religious system of Israel above what God had commanded. Anyone can easily fall into this error. For example, many Christians would prioritise what they think God likes and various things that they have seen in their current religious system above the command to make disciples. The key to avoiding this is to prioritise what God has commanded above everything.
3. Saul was not willing to completely destroy the things he and his soldiers considered to be good. He followed popular opinion and used his own judgment, his own standards and preferences to decide what was good.
4. Saul did not put the instructions of God above the ideas and opinions of his soldiers around him. He had not resolved the issue of authority.
5. Saul considered that carrying out some of the actions commanded by God was sufficient. He was satisfied with religious activity and was not focused on achieving what God commanded. Some preachers and teachers of the Bible have called Saul's attitude partial

obedience. It is not partial obedience at all. God called it disobedience! God said in verse 11, "Saul had turned away from me and had not carried out the *Lord's* instructions."

6. Saul did not understand the difference between a vision and a mission and was satisfied with participating in the mission but not achieving the vision.

A person can be sincere in their devotion to God, but have the wrong focus and priorities, and be mistaken, just like Saul.

The situation of Pastor John was like Saul's situation. God had commanded us to go and make disciples of nations, but Pastor John was making converts and people that just attended church. Thank God, Pastor John has repented and reprobited and refocused on making disciples.

This booklet has been written to awaken believers to God's command to make disciples of nations and to train on how to make the command the focus and be fruitful in carrying out the mandate.

Before we proceed, let us define two keywords: mission and vision.

PART TWO – ENVISIONING ,
FAITH FOR VISION ,AND CALL
TO REPENTANCE

2.1 What is Mission and What is Vision?

WHAT IS MISSION?

Mission is an important assignment given to a person or a group of people, typically involving travel abroad: it is an inner calling to pursue an activity or perform a service; a vocation.

WHAT IS VISION?

It is the picture of how things will be when it is completed, or at its full maturity. The picture of the destination.

Mission and vision are related, but they are not the same. Vision is the outcome or end product of carrying out and completing a mission.

Another way of understanding mission and vision is to see mission as the process, and vision as the product that comes out of a mission.

Simple Illustrations

1. When you ask someone to cook rice for you, the mission is to cook rice; the vision (end result) is cooked rice.
2. A person travelling to New York has a mission to travel to New York, but the vision (end result) is arrival in New York.

God's mission and vision for us

What would you say if you asked a person to cook rice for you, but the person brings uncooked rice in hot water? The person has done something, attempted the mission of cooking rice, (sincerely or otherwise), but the fact is, the end result of cooked rice was not achieved.

The mission of God is for us to go and make disciples of all nations. The outcome and end result of the mission should be nations as disciples of Jesus. This mission and vision were commanded by the Lord Jesus in Matthew 28, when He said:

Matthew 28:18-20 NLT [18] Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. [19] Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. [20] Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Contained in the scripture above is the process (mission) of making disciples, and the product or end result (vision) of the process.

Focusing on the process of making disciples and being satisfied with just carrying out elements of the process of making disciples has affected many believers and the church at large.

Using the analogy of food, it is like asking someone to make cooked rice for you. But the person keeps bringing you cooked beans. The person cooked something, but not what you requested.

Making disciples was an assignment of God to Jesus

Making disciples of nations is the priority the Lord commanded us. It was also His priority before He left the world. The Lord Jesus spent more time with His disciples because it was important to Him.

Jesus said in John 17:4, ⁴ I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

When Jesus spoke these words, He had not gone to the cross, He had not died. So, what is the work God gave Him that He had completed?

He mentions the assignment in the verses that followed in John 17:6-8 ⁶ "I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word." ⁷ Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, ⁸ for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

So, God gave the Lord Jesus the assignment of raising makers of disciples. This assignment is perhaps one reason He spent three years in ministry.

It is important that the Lord Jesus did not say He had revealed God to the world, but that He had revealed God and His Word to the disciples who will later be charged to become disciples-makers.

Making disciples of nations is the priority of God, it was an assignment God gave Jesus. It was also His priority before He left the world. It is what He commanded His disciples to do. It is what He commanded His disciples to teach their disciples to do.

Necessity of Faith like Joshua and Caleb

For years, I read Matthew 28:18-20 without taking proper note of the scope and emphasis of ALL NATIONS. The mission of God is for us to go and make disciples of all nations. It was almost as if my mind just assumed that it was not possible to do what God commanded and therefore, it did not embrace the aspect of ALL NATIONS.

Recently, the Lord called attention to the fact that He wants us to embrace the scope of making disciples of ALL NATIONS and believe that it is possible.

I began to struggle with this. Then the Lord reminded me of the children of Israel and the twelve spies.

He had commanded Israel to go and take nations and occupy the land. Instead of embracing and believing, they sent twelve spies to check out the land to establish whether they (Israel) could take the land.

When the twelve spies returned, ten of them had concluded that it was an impossible task because they (Israelites) lacked the ability, but two of them (Joshua and Caleb) believed they God could do it through them.

The command to make disciples of ALL NATIONS is very similar to the instruction that God gave to Israel. It is only possible by faith. It is possible because it is God's mission (Missio Dei).

We must be like Joshua and Caleb and believe that God can and will make it possible.

Reading through the Bible, we find that the early church made disciples of nations. For example: Judea, Samaria, Achia, Crete, Macedonia, Galatia.

Old Wine, New Wine

Jesus commanded His disciples and those that will believe through them to make disciple of nations. The early church was focused on this and was successful in doing it.

Reading through the book of Acts of the made Apostles, we read many examples of where making disciple was their focus. For example:

1. Acts 6:1-7 NIV [1] In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebrew Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. [2] So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. [3] Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them [4] and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." [5] This proposal pleased the whole group. [7] So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.
2. Acts 14:21 NIV [21] They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch,

This focus on making disciples led to a rapid increase of the number of disciples in Jerusalem. The increase happened in spite of no TV, no motor cars, no radio, no telephone, no internet, etc. It happened as they embraced what God commanded and allowed God to work with them, through them and backed them with heavenly authority and power, because the authority and power of God were especially available for making disciples of nations. For example, when Saul was troubling the Church, Jesus confronted him in Acts 9:5

For over one hundred years, making disciples-makers remained the focus of the Church. But somehow the devil began to change the focus of early believers and the early Church. Most of us feel or know that there is something missing in the current church. One of the things that is missing, caused by the deceit of the devil is the loss of focus on making disciples-makers.

Most of us only know the current way of doing church, and to an extent, have settled in it, accepted it and are comfortable with it.

Jesus says in Luke 5:39 that it is not easy to change and embrace something new once you have embraced, experienced and settled in something else.

Luke 5:39 ***“And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, ‘The old is better.’”***

Be careful not to be controlled by desires for the old wine. You see, as a result of your religious background, education and experience, there is a huge possibility of you being suspicious, or thinking that you already know all about making disciples-makers or that you have done it before.

You should really take time to pray that God will make you into a new wineskin.

At the end of your life, you should have several disciples for the Lord that have been raised through your life. That is what Apostle Paul meant when he said in *1 Thessalonians 2:19 NIV [19] For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?*

2.2 Rapid transforming power of making disciples

Evangelism and disciple making

One of the revivals that we are witnessing again is the revival of personal and group evangelism, and we should be grateful to God for this.

Evangelism is a necessary and important part of the process of disciple-making but it is not the goal. The goal of the Lord Jesus is not just making converts but making imitators of Jesus.

Evangelism is one of the first steps in the process of making disciples.

In terms of emphasis, in general, the evangelical church has put the cart before the horse. As a consequence, we have a church of immature believers who often discredit God's name and neglect His intentions for the world, who do not bring others to the Lord.

Oswald Chambers in My Utmost for His Highest says in his April 24 entry, "One life wholly devoted to God is of more value to God than one hundred lives simply awakened by His Spirit."

Treating evangelism as the goal rather than the first step of our task will make us lose focus on the command to make disciples and lead to the sin of disobedience. It keeps us from accomplishing the primary task Jesus gave us, i.e., to disciple nations.

If evangelism is the goal, the Lord would have commanded us to go and evangelize the nations.

There is an assumption that by simply evangelizing, we are fulfilling the command of the great commission. That is not true.

To some people, reversing the priority of evangelism and discipleship may seem like a small matter. But it is not a small matter because the focus on evangelism has had huge and disastrous consequences for the kingdom of God. Focus on evangelism took focus away from making disciples of nations.

To illustrate, let us say that you asked a person to cook rice. But the person becomes fixated on the just buying the ingredients. All the energy goes into buying the ingredients. All the conversation revolves around buying the ingredients. And once they bought the ingredients, they really did not bother about the goal of getting the rice cooked.

Evangelism is one of the steps in making disciples. It is akin to buying ingredients.

We must retain the importance of evangelizing, but shift focus onto making disciples.

Consider the following scenario and illustration, which shows how making disciple-makers can rapidly transform nations. The scenario says: A man offers you to choose from the following options, which one will you choose?

- A. Someone offers to give you one million pounds every week for a year, or
- B. To give you one penny (£0.01) for the first week and then double it every week for a year (1p, 2p, 4p, 8p, etc.)

Most people that attempted this question chose option A. Who would not choose A?

However, option A is a very very poor option, because at the end of one year, option A will give you £52,000,000 (52 million pounds).

Option B, on the other hand, will give you £2,517,998,136,852.50 (2 trillion, 517 billion, 998 million ... pounds and fifty pence). You need your calculator to do this.

The principle being demonstrated through this question and scenario is that small amounts that multiply will outgrow large numbers that do not multiply.

That is, if I win 1,000 people to the Lord every month, I will have 12,000 people won to the Lord by the end of the year. If a prity of the 12,000 do not win other people, then I will need about 5000 years to win United Kingdom to the Lord, assuming a population of 65 million.

On the other hand, if one person wins three people and takes time to raise them to the point where each of the three can each raise three other people and he supports and helps each of them to produce three people who can each produce three other people and we keep this going, keep repeating that process, we will win United Kingdom in 15 years.

CRITICAL FACTOR OF MULTIPLICATION

The critical factor is that each penny (£0.01) produced another penny, that is, each penny MULTIPLIED. That is what creates the rapid increase, it is a multiplication factor.

When we focus on making disciple-makers, we are creating the multiplication factor.

The Lord Jesus focused on TWELVE people because He wanted to get them to the point where they can produce other people.

Making disciple-makers eventually produces a much more rapid church growth than any other model. The Lord Jesus knew this. That is why He gave us the commandment to make disciples.

Social transformation will also happen quicker if we produce disciple-makers because if we produce people that are like Jesus, then our society will change. After all, our society reflects the predominant values and behaviors of the population. If we stop producing people that are simply religious or people that just go to church or people who just profess to be Christians, but practice selfishness or godlessness, then society will change quickly.

Over time, making disciple-makers will increase the number of strong Christian politicians, it will increase the number of strong and able Christian policymakers, teachers, civil servants, across the seven mountains of social transformation.

Making disciple-makers will increase good parenting, produce more stable families, transform television programming, reduce crimes.

If we make disciple-makers, poverty will reduce, and prosperity will increase.

All that it takes is for us to focus on producing people that are like Christ, who can produce other people that are like Christ. The emphasis here is about changing our focus away from just winning large numbers of people to Christ or being satisfied with just having large number of people in attendance at church services to winning and raising small numbers until each of the persons in the small group can do the same.

The reason we say small numbers is because raising people requires time and effort and each of us can only raise a small number of disciple-makers at any given time.

It is far better for us to produce three or four or five disciple-makers than to win 1,000 people to the Lord who cannot produce other people.

Large Crowd or Disciples

When the Lord completed His ministry on earth, He did not leave a large crowd of thousands of believers. He left TWELVE Apostles and one hundred and twenty to five hundred disciples. That would look very small considering the fact that He is God. But He knew that they would multiply, and that is exactly what happened, within a few years and the Bible records it in Acts 6:7 "*...the number of believers **greatly increased** in Jerusalem, and many of the Jewish priests were converted, too.*"

What could happen if we made disciples-makers?

The Lord has put in our hearts to focus on raising disciples that raise other disciples, who will each commit to be used by God to raise other disciple-makers who will each enter into the same commitment of raising other disciple-makers. This vision comes from the great command of the Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

The first stage of this vision is to raise 100 disciple-makers.

We invite you to reject any attitude and clever ways of rejecting or ignoring, nullifying and doing away with the commandment of God in order to keep existing traditions (human regulations). The Lord Jesus condemned such attitude in Mark 7:9

We recognise that some people will say it is hard and some might even say it is impossible, but we have chosen not to be like the 10 spies in Numbers 13. We have chosen to be the voice of Caleb and Joshua to our generation, and we are saying, "with God, all things are possible."

What could happen in United Kingdom ?

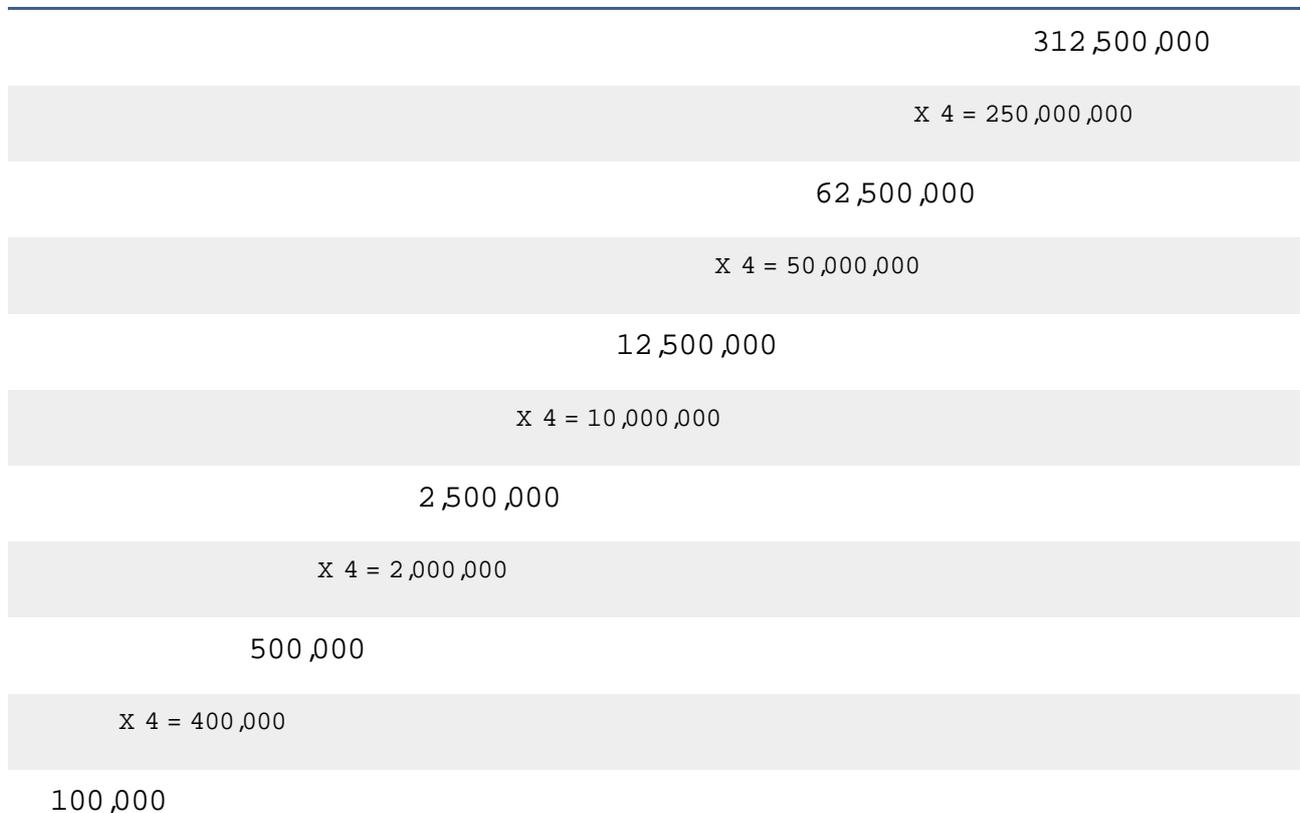
If each of the disciple-makers MAKE THREE DISCIPLE-MAKERS and we repeat this cycle of making disciple-makers FIVE times, then the UNITED KINGDOM will be filled with disciple-makers and the entire population of over 60,000,000 will be saved. Praise the Lord!! This is what many of us are labouring for, and it is possible!! By making disciple-makers.

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What could happen in Nigeria?

If each of the disciples MAKE FOUR DISCIPLE-MAKERS and we repeat this cycle of making disciples FIVE times, then NIGERIA will be filled with disciples and the entire population of over 200,000,000 will be saved. Praise the Lord!! This is what many of us are labouring for, and it is possible!! By making disciples.



If the church in Nigeria had followed the command of the Lord to make disciples, there would be no Boko Haram, and the entire world population would have been saved.

I once read a short story from an evangelist titled, "If I was the devil." We must recognize that the devil knows that the strategy of making disciples is very powerful and he has therefore diverted the attention of believers and the church from the mandate of making disciples, towards other things.

The Bible records that the number of disciples increased rapidly in Jerusalem. Such rapid increase happens when we make disciple-makers.

When we make disciple-makers, churches will be full and will overflow.

Call to Repentance

Whenever a person realises that he/she has not been obedient to the Lord, the first step is repentance.

We must walk securely in the love of God, but we must never take the Lord for granted.

If you have NOT been focused on making disciple-makers, irrespective of spiritual activities that you have carried out, you need to repent!

Remember Saul!

Repentance born out of genuine Godly sorrow is a sign that something spiritual has happened in the heart. Godly sorrow and faith are the substance of genuine repentance.

It is sometimes necessary to let God really work on the heart, instead of going through the motion of repentance, which lack spiritual substance.

PART THREE – PRINCIPLES OF
MAKING DISCIPLE-MAKERS

3.1 Being filled with the Holy Spirit

Being a disciple-maker and making disciple-makers is not a natural thing and is not the result of human effort or ability alone, but it involves human effort. Making disciple-makers is supernatural.

This is the first principle of making disciple-makers.

The standard set out for a disciple in Luke 14:26-27 is very clear, the disciple must make Jesus the highest priority. Jesus must be prioritised above parents, children, brothers and sisters; Jesus must be prioritised above the disciple's life.

A person that has not made Jesus the highest priority has not met the qualifying standard of being a disciple of Jesus.

The same scripture in verse 27 is also clear that a person who has not consciously died to him self, including self-ambition, reputation, opinions, and other self-things does not qualify as a disciple of Jesus.

Before the Lord Jesus left the world, His disciples, including the Apostles were not bold and effective. Even after they had been with Jesus for three years, they were still weak, afraid, fearful, not bold, and were not confident. They ran and abandoned the Lord Jesus when He was arrested. In fact, one of them ran away naked, leaving his clothes behind.

What changed these disciples and made them into the type of disciples that we read about in Acts is the coming and filling of the Holy Spirit. You can read about this event in Acts 2.

The Lord Jesus had told them in Acts 1 before He left that they must go and wait because it was necessary for them to be baptised with (immersed totally in) the Holy Spirit. We are told that they obeyed and waited constantly in prayer (Acts 1:14) for several days until the event in Acts 2. After this event, we are told several times in Acts about how they either spent time in prayer, were filled with the Holy Spirit again or how others were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Being filled and full of the Holy Spirit is the reason these disciples acquired and functioned as they did in the book of Acts. In Acts 13:52, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. The same with Paul in Acts 9 and Cornelius and his household in Acts 10.

Nobody can be a disciple-maker without being filled with the Holy Spirit. Those who are not filled or full of the Holy Spirit, may be able to perform some basic Christian religious actions and

activities by their own effort, but they will not have the desires, motives, affections, and abilities that we see in the disciples, in the book of Acts. The desires and affections propel us in making disciple-makers.

The strong desires, affections and convictions produced by the Holy Spirit is what God promised in Jeremiah 31:31-34 and in Ezekiel 36:26-27

*Ezekiel 36:26-27 NIV [26] I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. [27] And I will put my Spirit in you and **move you** to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.*

Jeremiah 31:31-34 NIV [31] "The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. [32] It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. [33] "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. [34] No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

What God is saying in the scriptures above is that He will not write the laws of the new covenant on a stone, which was a physical object and outside of the individual and the people of Israel had to read it and then try to obey it. Instead, in the new covenant, God will write the laws into the core of each individual, He will write it into the core of what makes each one of them who they are – into their desires, affections, convictions, dispositions, etc.

The result of writing the laws into their desires, affections, convictions, dispositions, etc. is that the disciples will obey God because they want to and they will enjoy obeying God, and they have convictions for their obedience.

Imagine a person that hates eating fish, but likes ice cream. Now imagine that we perform surgery on the tongue of that person and we alter the taste buds on the tongue of the person through surgery to make fish taste much better than ice cream, and then imagine that the surgical alteration also made ice cream taste horrible when the person eats it. That is similar to what God is saying in Jeremiah 31:31-34. God said He will perform spiritual surgery on each person that becomes born again (in their heart) so that their desires, affections, convictions, dispositions, etc. are altered to love righteousness, want to know and love God as well as other people.

Being genuinely born again is crucial

The foundation for the supernatural life required to be a disciple maker comes through being genuinely born again. Being born again is a supernatural thing that makes a person to be sensitive to God and desire to obey God. It alters the core of the person, fills and empowers the person with the Holy Spirit and it enables a person to be a disciple maker.

Yielded to and directed by the Holy Spirit

One of the things that we observe about the disciples of the Lord Jesus is that they were yielded to and directed and synchronised by the Holy Spirit to what God was doing and to each other. That is, God moved different people to move into action at different times without being told or pushed by a person.

For example: Acts 8:26-29 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "**Arise** and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to **Gaza**." This is desert.²⁷ So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,²⁸ was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "**Go** near and overtake this *chariot*."

We see another example of this yieldedness, inner direction and synchronising work of the Holy Spirit when the Holy Spirit directed and synchronised Ananias with Saul in Acts 9 such that as soon as Saul got born again, Ananias showed up to pray for him.

Again, the Holy Spirit directed and synchronised Peter with Cornelius in Acts 10. That synchronised behaviour is prominent among disciple makers and makes a group of disciple makers to behave like an organism, moving into action without being told or pushed.

3.2 Organic community in union with Christ

A disciple and disciple makers are like living cells in an organism called the "body of Christ." One thing about cells is that they are connected to each other and respond to each other continuously.

Disciple makers are not synchronised through naturally arranged programme or activities. They respond to inner direction. They **don't** wait for anything to act but act according to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

A group of disciples will function like a group of cells in the body, which are connected and are in constant communication and response to each other. They are synchronised organically as described in *Proverbs 30:27 NLT [27] Locusts-they have no king, but they march in formation.*

A group of disciples would therefore not wait or even need announcements at mid-week meetings or Sunday service to pick up the needs of other disciples and respond to them because they are synchronised to other disciples by the Holy Spirit.

Similarly, a disciple does not need to have previously met or known another disciple in order to be synchronised to the situation or need of the disciple and deal with it.

I remember this story that I heard about a brother who was prompted to pray for another brother that he had never met. Years later, they met and as they were narrating and sharing testimonies, they realised that God had used each of them to meet the needs of each other. The Holy Spirit synchronised them to each other.

The church would be really beautiful and dynamic and will multiply rapidly when it is filled with disciple-makers who are not dependent mainly on organised activities and structures of the church to function.

3.3 Abiding in Christ

Jesus said in John 15:1-5, I am the true Vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that continues to bear fruit, He [repeatedly] prunes, so that it will bear more fruit [even richer and finer fruit].³ You are already clean because of the word which I have given you [the teachings which I have discussed with you].⁴ Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself without remaining in the vine, neither can you [bear fruit, producing evidence of your faith] unless you remain in Me.⁵ I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him bears much fruit, for [otherwise] apart from Me [that is, cut off from vital union with Me] you can *do nothing.*"

It is crystal clear from the analogy in the scripture above that fruitfulness, especially in making disciples, is from being in proper relationship with the Lord and being vitally connected and staying connected to Him. Fruitfulness in making genuine disciples is not just the work of human effort.

The other thing that we should note in verses 4 and 8, is that it says that fruitfulness is an evidence of your genuine relationship of faith and connection of faith to Jesus.

Making disciples is not a technique, an event or an activity, it is a spiritual lifestyle.

If your spiritual life is not vibrant, if you are not abiding in Christ, if you are not genuinely connected prayerfully, with an established pattern of obedience to the Lord Jesus, you should first address this area. There is no shame in admitting that you need help in this area.

3.4 Obedience

The central principle and pillar of making disciples is obedience.

Obedience is the evidence of GENUINE faith in God

We preach so much on salvation by grace through faith and we tell people that salvation is a gift of God, that sometimes if we talk about obedience people think we're legalists, but it is not so.

James 2:17-20,26 NKJV [17] Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. [18] But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. [19] You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe-and tremble! [20] But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? [26] For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Noah's faith was evidenced by him obeying the call to build a wooden ark.

Abraham's faith was evidenced by his obedience to leave his father's house.

Obedience is the demonstration of REAL love for God

John 14:15-24 NKJV [15] "If you love Me, keep My commandments. [16] And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever- [17] the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. [18] I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. [19] "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. [20] At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. [21] He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." [22] Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" [23] Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. [24] He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

Obedience is a means of building a solid foundation in God

Luke 6:47-49 NLT [47] I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. [48] It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. [49]

But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins."

Obedience makes God real

"He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me. And he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him." John 14:21

"Manifest" means, "I'll make myself known to you. I'll be real to you."

The reason why Jesus Christ is not real to many people is they're not obeying Him and He's not manifesting Himself to them. Can you say, "He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own. And the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known." Can you say, "It's real. It's real. It's real." Not if you're not obeying.

If Jesus Christ is not real to you, it's because you're not obeying Him.

3.5 Scope is ALL NATIONS

As we previously mentioned in the previous, the command is not just to make disciples but to make disciples of ALL NATIONS, and we have no right to redefine the mission.

The scope may be difficult or impossible for man to do, but we must embrace the mission as given by God.

God recently graciously created faith for this mission in the heart by showing that the early church and disciples thought about and disciplined nations. For example:

- Titus was asked to oversee Crete. Crete is a nation, not a city.
- Macedonia is a nation
- Galatia is a whole region, bigger than many countries.

3.6 Focus must be on Making Disciple-Makers

The critical and multiplying factor is that each disciple-maker produces another disciple-maker.

That is what creates the multiplication that brings transformation.

It is not enough to just make converts or disciples. It does not create multiplication or transformation.

When you read the Matthew 28:18-20 carefully, you'll realize that Jesus has asked us to make disciple-makers.

When we focus on making disciple-makers, we are creating the multiplying factor, that leads to rapid transformation.

3.7 Basic preparation to start making disciple-makers?

By now, you have the understanding of God's mission and vision, which is making disciples of all nations.

You also understand that a disciple-maker needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and this produces desires, affections and convictions for the truth of God, making disciples, fellowship, communions, prayers and abilities to make disciple-makers. It also enables supernatural understanding that feels natural.

A disciple-maker is effective when he or she is filled with the Holy Spirit and is flowing with Him. The Holy Spirit is the one who enables a disciple-maker to be bold, be able to preach with or without notes, perform miracles, hear God clearly, obey God even if there is a risk of dying.

So, the next question is, how do we start the journey of making disciple-makers?

Start with an evaluation of your motive and focus

Motive is important when we are dealing with God. He looks at the motive of our hearts. Some people have only known God as someone they go to for personal needs, so they are motivated mainly by personal needs and personal need is the focus of their relationship with God.

Personal need should not be your primary motive for relating with God.

Your motives should be that you want to fulfil the vision of God. Fulfilling the vision that He has given you should also be the priority and focus of your heart.

You can also ask God to check your motives and desires.

Repent genuinely if necessary

If you discover wrong motives in your life or you discover that you have not focused on making disciples, then you should undertake a genuine repentance and confess before God and ask for forgiveness and cleansing from the Lord.

After you have repented, you should tell someone close to you who is also focused on making disciples, that you have repented and what you have repented of.

This is in line with *James 5:16 AMP [16] Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray also for one another, that you may be healed and restored to a spiritual tone of mind and heart. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available dynamic in its working.*

Ask for grace to surrender the whole of your life to God

Most believers want to surrender to God, but they are trying to do it by their effort. You should ask God for the grace to surrender your life to Him.

A surrendered life is the most powerful life on earth because it will be filled with the Holy Spirit and be under the direction of the Holy Spirit who is the most powerful being in the universe. That is why the Bible says in *James 4:7 NIV [7] Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

Surrendering your life to God is your spiritual act of worship. *Romans 12:1 NIV [1] Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--- this is your spiritual act of worship.*

The Bible says God gives grace (undeserved supernatural help and ability) to those who are humble enough to admit that they are struggling and ask Him.

And don't forget the invitation to come boldly to the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you

We have dealt with this in the previous section of this booklet. You need to simply ask God regularly to fill you with the Holy Spirit.

And following the example in Acts 4, spend time in prayer and always expect to be filled again with the Holy Spirit when you spend time in prayer.

Ask the Lord to connect you to people on the same journey

Every time that we share this message, we always find three categories of people:

1. Those that have been on this journey before we ever started and have gained tremendous depth of understanding. Many of them have helped us to also gain better understanding.
2. Those that God had already been dealing with, but have not embraced the message when He spoke to them. This group tends to be very receptive to this message and they normally

embrace it and want to understand it better. Usually, the reason that they had not embraced the message when God spoke to them directly is because a majority of believers around them and sometimes in the church they are part of, are focused on other things. This makes them to ignore what God is saying to them. If this is you, I congratulate you.

A group of people like that are the ones that requested that we write this booklet. So, this booklet is for people like you.

It is essential that you link up with other people who are on this journey, so that you can encourage and support each other. After all, the Bible says, 'iron sharpens iron.' (Proverbs 27:17)

3. The other category of believers is those who hear the message, but do not get it because of barriers of traditions. They do not disagree with the message, but they just don't yet understand the difference between what they currently do and this call for them to focus on making disciple-makers. We are not condemning anyone. We are simply presenting what the Lord has taught us by the grace of God. We continue to pray for ourselves and others in line with the scripture written by the Holy Spirit through apostle Paul in *Philippians 3:14-15 AMP [14] I press on toward the goal to win the supreme and heavenly prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward. [15] So let those of us who are spiritually mature and full-grown have this mind and hold these convictions; and if in any respect you have a different attitude of mind, God will make that clear to you also.*

Personal prayers, fasting and prayers with others, with focus on making disciples

Prayer for disciples, on making disciples and for resources to make disciples should be natural to disciple-makers just as breathing is natural to a living person. Prayers are born out of desires, sometimes they are expressed and spoken out in words. But sometimes, prayers are just groans that are unspoken.

You should always have prayers inside you - in your spirit and carried in your desires. Such prayers in the believer's spirit are unceasing and the believer should express them to God throughout the day, anywhere and everywhere.

It is also essential to have a regular discipline of extensive praying at specific times of the day.

There is a prayer in Acts 4:23-31, but it is verses 29 and 30 contain their request to God.

You should also practice fasting, which is abstinence from food and water for a period of time - usually 24 hours.

One important discipline in the place of prayer is listening to what God wants to say to you. Many times, what needs to be done are received in the place of prayer.

Inmersion in the vision

It is essential to immerse yourself in the vision of making disciples. What this means is that you spend time looking into the Bible and praying about it, this helps to fully grasp what God is saying. It also helps to create faith and passion in the heart.

Being immersed also means that you give attention and take time to read, think and consider the vision over a period of time.

PART FOUR – FRAMEWORK FOR
MAKING DISCIPLES-MAKERS

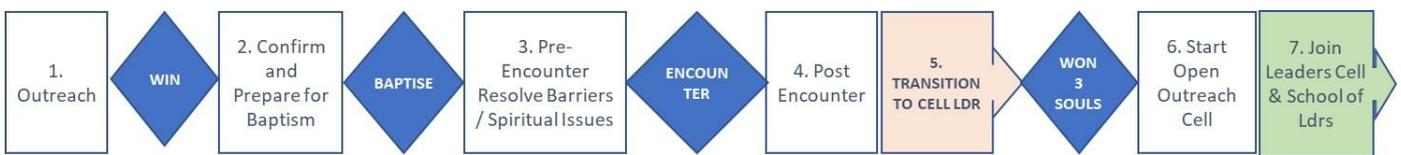
4.0 Framework Overview

A framework is a supporting structure that enables something to be built. The framework is not the building, it is the structure that holds the building in place.

This section contains the pillars, but it is not the entire building.

At the heart of this framework are the principles described earlier, and ensuring the critical multiplication factor of each believer becoming a maker of disciple-makers.

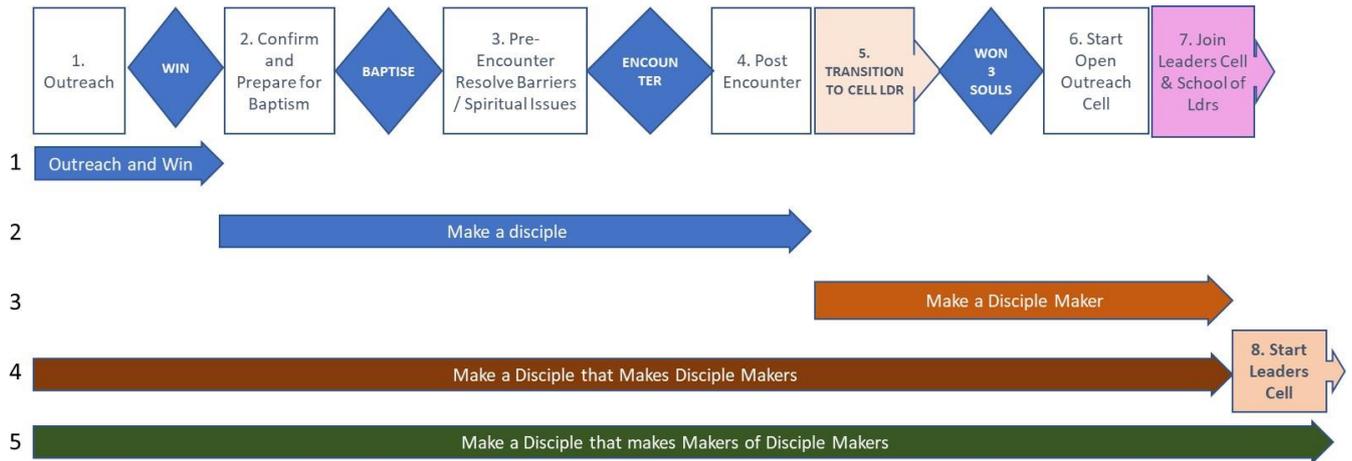
The framework is built around a SPINE, as shown below.



Everyone works around the SPINE, but at different levels (from 1-4) in different capacity:

LEVEL	DESCRIPTION	OBJECTIVES
1	As new believer and Open Cell Member receiving foundation and initial transformation. ENDS with transition to Open Cell Leader, and joins Leaders Cell	Establish Foundation, Death and Resurrection Win Souls, Establish a new Open Outreach Cell, and join C based Leaders Cell Group.
2	As Open Cell Leader and member of C based Leaders Cell Group learning to build, equip and help new believers to transform, and transition to Open Cell Leader. ENDS with establishment of C based Leaders Cell	Learn to take a new believer through the Spine, and how to deliver core aspects of the Spine. Establish a new C based Leaders Cell Group.
3	As C based Cell Leader delivering training and helping Open Cell Leaders to establish C based Leaders Cell	Be able to deliver all elements of the Spine and learn how to help a new leader of C based Cell to mature the members
4	As Equipping C based Cell Leader delivering training and helping C based Cell Leaders to produce new C based Cell Leaders	Improving coaching, quality and refining of materials. Helping C based Cells to Multiply

STAGES IN THE FRAMEWORK



1. Stage 1 – Outreach and Win to Christ

- a. Develop Genuine relationships based on the covenant love of God
- b. Outreach as a lifestyle of a person or a group
- c. Outreach Cell Group consisting primarily of non-believers and new believers which serves as a means forum

2. Stage 2 – Make disciples

- a. Genuine salvation and born-again experience
- b. Baptism and training that is focused on obedience
- c. Encounter with God as the means of breaking barriers and bringing spiritual transformation that leads to increase in faith and faithfulness, that brings consistent spiritual walk into a believer's life and result in fruitfulness.
- d. Preparation for Encounter as an important step to make encounter fruitful
- e. Commitment to being an obedient follower of Jesus, including His mission of making makers of disciple-makers.

3. Stage 3 – Make a disciple-maker

- a. Training a disciple to make disciples
- b. Support a disciple to win new believers to Jesus and take them through stage 2, which will make the disciple into a disciple-maker
- c. Incorporate a disciple-maker into Core Leadership Cell Group

4. Stage 4 – Make a disciple that makes disciple-makers

- a. Training a disciple-maker to make disciples-makers
- b. Support a disciple-maker to train disciples-makers
- c. Leadership Retreats as a place of refreshing

5. Stage 5 – Make a disciple that makes makers of disciple-makers

- a. Training a disciple-maker to help disciple-makers make disciple-makers
- b. Support a disciple-maker to help disciple-makers make disciple-makers.

4.1 Outreach and Win to Christ



First step in process: Outreach to potential disciples

The first step in the process is outreach and evangelism. Making disciples requires you to reach out to those that have not yet believed in Jesus or those that are simply religious and are not born-again. We call them potential disciples.

Outreach should be a lifestyle and it should be done personally and in groups, through diverse and creative activities including sports, community activities, etc.

In every outreach situation, it is important to rely on the Holy Spirit for the message that He wants to share and the evidence that He wants to provide or the barrier that He wants to remove.

The heart of the gospel is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, through which anyone can receive forgiveness of sin and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The call of the gospel is for people to respond with repentance and surrender their lives to God so that they can secure their eternity with God and escape the wrath of God on the day of judgment.

Many times, when we preach the gospel, God displays His power to remove barriers and convince those that are listening so they can respond to the gospel call.

We must not change the call of the gospel to the call for people to come and meet their physical needs. God meets physical needs when we preach, but the call of the gospel is for people to respond with repentance and surrender their lives to God so that they can secure their eternity with God and escape the wrath of God on the day of judgment.

We must pray that the Holy Spirit will convict people of sin and righteousness and bring them into the Kingdom of God.

Follow up contacts from outreaches

Following up all contacts from outreach and evangelistic activities and events is very important.

The key to follow up is genuine love and prayer for the people you are following up. Phone calls are useful but you should aim to visit, develop genuine relationship and provide help as for a friend for some of them as necessary.

Start an Open Outreach Cell

The next stage is to plan and start an Open Outreach Cell Group.

This group is strictly for:

1. Potential disciples – people that are interested in knowing more about Christ and/or the church.
2. New believers – those that have recently got born again and given their lives to Jesus.

Majority of these people will come from existing relationships and contacts from evangelistic events.

You should identify a good accessible location for the meeting of the open outreach cell group. The location should not be formal but should allow for confidential conversations.

Your home or the home of one of the people on your contact is a good option.

The Open outreach cell should meet regularly, preferably weekly.

The Open outreach cell is a community of connected relationships, and should not be focused on the meetings. Genuine connected relationships require investment of time with each person outside of cell meetings.

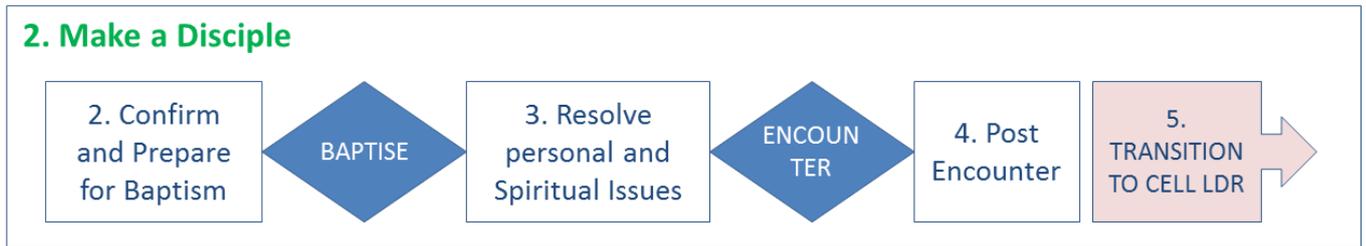
The Open Outreach Cell is aimed at reaching and helping potential disciples to know more about Jesus and make an informed spiritual decision and to help new believers to grow.

The general pattern and activities of the Open Outreach Cell is as follows:

A core objective of the Open Outreach Cell is to develop creative, and effective outreaches to reach the lost, bring them into genuine faith in Jesus Christ, and bring them into the cell group where they can experience the environment of God's love while learning of Him through His Word, through regular teaching, and through the interactions with other believers.

Open Outreach Cell should continuously conduct outreach events and activities aimed at bringing people into relationship with Christ. In addition, those attending the cell meeting should be reminded to invite people to the meeting.

4.2 Make a Disciple



Confirm genuineness of new converts

When a person is genuinely born-again, God gives the person the Holy Spirit who will produce desires, affections and convictions along with passion for God, righteousness and obedience in the person. The Holy Spirit also weaves new abilities into their lives and He also synchronises them with other believers, moving them into action without being told or pushed by anyone.

A person who is not genuinely born again will not have the Holy Spirit and will not be able to be a disciple or a disciple-maker. So, it is essential to check the genuineness of the new converts. Checking genuineness is not an exercise to condemn anyone but an exercise to ensure that a person is supernaturally enabled to be a disciple and a disciple-maker.

Confirmation and assurance of salvation, which can be done as a one-on-one study or in the cell meeting once you have two or more new believers in the group. The booklet "Being born again" is a good material for dealing with confirmation and assurance of salvation for new believers.

Get the new believer baptized immediately

Getting baptized is a command of the Lord for you as well as the new believer – see Matthew 28:19. Baptism is not just a ritual; it is something with great spiritual significance to the spiritual life and experience of a believer.

Read this scripture from Romans 6:3-11 twice

³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be

done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Baptism affects the relationship that a person has with sin; baptism is central to being dead to sin and being alive to God and abiding in Christ.

Help new converts to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Every new believer is given the Holy Spirit and some will argue that the one-time event is all that is necessary. The evidence of scripture is that the disciples were filled several times. See Acts 4:29-31. We also have the example in Acts 19:1-6.

You should share the necessity and importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit with new disciples and that they should expect God to fill them regularly.

Get new convert into an Open Outreach Cell Group

A cell group is essential for the proper growth and development of a new believer. One of the vital factors that enabled the church in the book of Acts to be so fruitful, powerful and unstoppable was that the church was organised as:

- Cells – small groups
- Large celebration, they met in the temple.

Teaching, ministry, sharing, equipping, evangelism, etc, took place in cell groups.

Acts 5 ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Acts 20 ²⁰ You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.

Undertake PRE ENCOUNTER studies with the new believers to resolve spiritual issues and barriers that prevents full flow of the life of God

Just as the Lord Jesus had to deal with and remove barriers in the life of His disciples when He was on earth, similarly, He wants to deal with and remove barriers in the lives of disciples now.

For example, in John 11, the Lord dealt with the barrier to their faith in God's power and ability. The disciples and Jews, in general, had been taught and believed that nobody can be raised from the dead after three days because the Jews believed that the spirit of the dead would have completely departed after three days. This popular belief was a barrier to the faith of Jesus' disciples in God.

In John 8:31-32, the Lord Jesus recognised the need for disciples to be free of bondages that hinders growth and ability to make disciple-makers.

When there is a barrier to faith in a person, the person will hear a truth from God, but the truth might not register, the person might experience tension in their mind, and the person is unlikely to ask God in prayer for that thing. So barriers to faith can limit a person in many ways.

The key instrument for removing barrier is the Word of God. The Lord Jesus told us this in *John 8:31-32 NIV [31] To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. [32] Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

Some barriers are put in place and maintained by the devil, his demonic agents. The second tool is for dealing with barriers that are put in place in the life of a person by the devil. This second tool for removing barriers is submission to God, *James 4:7 NIV [7] Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

The last tool is the authority that has been given to the believer. A believer must know how to exercise the authority that has been given.

Make new converts an apprentice of making disciple-makers from day one

New believers do not need days of training before the Lord can begin to use them. It is Christian tradition that has created that situation and belief. This does not mean that a new believer knows everything required or can do everything. However, we need to recognise that God uses new believers in His work, forming disciples, as much as He uses those who have been in the Lord for some time.

At one of our events, a teenager who got born-again prayed for another teenager about four hours after he got born-again. The youth he prayed for had been making fun of him. And God healed the youth that he prayed for, tears began to flow down her eyes.

You need to get the new believer into going out with you, praying for people and doing something in the cell group.

Apprenticeship involves the following

1. You have a one-on-one with the person.
2. You invite the person into the Open Outreach Cellgroup.
3. You observe the person and his/her growth
4. You allow the person to have access to you and your life
5. You give the person something to do in the Open Outreach Cell meeting.
6. You give the person something to do outside of the meeting.
7. You take the person with you when you are going to carry out certain ministerial activities
8. You review with the person what they have done and give help in areas that he/she needs to improve.

The aim of the apprenticeship is to help the person win people and start to disciple them .

To ensure that the new disciples understand your intention , you should

1. Have a conversation with the new disciple about how the apprenticeship will work, allow the person to ask questions and clarify anything they do not understand.
2. Check and monitor that what is required is not becoming an unbearable burden , but ensure that the person is committed and faithful to the vision and the process.

Teach the new believer to obey what Jesus has commanded

Jesus commanded us to teach those that accept the gospel to obey all that He has commanded us. This is very important because :

1. Obedience to the Lord is the evidence of GENUINE faith in God.
2. Obedience to the Lord is the evidence of REAL love for God.
3. It is nonsense to say Jesus is Lord if a person is not obeying Him .
4. Obedience to the Lord is the means of building a solid foundation and being stable in God.
5. Obedience to the Lord makes God real
6. Obedience to the Lord enables miracles to happen as well as answers to prayers to be received.

We should not just teach information in the Bible, we should teach obedience.

Every disciple of Jesus needs to be able to obey the Lord

1. When it is not convenient.
2. When they are offended.
3. When they are tired.
4. When they are asked to do what they don't like.
5. When they don't understand the instruction as long as it is from proper interpretation of the Bible.

6. When they feel vulnerable.

7. Even if they are afraid.

Example of teaching obedience

Luke 10:1-4 The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit.² These were his instructions to them: ***“The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”***³ Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves.⁴ ***“Don’t take any money with you, nor a traveler’s bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. And don’t stop to greet anyone on the road.”***

In the scripture above, the Lord sent the disciples to do things that they had not done before and were not sure they could do. Further, he did not allow them to take money with them or extra provisions.

The disciples simply obeyed the Lord, and it was after they came back, that they had great testimonies.

The Lord taught them obedience and faith, even though they felt vulnerable and probably did not understand, they still obeyed Him.

Learning obedience is about learning to obey God when we don’t understand, or when we don’t agree, or when we feel vulnerable, etc.

Arrange Encounter Weekend

Encounter weekend enables a person to experience God, especially those that have gone through rigorous pre-encounter studies.

It is a time to repent and deal with personal and spiritual issues. It is also a time to enter into and experience the resurrection power of God that enables a person to do things that they cannot do naturally.

It is a time for the new believer to experience Jesus’s great personal love, and allow Jesus to identify and bring freedom from spiritual bondages, such as: from un-forgiveness, hurts, anger, curses, and any other thing that may hold them from experiencing God’s goodness.

Post Encounter

Post Encounter is used to retain and consolidate the encounter experience; to help the person or group to understand God’s plan and purpose.

You as the leader and discipler will need to meet up with the believer to help the believer understand what the believer has experienced in the encounter.

The post encounter also includes studies to help the believer see God’s big purpose for mankind.

You should encourage the believer to follow the Lord fully with all of their life and ask the believer whether he or she wants to do this.

Transition the believer to Cell Leader

Those that have addressed personal and spiritual issues that hindered their growth and fruitfulness, are in a better position to focus on growing to spiritual maturity and fulfilling the mandate of the Lord Jesus to make disciple-makers.

Transition to cell leader starts with a commitment to follow the Lord fully. This commitment should be documented with a statement, date, time and signature using the form in the Appendix.

You should then begin to lead these believers into offering their lives to God as a sacrifice (that is living) according to Romans 12:1-3. This means they are

- (1) Recognising and embracing death of their old life.
- (2) Entering into the new resurrected life in Jesus.

You should lead the believers into commitment to seriously obey the commands Jesus gave to His disciples. Help the believers to see that God wants them to have a significant role in advancing His kingdom on earth.

These believers must also see that their eternal reward in heaven will be very great beyond their human imagination.

All transitioning believers will start to pray, witness, participate and conduct outreach activities, believing the Lord to win a minimum of three souls.

You should encourage the believer to enroll in the discipleship training program to become more effective followers of Jesus and also help them to become effective at winning souls.

The Discipleship Training Program

The objective of this training is to lead the believer onto the true pathway of growth in the Lord. It is essential for the believer to:

- a. Break through into a faith dimension in which the believer truly knows that God can do all things.
- b. Learn to pray for others powerfully and effectively.
- c. Learn to witness to others part of his/her lifestyle
- d. Learn to lead others to genuine faith in the Lord.
- e. Learn to bring individuals into the cell group and help them to grow in God.
- f. Learn to be a servant, helper, and a good worker in the cell group

The training program includes the following

1. Communion with God: (Talk, Pray, Listen, Praise, Thanksgiving)

2. Scripture Study (Major doctrines, Walk through the Bible), scripture memorization)
3. Outreach: Reach (Family, Relatives, Others: Witness, Evangelize)
4. Prayer: Faith, Spiritual Warfare, Victorious Living (Overcoming)
5. Biblical Studies: Continue
6. Disciple Making -The Process – THIS BOOKLET

During the discipleship training program, the transitioning believers will intensify effort in prayers, witnessing, participation and conduct of outreach activities with focus on believing the Lord to win a minimum of three souls.

While the person transitioning is believing the Lord to win a minimum of four souls and working through this, he/she should be asked to assist and lead some activities in the Open Outreach Cell meeting.

Also, any soul that have been won by the transitioning believers will attend the current Open Outreach Cell.

A review of the experience is undertaken in order to establish if anything needs to improve.

Review with transitioning believer

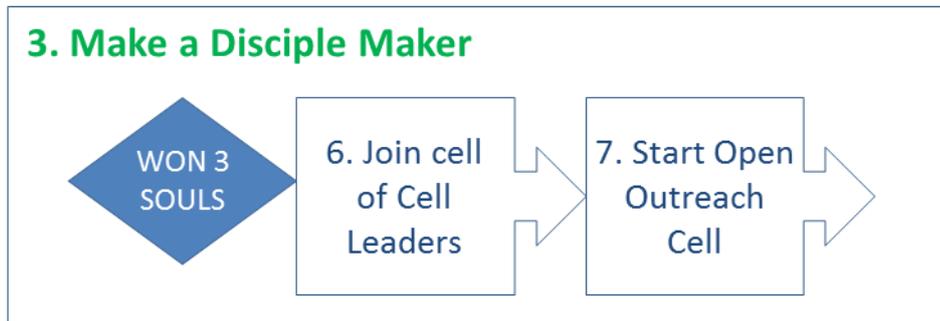
The review activity takes place at the end of the discipleship training program. During this week, the discipler will evaluate the progress the student has made up to this time:

- a. Growth areas the student has excelled in.
- b. Growth areas the student needs to work on diligently.
- c. The overall transformation that is taking place in the student's life.
- d. The number of disciples the student has made, who are faithfully attending the cell meetings with him/her.
- e. Guidelines for the student's continued growth and development.

It is not uncommon for the person transitioning to experience nerves, fear and lack of confidence.

You should include these in your review.

4.3 Make a Disciple-Maker



End of Transition

Transition ends when a person is helping a minimum of three/four or five new believers to grow, which is effectively the birth of a new Open Outreach Cell.

At this point, the person is invited to do three things:

1. Complete the discipleship training
2. Graduation
3. Join a cell of Cell Leaders and formally start an Open Outreach Cell

Completing discipleship training program

The last part of the training program includes attendance of an intensive Week-End Training (2nd Encounter) with focus on being a successful cell leader.

Graduation

This is an important ceremony, where the students receive a Certificate of Ministry. The believer should be given good support.

Becoming a new cell leader

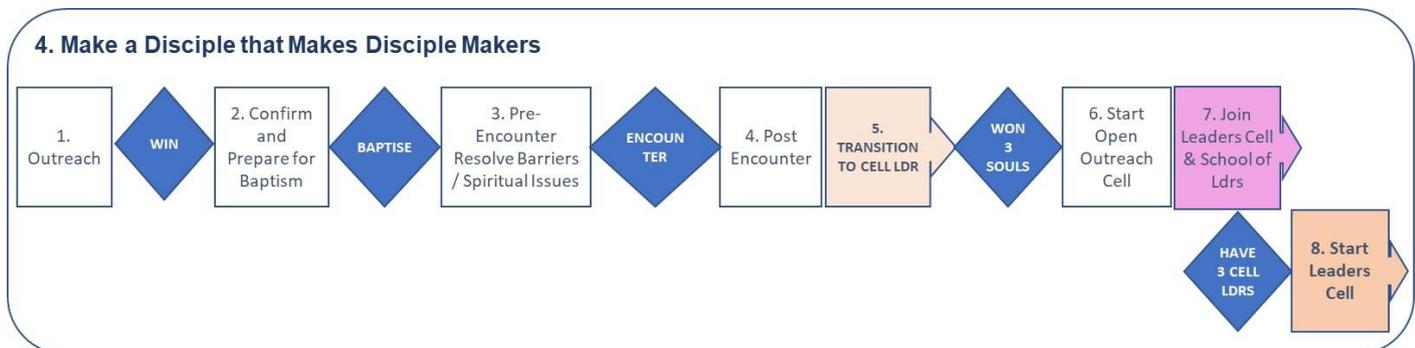
The transition is finally completed with the believer becoming an Open Outreach Cell Group Leader and a Disciple-Maker. The souls won by the believer become part of his/her Open Outreach Cell.

It is important that the Cell Leaders assist the new cell leader in birthing and growing the new Open Outreach Cell. This involves:

1. Helping the new cell leader to identify a good accessible location for the meeting. The location should not be formal but should allow for confidential conversations.
2. Observing and supporting the cell leader with outreach events and activities aimed at winning people to Christ.

3. Observing and supporting the new cell leader with prayers, understanding and delivery of studies.
4. Assisting with arrangements of baptism a service, understanding and delivery of teachings to help open outreach cell attendees resolve personal and spiritual issues.
5. Assisting with arrangements of encounter
6. Working with new cell leader to deliver encounter and post encounter
7. Offering the new cell leader the opportunity to observe new situations.
8. Regular period of review and prayers.

4.4 Make Disciple that makes Disciple-Makers



The next stage is helping the new Open Outreach Cell Leader to fulfill the mandate of the Lord Jesus to make disciple-makers.

All Open Cell Leaders will belong to Closed Cell Groups. The Closed Cell Group is very different to Open Outreach Cell. In the Closed Cell Group:

1. Everyone is expected to be reading and applying the Word of God to their lives, seek accountability and being transformed into the likeness of Christ.
2. Everyone is expected to connect to others, form relationships, share and enjoy their lives in authentic relationships.
3. Everyone is expected to develop their gifts by using it and should know when to call on the gifts of others.
4. Everyone is evangelizing, witnessing and believing God for souls, bringing others into relationship with Jesus and helping them to grow.
5. Everyone is expected to be focused on Jesus and live their lives by faith, with Jesus at the centre, in total submission to Jesus.

In the Closed Cell Group, the watchword is "with God, all things are possible." There must be no negative or critical mindset. The mindset should be solution oriented.

In the Closed Cell Group, the focus is not on the logic of the Word of God, but on bringing the Word and the Spirit together, seeking the heart of God and constant flow of God's power. So, regular prayer and fasting will take place.

In the Closed Cell Group, there should be several times of chilling out and enjoying the presence of God and one another.

In the Closed Cell Group, there should be mutual accountability, and oneness of heart for fulfilling the mandate of Jesus to make disciple-makers.

Advanced Leadership Development

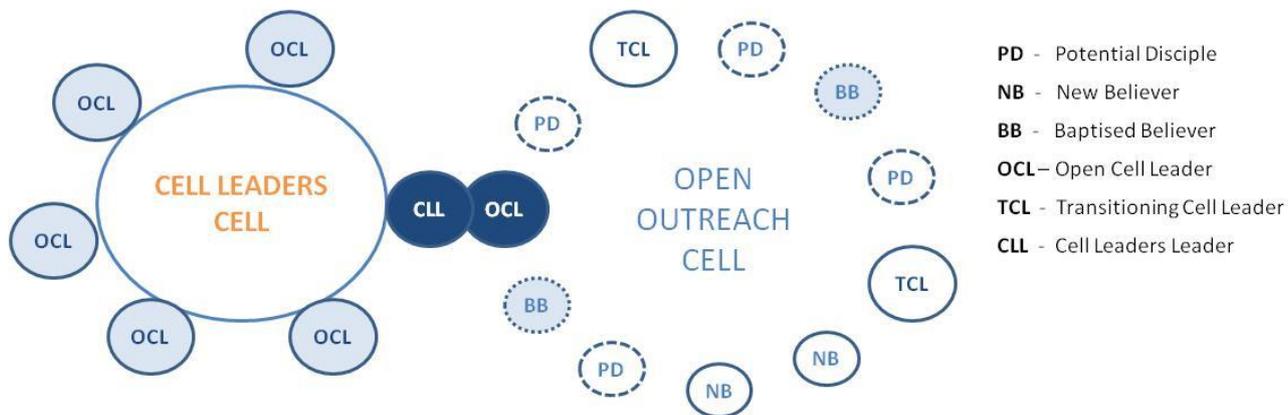
New members of the Closed Cell Group will continue their training through the advanced leadership development program.

Leadership retreats

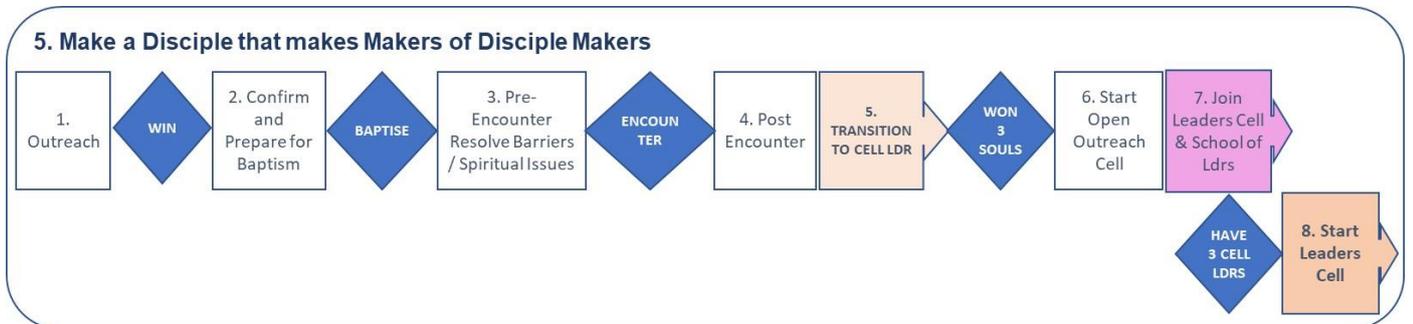
In the C based Cell Group, there should be leadership retreats

The leadership retreats are re-encounters, to deal with personal and spiritual issues in the place of prayer. It is also a time to enter into and experience a greater dimension of the resurrection power of God that enables a person to do things that they cannot do naturally.

Leader of C based Cell Groups will also continue to lead an Open Outreach Cell.



4.5 Make Disciple that makes makers of Disciple- Makers



It is one thing to train a person in something, it is another thing to train a person to train others.

Lastly, it is yet another to level to train a person on how to train others to train.

Replication and multiplication depend on training the disciples to train others to train.

At this stage, further training through the advanced leadership development program is undertaken and there is a lot of doing, observation and feedback.

Leadership retreats

The person undertaking training at this stage must be observed and provided feedback doing the following:

- a. Teaching advanced leadership lessons
- b. Leading Open Outreach Cell
- c. Leading Based Outreach Cell
- d. Feeding back to Transitioning disciples
- e. Leading Encounter
- f. Leading Celebration Service
- g. Leading leadership retreats.

4.6 Barriers to raising disciple-makers

One of the things that the Lord Jesus spent time to deal with in the life of His disciples over a period of about three years were barriers to His Lordship and His ways. These barriers were inside as well as outside of the disciples and they include barriers of traditions, barriers of wrong teachings and belief, barriers of previous experience, barriers to their faith, barriers of spiritual pollution, etc. These barriers are often not obvious and many of them wear the cloak of spirituality and appear to be spiritual and have become acceptable in churches.

BARRIER OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

I remember a story of a minister of God that I read. This minister lived with his grandmother when he was young. And the grandmother used to rebuke him by raising and pointing her index finger at him. He did not like it at all and he came to see a raised index finger as a symbol of rebuke and insult.

Years later, after the minister had finished university education and gotten married, he was having a conversation with his wife. During the conversation, his wife raised her index finger and pointed it at him to explain something, she was not rebuking him. However, all the minister could remember and feel was the rebuke he used to receive, along with the emotions that he used to have while he was younger. It made him realize that he still had a barrier from a previous experience in his life.

Previous experience, pleasant, unpleasant and painful ones can become barriers to becoming a disciple-maker or raising disciple-makers.

If we are going to raise disciples that are like those in the book of Acts of the Apostles, we will have to deal with barriers in their lives just as the Lord Jesus dealt with barriers in the lives of His disciples.

There is a principle of 360 degrees feedback, which is used in management development. It is a very useful principle. You can use it to receive feedback and identify things in your life that are not obvious to you.

BARRIERS TO FAITH

In John 11, the Lord dealt with the barrier to their faith in God's power and ability. The disciples and Jews, in general, had been taught and believed that nobody can be raised from the dead after three days because the Jews believed that the spirit of the dead would have completely departed after three days.

This popular belief was a barrier to the faith of Jesus' disciples in God. When there is a barrier to faith in a person, the person will hear a truth from God, but the truth might not register, the person

might experience tension in their mind, and the person is unlikely to ask God in prayer for that thing. So barriers to faith can limit a person in many ways.

The Lord said, the event in John 11 happened so that the disciples can believe (John 11:14-15). So, God used the event of John 11 to break the barrier to their faith in God concerning the raising of the dead after three days.

We see the effect of this barrier to faith in the life of Martha, who said she believed, but actually did not believe. You can read this in John 11:17-40.

Barriers to faith tend to be caused by other barriers, such as wrong teachings, traditions, previous experience, including pleasant and unpleasant or painful and religious experiences.

The Lord would later rise from the dead after three days and still, the disciples struggled to believe it. What do you think would have happened if the Lord had not raised Lazarus from the dead to demonstrate that rising from the dead after three days is possible?

BARRIERS OF WRONG TEACHING AND WRONG BELIEF

In John 9, Jesus dealt with the wrong belief of the disciples: that sin is the reason of a man being born without eyes – blindness.

In John 11, the Lord dealt with and broke the barrier to their faith in God concerning raising of those who had been dead for more than three days.

These barriers were due to wrong teachings in Israel. There was a wrong teaching that sin was the only reason that a person would be born without eyes. There was also a wrong teaching that the spirit of a dead person departs after three days to a place where it cannot return from. These wrong teachings created a barrier to their faith and expectations.

In Mark 7, we see another example where the Lord Jesus dealt with barriers of the spirituality of washing hands before eating, and the barrier of wrong teaching on spiritual defilement as a result of what people eat. Mark 7:19 NLT [19] "Food doesn't go into your heart, but only passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer." (By saying this, He declared that every kind of food is acceptable in God's eyes.)

What we find is that some people do not let go of wrong teachings. And we have that example in Peter.

Peter was there when the Lord provided the teaching in Mark 7. According to Matthew 15:15, Peter requested further explanation and clarification from Jesus and the Lord Jesus obliged him and explained it again. However, in Acts 10, we find Peter still holding on to the teaching about unclean

food. Because he had not let it go, he said, "NO" to the Lord, and he struggled with the plans and purpose of God.

Barriers of traditions, previous experience, barriers to faith must be broken if we are to raise normal disciples that are like the ones in the book of Acts.

I discovered after many years of pastoring that many Christians, including ministers, have not dealt with barriers in their life, and these barriers are the ones causing many problems for them.

BARRIER OF ASSUMPTION AND PRESUMPTION

The Lord also dealt with barriers of assumption and presumption, and a good example of this is in Matthew 16:21-28, where Peter assumed that he was protecting the Lord by trying to prevent Him from trying to go to the cross. Peter had assumed God could not possibly want His Messiah to die. He presumed to know more than the Lord. Peter did not realize that he was acting from a human point of view.

We find similar situations still exist with many Christians today. They use human point of view along with all its sentiments to live their lives and to advise other Christians.

Assumptions and presumptions have prevented many people from embracing the mission and vision of God for them.

BARRIER OF NOT YIELDING COMPLETELY

One of the things that the Lord confronted in the lives of His disciples without compromise, is their yieldedness to Him. We read about this in *Luke 14:26-33 NIV* [26] *"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters---yes, even his own life---he cannot be my disciple. [27] And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. [28] "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? [29] For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, [30] saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'* [31] *"Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? [32] If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. [33] In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.*

It is very clear from this scripture that the Lord demands complete yieldedness, which comes from your decision and the enabling work of the Holy Spirit in you. The level of yieldedness required by

the Lord cannot be produced through your decision and your effort alone. It is the product of two things; your sincere decision to yield yourself and the enabling work of the Holy Spirit in you.

Yieldedness is hindered by the fact that many believers used the level of yieldedness of other people around them as the standard. The level of yieldedness of people around you should not be your standard. God's Word is your standard.

One area that we must yield properly is our point of view and opinions. A believer only uses the Word of God in the Bible to live because it contains answers to every situation once a person knows how to interpret and apply it.

BARRIER OF PRIDE

Many have walked away from the Lord or what the Lord wants to do in them because of pride. Pride is probably the reason Judas committed suicide because Judas had heard Jesus' teaching on forgiveness and had seen Him forgive all kinds of people and sins. Further, Judas and Peter both betrayed the Lord. However, Peter did not commit suicide; he went back to the fellowship of the disciples carrying his disgrace.

Pride will make a person reject what God has planned or stay away from what God has ordained for the person.

Naaman almost missed his healing because of pride. Pride is a terrible barrier.

BARRIER OF OLD WINE

One of the barriers that the Lord identified is the barrier of OLD WINE.

This refers to practices, techniques, doctrines, mindset and traditions that had been acquired.

Attachment to those things previously experienced can hinder new areas and things that God wants to do.

NEXT STEPS

Com m it to and in m erse yourself in the vision

The next step is for you to com m it to the vision and in m erse yourself in it.

You need to pray that God w ill give you understanding .

Go through this booklet again

Go through this booklet w ith others in a group and w rite down any questions that you have .

CONCLUSION

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