

Lesson 1- Discovery Group Introduction

Introduction by Everyone

Go around the room

Intro to Disciple-Making There are many different ways of doing church. Different ways are effective at reaching different people and accomplishing different results. The Lighthouse Fellowship is in the network/family of churches called “Disciple Making Movements” (DMM): obedience-based discipleship that sees disciples reproducing disciples by putting into practice what they learn, and multiplying disciples, leaders, and churches. (spiritual maturity is based on obedience, not years).

Around the World There are over 950 documented Church Planting Movements in the world as of 2019. CPMs are consistent 4th generation reproduction of churches that started from DMM ministries. A 4th generation church means a church that started a church that started a church that started a church. The average movement has around 100,000 believers. In contrast, in the January 2019 report by “Beyond” researcher Justin Long, there were only 2 movements in all of North America.

There are 73.4M believers in these movements combined. Most are among unreached people groups in the last 25 years. In May of 2019, we received an update from a team of 3 who implemented this training in India in 2013 and they’ve seen 30,000 churches planted and 200,000 people baptized.

About 25 years ago, a traditional Indian pastor named Victor John left his church of 500 people to begin applying movement principles. He lived in a part of the world known as the “graveyard of modern missions” because of how resistant these people had been to missionary efforts. Victor John was mentored by an American missionary named David Watson. David helped him see these movement principles in the New Testament and it opened his eyes to a new way (really a very old way) of making disciples. In the first 4 years of applying these principles, they saw very little fruit and Victor John went through times of discouragement and doubt. In year 5, they saw their first church planted. In the 20 years since then, they have baptized over 10 million people and seen hundreds of thousands of churches planted. The movement is so large that they have to send in research teams to try to measure the impact (see the book Bhojpuri Breakthrough by Dave Coles & Victor John for the full story).

2 Tim. 2:2: What do we get here?

- Not a 1-on-1 process w/ Paul & Timothy as you might suspect (there were many witnesses who then passed it onto others).
- Look for a person of peace who will open up their network (oikos) & begin to discover more about God from the Bible. Goal is to see groups come to Christ.
- Emphasize that for disciple-making to become a movement there must be multiplication. Making disciples leads to church planting. In this training, we’re going to focus on teaching you

practical skills to implement. As you learn them, pass them on to one other person. Know one thing, do one thing. That's the basic of disciple-making.

7 Common Elements in a Movement DMM looks different around the world. We have freedom to adapt our disciple-making methods to our cultural situations and contexts! But there are 7 common elements to all of them. If you simply focus on these 7 steps, you can't help but successfully make disciples and advance the Kingdom:

1. Focus on God's Word (palms up like holding a Book)
2. Multiply Extraordinary Prayer (cross arms like an x)
3. Cast Vision (like you're casting a fishing pole)
4. Train Believers (like you're curling dumbbells)
5. Go Out Among the Lost (point up and out)
6. See Groups Start (hand roll)
7. Ongoing Coaching (baseball coach signals)

This training will explore each of the 7 elements in depth, and teach you how to facilitate a Lighthouse Bible study yourself!

How to think of it DMM churches like The Lighthouse Fellowship disciple to convert rather than convert to disciple.

Bible Study/Discovery group - John 6:44-45 Have 2 people read John 6:44-45 (ideally in 2 different translations) Have everyone restate it in their own words (let the group help people to get it right). Discuss the following questions: 1. What does this passage teach us about God? 2. What does this passage teach us about people? 3. What should you do this week in response to this passage? 4. Who can you share with this week?

If you have time, discuss these questions in the large group:

- Who will teach us?
- What kind of people will come to Jesus?
- What is the best way that you listen to and learn from the Father?
- Can the Father work the same way with lost people? Yes!

Why do you think we start trainings on DMM with these verses? - Takes the pressure off us - It's God who draws people & we are just looking for those the Father is drawing - Only God can start movements.

Growth goals this week: "1-1-1"

- Spend 1 hour each day with the Lord in prayer (Bible reading, prayer, journaling, etc)
- Spend 1 hour this week going out among the lost (prayer walking, praying for people in stores, etc)
- Share with at least 1 person what you learned this week