

Leading Others Module 1 • Making Disciples

Character: Compassion

If you want to make disciples, you need to grow in your love and compassion for others. What does compassion look like? We will define compassion as knowing and feeling the struggles others face and responding with comfort and support.

Who do you naturally show compassion to, and who do you struggle to show compassion?

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, and 11. How does Paul show compassion to the people he is leading? With this in mind, what is one practical step you can take to grow in compassion this week?

Competency: Disciple Making

Pre Assessment

Rate yourself in the following proficiencies.

10 being an expert, 1 being totally unfamiliar

- Help individuals identify and take a next step in their spiritual development ____
- Provide direction for a group or team that moves them towards God's agenda ____
- Recognize the signs of soul neglect among a team or group ____
- Model spiritual growth ____
- Give people challenging assignments that will stretch their faith ____

Defining Discipleship

Who discipled you in the early stages of your faith? How has that influence affected your life (or lack thereof)? What fears do you have as a disciplemaker?

How would you define discipleship?

Discipleship is simply helping someone take their next step spiritually. That step could be growing close to God through His word, worshiping God authentically, being generous (time, talent, treasure), connecting with other believers in a small group, serving people, etc. What area, if you made a step forward, would make a big difference in your life? What steps will you take this week to grow in that area?

The Signs of Soul Neglect

It is easy for leaders to fall into a routine of leading their group or team. This can lead to neglect and stifle a disciple making culture. What are things that you can be on the lookout for as you are leading people?

Is there a lack of transformation? Is there a lack of connection? Is there a lack of passion? Have you seen these traits in a previous work/leadership experience? How will you genuinely help people move beyond these roadblocks of growth?

Habits of a Disciplemaker

- **Be a Model**- Are you growing in your faith? Growing people will grow people.
- **Be Open**- Vulnerability builds trust. It is hard to grow without a foundation of trust. Are you easily vulnerable with people you lead?
- **Be Intentional**- Some of the most life changing conversations can be done in minutes before a service or after a group. Be ready!
- **Be Prepared**- What questions can you ask to create a disciple making culture?
- **Be Challenging**- People often rise to the level of challenge and accountability they are given.