

# Paradigm Discipleship

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## PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCIPLE-MAKING

Take notes after each meeting on what was covered

In case you missed that, **TAKE NOTES**. Unless you have a photographic memory, but even then, don't leave it to chance. Taking notes will do three things:

- ✓You will be able to pray specifically and with intelligence because your notes will refresh your memory of exactly what they shared and how they shared it.
- ✓It will help guide you as you pray and prepare for the next time you are together.
- ✓It will provide you with a history of your relationship that you can use to celebrate victories, praise God for answers to prayers, and be encouraged as you see verifiable proof that the investment you have made has born fruit.

Get to know them

- ✓Not necessarily all at once, but over the course of the first several meetings and outings together, discover all about: their family, childhood, friends, interests, dreams, career goals and especially their testimony.
- ✓Find out the significant markers in their life
  - It will be very helpful for you to know those things that have shaped who they are, whether good or bad, whether it was of a spiritual nature or not.
- ✓Find out about their spiritual life
  - How God speaks to them? (Do they really know how to discern God's voice?)
  - How do they seek God's direction in a big decision?
  - What do their personal devotional times with God look like?
  - What has God done in their life that can only be explained by God?
  - What do they struggle with in their walk with Him?
  - What kind of reoccurring sins do they have in their life?
  - What are their dreams and hopes for their relationship with God and their personal development?

Help them work on their testimony

- ✓Have them work their testimony into a five-minute, easily accessible conversation about how they know God exists and that they are indeed His child.
- ✓Then, with this testimony and strategic verses from scripture, help them practice how to share their faith. You can start by just role playing between the two of you but eventually you should engage in activities together where it is possible that they may have an opportunity to share it "for real" with someone.

Use the Discipleship Outline as a guide for material

- ✓The staff has prayerfully created a priority list of major themes, character traits, and skills to cover with your disciple.
- ✓We have also developed lesson plans that will help you think through how you want to approach each subject with your disciple.