

THE CHURCH WAFFLE

12 SHORT TERM DISCIPLESHIP STORIES

EQUIPPING A FOLLOWER OF JESUS TO SIMPLY OBEY HIS COMMANDS



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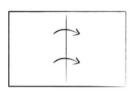
THE "4]]" DISCIPLE-MAKING TRAINING

- → Read Matthew 28:18-20: Jesus says: "Go…make disciples"
- → The "411" Training equips Jesus' followers to make disciples by answering these 4 questions In 1 hour (or less) on 1 sheet of paper.

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SINGLE SHEET OF PAPER

- 1. WHY make disciples?
- 2. WHO to reach?
- 3. WHAT to say?
- 4. WHEN to get started?



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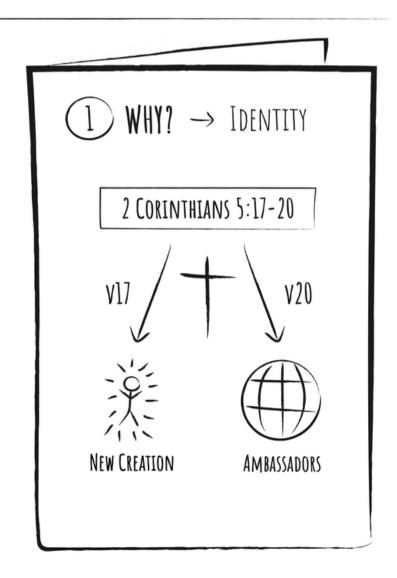
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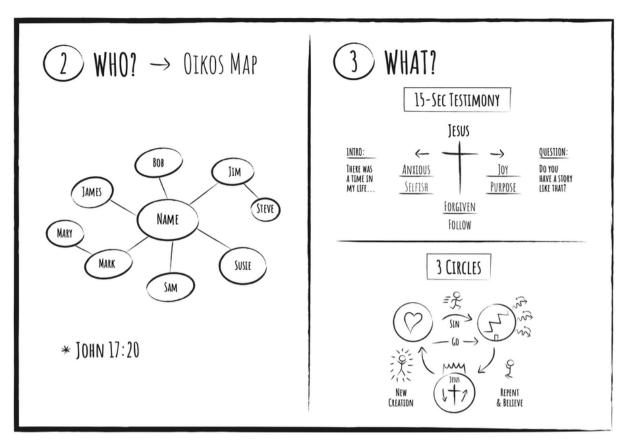
Cross: We see in these verses that if you are in Christ Jesus, these two things are true of you because of Jesus:

v17 (person) - You have been made NEW! He has forgiven all your sins.

v20 (globe) - He has given you a new identity as His ambassador.

You cannot separate these two. You cannot become new without being an ambassador of Jesus and you cannot be an ambassador of Jesus without being made new.





- → "Oikos Map": map out relationships of people in your life who are far from God.
- → Watch a training video of the 3 circles at: 3circlesgospel.com





STORY 01 REPENT & BELIEVE

 $\mathsf{CARE} \ o \ "How are you doing?"$ (Share brief update, listen, pray, encourage)

LOVING → **ACCOUNTABILITY**

Give an account of your obedience to your "Fish & Follow" goals you set from last week. (Mark 1:27)

VISION → Read Acts 2:36-47 & draw the church circle to cast vision for healthy church. (p.15)



SCRIPTURE →

- 1. **Read the Command:** In Mark 1:15, Jesus says...
- 2. Tell the Story: Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10
- 3. Read the story aloud.
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EXPLORE MORE \rightarrow (OPTIONAL)

- 1. What does "Repent" mean?
 - Repent means turning from sin and following Jesus.
- 2. What does "Believe" mean?
 - Believe means choosing to trust lesus as Lord.
- 3. Why should we repent?
 - Read Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9

- 4. Who should repent?
 - Acts 2:38-41 Everyone must repent for forgiveness.
- 5. What is assurance?
 - 1 John 1:9 says when we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us.
 - John 10:28 says our salvation belongs to Jesus.

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- 2. **Tell the Story:** Philip and the Ethiopian Acts 8:26-39
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- 1. What is "Baptism"?
 - Romans 6:3-4 Baptism is a symbol that we have died to our old life and been raised to a new life In Jesus.
- 2. Why should we be baptized?
 - Matthew 3:13-15 Jesus received baptism, so should we. Receiving baptism means we have Identified lesus as our Lord.

- 3. Who should be baptized?
 - Acts 2:38 Everyone who repents and believes
- 4. How should we be baptized?
 - Matthew 3:16 Iesus went down into the water.

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- 3. Read the story aloud.
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PRACTICE (LISTENING PRAYER)

- 1. <u>Come to God with your request for guidance</u>. Share with God your specific request for guidance in prayer. And by the power of Christ, give God's voice authority over the voices of others and our own voices.
 - 2. Wait in silence for God to speak for 10 minutes. Listen to what God is saying to you. Test it against Scripture (1 Thes. 5:19-21): what themes emerge? What becomes clear about God's plan for you as you listen?
 - 3. Jot down any Scripture, songs, impressions, or pictures God gives you. One may receive a verse from Scripture, another a song. Sometimes someone gets one word, or a particular phrase. Another sees a picture. Often the Lord gives us one piece of the message, and it only seems to make sense after everyone has had the chance to share what they received.
 - 4. Share how God spoke to you with your prayer partners and follow God's will. Whatever the Lord speaks to us, the most important thing is that we obey his voice. If you are unsure or need more confirmation, then ask the Lord for this. But if you hear and receive clear direction from God, strive to respond with full obedience, being confident that God is the one guiding you by the Holy Spirit. There is great comfort and security when we hear and obey.

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PRACTICE

Practice meeting described in 1 Cor. 14:26-33

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STORY 04 READ THE WORD

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- 1. **Read the Command:** In John 8:31-32, Jesus says...
- 2. **Tell the Story:** I am the Vine John 15:1-17
- 3. Read the story aloud.
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- 1. **Read the Command:** In John 15:12, Jesus says...
- 2. **Tell the Story:** The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37
- 3. Read the story aloud.
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- 1. What is "love"?
 - John 15:13 and 1 Corinthians 13
- 2. Why do we Love?
 - John 13:34-35 Because Jesus loved us first. Love teaches the world about Jesus.
- 3. Who do we love?
 - Matthew 22:37-39 First we need to love God, then we need to love our neighbors.

4. How do we "love"?

- John 14:15 Loving Jesus means we obey Him.
- John 21:17 Loving others means telling them what God has done for you.

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STORY OF LORD'S SUPPER

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$SCRIPTURE \rightarrow$

- 1. **Read the Command:** In Luke 22:19-20, Jesus says...
- 2. **Tell the Story:** The Last Supper Luke 22:7-20
- 3. Read the story aloud.
- 4. **Discover:** Pray, then use the Bible discovery questions below to discuss the story and reveal its meaning for our lives:
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EXPLORE MORE \rightarrow (OPTIONAL)

- 1. What is the Lord's Supper?
 - 1 Corinthians 11:26 a symbol of the Lord's death.
- 2. Why do we eat the Lord's Supper?
 - 1 Corinthians 11:26 His body was broken and His blood was spilt.
- 3. <u>How</u> do we receive the Lord's Supper?
 - 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 We must examine ourselves, confess our sins to God and remember Jesus died to give us forgiveness.
- 4. Who should receive the Lord's Supper?
 - Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 -Baptized disciples devoted to Jesus.

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STORY 07

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$SCRIPTURE \rightarrow$

- 1. **Read the Command:** In Matthew 6:9, Jesus says...
- 2. **Tell the Story:** The Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:5-15
- 3. Read the story aloud.
- 4. **Discover:** Pray, then use the Bible discovery questions below to discuss the story and reveal its meaning for our lives:
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EXPLORE MORE \rightarrow (OPTIONAL)

- 1. Why do we pray?
 - Matthew 6:9-13 He hears. We desire His will on earth.
- 2. How do we pray?
 - By simply talking with God.
 - "Our Father..." = God Is your heavenly father
 - "Hallowed by your name..." = Ask for God to glorify himself through your life.

- "Give us today our daily bread..." = Ask for your needs.
- "Forgive us our debts..." = Ask for forgiveness of any sin.
- "Deliver us from the evil one..." = Pray for the deliverance when you face temptation.

 $figure 0 ALS \rightarrow Fish:$ Who will you share with this week?

Follow: What from today's lesson does Jesus want you to obey this week?

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STORY OS SIGNS & WONDERS

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- 1. **Tell the Story:** Greater Works John 14:6-14
- 3. Read the story aloud.
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 $PRA(IIII) \rightarrow Retell the story and pray to ask for God to work "greater"$ works" through you and His church (1 Corinthians 14:1)

EXPLORE MORE \rightarrow (OPTIONAL)

- Tips for Growing In Making Space for Spiritual Gifts:
 - <u>Prayer</u>. Ask God (1 Corinthians 14:1, James 4:2)
 - Proximity. Get around people practicing spiritual gifts (Mark 3:13-15). Read stories of the acts of God through signs and wonders in historic moves of God throughout history.
 - Practice. Fail forward by taking "risks" to obey God's Word and Spirit (2 Timothy 1:6)

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SCRIPTURE →

- 1. **Read the Command:** In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus says...
- 2. **Tell the Story:** The Widow's Coins Mark 12:41-44
- 3. Read the story aloud.
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- from the story Jesus wants us to **obey**?

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EXPLORE MORE \rightarrow (OPTIONAL)

- 1. What should we give to God?
 - Our money, time, and our lives.
- 2. Why should we give to God?
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 God loves a cheerful giver.
- 3. <u>How</u> do we give to God?
 - 2 Corinthians 9:7 Cheerfully, not under compulsion.

- Matthew 6:1-4 Secretly, not for recognition
- 4. Who do we give to?
 - Acts 4:34-35 The church gave to all who had need.

UP = gospel movement IN = church needs *OUT = community needs*

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STORY 10 WORSHIP

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- 2. **Tell the Story:** The Sinful Woman Luke 7:36-50
- 3. Read the story aloud.
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EXPLORE MORE \rightarrow (OPTIONAL)

- 1. <u>Sing:</u>
 - Ephesians 5:18-21, Colossians 3:16-17
 - We should express worship by singing to God with thankful hearts.

2. Trials & Temptations:

- James 1
- God uses difficult trials to make us more like Jesus. He never tempts us.

3. Soils:

- Luke 8:4-15
- The soil who perseveres is the one who holds fast to the gospel in a good and honest heart.

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STORY 11 GO... MAKE DISCIPLES

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$SCRIPTURE \rightarrow$

- 1. **Read the Command:** In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus says...
- 2. **Tell the Story:** Jesus Sends Out The Seventy Two Luke 10:1-11
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EXPLORE MORE \rightarrow (OPTIONAL)

- 1. Who should we share with?
 - John 4:16 our families, friends, & neighbors.
- 2. What should we say?
 - John 4:29 The woman shared her story and Jesus's story (the gospel)
- 3. Who Is qualified to go?
 - John 4 The Samaritan woman was! Every believer.

- 4. How should we go?
 - In groups of 2 or 3 throughout our neighborhood and city: a) praying, b) sharing, and c) looking for "Persons of Peace" to disciple In the very same things we are learning here.

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STORY 12 GATHER

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- 2. **Tell the Story:** The First Church Acts 2:36-47
- 3. Read the story aloud.
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- 1. Who is the church?
 - Acts 2:41 Baptized believers in Jesus
 - 2. What does a church gathering do? - Acts 2:36-47 - see church functions
 - 3. When does a church gather? - Acts 2:46, Hebrews 10:24-25 - Regularly.
- 4. Where does a church gather?
 - Acts 2:46, 5:42, 17:5-7, 18:7, 19:9, 20:20, Romans 16:1-5, 1 Cor. 16:19, Col. 4:15, Philemon 1:1-2 - Anywhere
- 5. Why does the church gather?
 - 1 Corinthians 10:31, Hebrews 10:24-25
 - Glorify God, encourage, and hold one another accountable.

- $figure 0 ALS \rightarrow Fish:$ Who will you share with this week?
 - **Follow:** What from today's lesson does Jesus want you to obey this week?
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 - Pray and ask God for His power to help you obey these goals.

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LONG-TERM DISCIPLESHIP

Now that you have completed the short-term discipleship (Commands of Christ), continue on to "Long-term discipleship" using the 3/3s "Three Thirds" Format (right) and the Discovery Questions / S.P.E.C. Bible Study Method as your Bible discovery tool. The "New Lesson" will be passages from the Bible and we suggest starting In Mark's gospel using the schedule listed below. Once you finish with Mark, we suggest you continue In another book of the Bible or topical study using passages of Scripture.

1. <i>Mark 1</i>	13. Mark 10:32-52
2.Mark 2	14. Mark 11
3. <i>Mark 3</i>	15. Mark 12
4. Mark 4	16. Mark 13
5. <i>Mark 5</i>	17. Mark 14:1-31
6. <i>Mark</i> 6	18. Mark 14:32-52
7.Mark 6:33-56	19. Mark 14:53-72
8. <i>Mark</i> 7	20. Mark 15
9. <i>Mark</i> 8	21. Mark 16
10. <i>Mark</i> 9:1-29	22. More Bible
11. <i>Mark</i> 9:30-50	

12. Mark 10:1-31

3/3s ("THREE-THIRDS") DISCIPLESHIP FORMAT

← LOOK BACK



- 1. Care
- 2. Worship
 - Song
 - Giving
 - Lord's Supper



- Accountability
 - Fish & Follow



- 4. Vision
 - Acts 2 Church Circle
 - #NoPlaceLeft
 - Or other vision

1 LOOK UP



- 5. New Bible Lesson
- Read the Scripture aloud: Mark 1:1-8
- Read the Scripture to yourself several

times: Mark 1:1-8

- Discover: Pray, then use the Bible discovery questions along with the "S.P.E.C." method below to discuss the story & reveal its meaning for our life:
 - What does this passage say about
 - God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
 - What do we learn from the people in this passage? S.P.E.C. asks: Is there a...
 - Sin to avoid?
 - Promise to claim?
 - Example to follow?
 - Command to obey?

→ LOOK FORWARD

- 6. Practice
 - Retell the story
 - 3 Circles



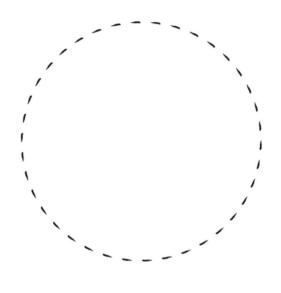
- 7. Set Goals
 - Fish & Follow



8. Commission/Pray

THE CHURCH CIRCLE (AKA CHURCH "WAFFLE")

 Draw a dashed circle. This dashed circle represents a gathering of believers.



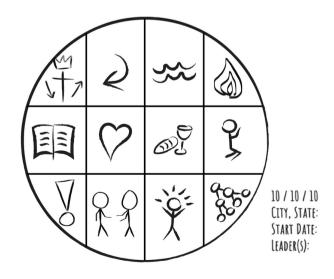
2. These symbols represent the basic functions of a healthy disciple and church we see in Acts 2:36-47. Some of these functions have already been studied in the lessons, others have simply been practiced week to week without studying a specific lesson on a function (ex. God's Word, Worship).



- Draw each of the functions which your gathering is consistently practicing inside the circle. Draw the functions which your gathering has not yet practiced outside the circle.

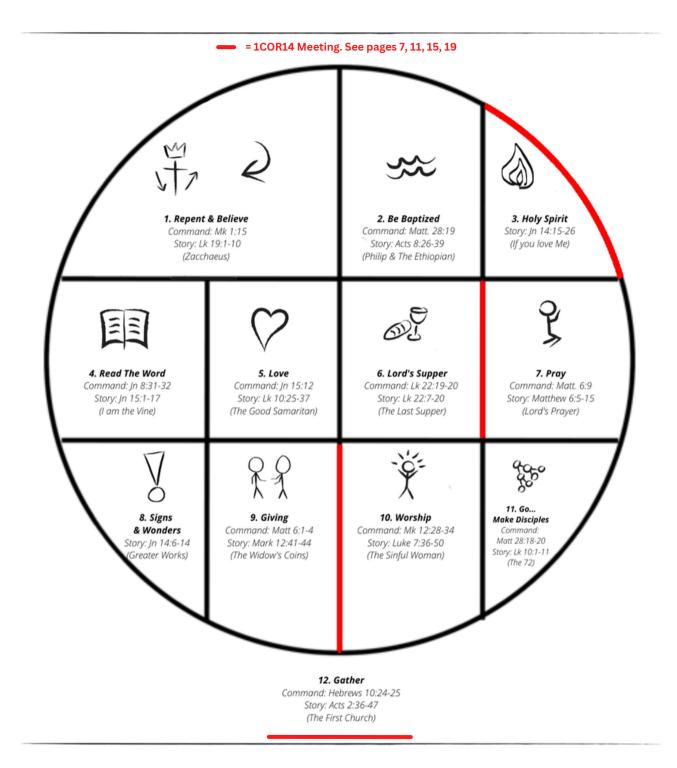
In this example above, the gathering has practiced some very important functions of a church. However, there are a few functions that have yet to be practiced. If your church has yet to practice all the functions, make an action plan to begin practicing them today.

4. If a gathering has identified itself as a "church", then you may make the dashed line solid. The goal is to have a church become healthy and practicing all the functions as modeled by the New Testament Church in Acts 2:36-47.



Also, for record keeping it will be helpful to identify: # of Attendees / # of Believers / # of Baptized
You may also wish to record the location, start date and leader(s).





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APPENDIX

7 STORIES OF HOPE

- 1. Hope for the Rejected: The Sinful Woman Luke 7:36-50
- 2. Hope for the Non-Religious: (Pharisee & Tax Collector) Luke 18:9-17
- 3. Hope Changes things: (Zacchaeus) Luke 19:1-10
- Hope Forgives: (Unforgiving Servant) -Matthew 18:21-35
- 5. Hope Through Death: (Thieves on the Cross) Luke 23:26-43
- 6. Hope Rose from the Dead: (Resurrection) – Luke 24:1-20
- 7. Hope is Waiting for You: (Prodigal Son)
 Luke 15:11-32

DISCOVERING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

← LOOK BACK



1. Care - Give them a chance to briefly share how they are doing & listen.



- 2. Accountability
- Follow: Ask how they obeyed Jesus last week
- Fish: Ask who they shared the story with last week

1 LOOK UP



3. Discover the Bible Together

Use one of the stories listed to...

- · Tell the story from memory.
- · Retell the story together.
- · Read the story together from the Bible.
- Discuss the story together using the following questions:
 - What do we learn about God/Jesus?
 - What do we learn from the people in this story?
 - Who do you most identify with in the story and why?
- Invite: Ask, "What keeps you from following Jesus today?"

→ LOOK FORWARD



4. Practice: pair up and practice telling the story together

5. Set Follow & Fish Goals:

- Follow: What from the story is Jesus asking you to obey this week?
- Fish: Who is someone in your life that you think needs to hear this story?



6. Pray



4 RESPONSES TO THE GOSPEL

THEIR RESPONSE

ACTS 17:32-34

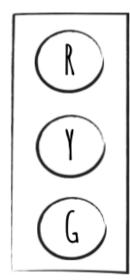
OUR RESPONSE

"No"

"MAYBE"

"YES" (REPENT & BELIEVE)

"I'M A CHRISTIAN"



KEEP SEARCHING FOR PERSON OF PEACE (DOCTOR)

BIBLE DISCOVERY

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