

# Identifying and Investing In People

## (How to Identify and Start Your Core Four Group...)

Sometimes it requires a little discerning to determine who you invite into a discipleship relationship. Every now and then God in His grace will bless you to lead someone to know Him for the first time through evangelism. Other times He will connect you in relationship with someone who has been a believer for a while, but needs to learn and grow more as a follower of Jesus. With the direction of the Holy Spirit we can identify the people God has placed in our lives so that we might invest in them through discipleship.

Read Mark 3:13-16. Discuss how Jesus choose His disciples.

### The GOALS of Core Four:

Make disciples who...

- Value relational discipleship
- Multiply disciples (make more disciples)--- 2 Tim 2:2
- Invest in transparent relationships for deep and meaningful accountability
- Learners of God's word (study and memorization)

### How do I pick my group? (Prayerful- Luke 6:12-13)

Discipleship is sharing truth and your life in relationship with others. *It is impossible to disciple someone without proximity and love.* Begin by asking God, "Who in my life could I help (and they help me) to follow you more faithfully?" Places to consider (Sunday School class, lifegroup, corporate worship, someone you lead to trust Jesus, someone who asks you to teach or mentor them.) Read 1 Thess. 2:8, *discuss the affections seen in discipleship.*

Who should you consider?

- consider first who the Lord has on your heart
- someone who you can help grow in their faith
- someone who has a desire to grow in their faith and to grow the kingdom.
- someone with the appropriate weekly schedule to commit.

*\*Do not be discouraged if those in mind don't end up working out. Trust the Lord.*

*\*Not a cookie cutter selection process*

### Inviting people

\*Discipleship is not a program to sign up for, it's a relationship to be invited into. Once you have prayed and identified someone, here are some things you'll want to remember when extending the invitation:

The invitation...

- Needs to be clear and formal (communicate importance)
- Needs to be personal (face to face invite)
- Needs to be clear with what is involved...
  - Meeting weekly
  - Study and memorize scripture/ material completion

- Transparent Accountability (iron sharpening iron)
- Intensive prayer with and for one another
- End goal of them being ready after 12 months to lead their own CF.
- Ask them to prayerfully consider before answering (follow up with them)

**Sample invitation:**

“I have been praying about something I would like you to consider. I’m putting together a group of men/women whose purpose is to spend 12 months discipling one another and helping each other become better followers of Jesus. I would like to invite you to meet with me and a couple of other guys/ladies for the purpose of sharpening one another in our walk with Christ. *I personally need support and encouragement in my walk with Christ* and I pray I could be the same for you through this group. Here is what this commitment would involve...

As I was praying about who to ask to be a part, the Lord has put you on my heart. Would you prayerfully consider being a part? “

**Group Discussion:**

- Why is it important to choose people who are faithful, available, and teachable?
  - Do you have any relationships with people who have shown hunger for God in these ways?
  - Begin making a list of a few people that you have relationships with that you could disciple.
- Think of how you would invite them into a discipleship relationship.

*Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. -Colossians 1:28-29*