

Objective: The new believer will know God's purpose and be inspired to be involved in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Kickoff Question: Do you think someone can know the purpose of their life? What do you think your purpose in life is?

Context: You can know God's purpose for your life! After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to his disciples and gave them one final command. Knowing these were Jesus' last commands, how much importance do you think they had for his followers?

Read Matthew 18:18-20 out loud.

1. What does Christ command us to do in v. 19?
2. Draw "D" in the top middle of the page and circle it. Q: "What do you think it means to be a disciple?" A: Give the definition of disciple: someone firmly established in the word, prayer, fellowship, and evangelism. Draw the wheel and give a quick definition of each. Help them understand that a disciple is not only knowledgeable about these areas, but is established in them as well. It's not merely knowledge but also about commitment to follow Christ.
3. Next, explain that before someone can become a disciple, they first have to decide to follow Christ. "We'll call them a new Christian." Draw "NC" and circle it to the left of "D." (NC---D).

Q: What are some of the differences between a new Christian and a disciple in the Word, prayer, fellowship, and evangelism? Help them to understand that it is a progression of growth.
4. Ask them to place themselves on the growth line now that New Christian and Disciple are defined. Where do you think you are at right now?
5. Q: Let's look back at the verse. It doesn't just tell us to be disciples, it says to what? A: Make disciples. Someone who is able to make a disciple is a disciple maker. Draw DM on the right side of D so it looks like this: NC-----D-----DM.
6. Q: What do you think the difference is between a disciple and a disciple maker? Explain that a disciple maker is not only firmly established in the same 4 areas that a disciple is, but he also has the skills and training to help a new Christian become established as a disciple, and is also able to equip them into a disciple maker. (Use the NC-----D-----DM line to illustrate.)
7. Illustrate the multiplication principle. Q: Why do you think Jesus said to make disciples and not just make new Christians? Compare multiplication to addition by drawing a T-chart. On the top left of the chart, write "addition", and on the top right, write "multiplication".

"Let's play out 2 scenarios. In scenario 1, your friend buys a megaphone and starts preaching on campus every day. At the end of 1 year, they led 1,000 people to Christ. Amazing! In scenario 2, you lead one person to faith that year. So at the end of year 1, your megaphone preacher friend has led 1,000 people to Christ, and you have led one to Christ.

Let's do it again for another year. Your friend goes back and preaches on campus and leads another 1,000 people to Christ in year 2. So there are 2,000 people your friend has led to Christ in 2 years. You, on the other hand, lead one person to Christ in year 2, but the person you led to Christ in year 1 also leads someone to Christ. So for you, at the end of year 2, there are 4 people (you, the person from year 1 who

came to Christ, the person you led in year 2 to Christ, and the person from year 1 who led someone to Christ in year 2.

One last year: your friend leads another 1,000 people to Christ for a total of 3,000 people to Christ in 3 years. You and the other 3 (4 total) each lead someone to Christ, bringing the total number of people led to Christ to 8 in 3 years.

If we play this out for 33 years, how many people would this impact? Your friend doing 1,000 a year to Christ would be 33,000 total people led to Christ. Unreal! But what about you? How many people would this become? (Let them guess and build the tension). After 33 years, it would be the entire world! 8.59 billion people! $2^{33} = 8.589$ billion. Spiritual multiplication was Christ's method. He left behind 11 disciple makers after 3 years of training them.

8. Jesus was on to something when he commanded us to make disciples. To be a disciple maker is God's purpose for your life. (Help them understand that you are not talking about being in full-time ministry, but that making disciples is their life purpose regardless of vocation.)
9. Refer to the NC-----D-----DM line. Q: You said you were somewhere between NC and D. What do you think God wants you to become? Is that something you want? What price do you think you will have to pay in order to become a disciple maker? Share what it has cost you this far. (Ex. Time, change of priorities, and schedule, etc.)
10. Before a person can become a disciple maker, he must first become a disciple. If this is what you really want to do, I'd love to help you first become a disciple. To do that, we should keep meeting, and I would love to help you.