



THE POWER OF MAKING DISCIPLES

**THE ESSENTIAL TOOL FOR MAKING DISCIPLES
THE GOSPEL...**



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WEEK 4

Acts 17:1-34

This last Sunday we learned about the essential tool for making disciples, which is the gospel! The gospel **exposes the reality of this world, to provoke the responsibility I have** (receive all people without enabling, reject all sin without condemning, by proclaiming Jesus without fear), **knowing the results God ensures** (recognize the resistance from those still lost, rejoice in the rescue of those now found). The power of making disciples is fueled by the Gospel of Christ. For believers, we still need the gospel for our own sanctification, and to be armed with it so that we can share it with others. How does the gospel impact you daily in your walk with Christ? How does it spur you on to make disciples?

Last week we started our endeavor to equip harvest small group members to go after the part of the 10-year vision of **intentionally discipling someone for six to twelve months**. We firmly believe this will result in **lasting change** in your heart and life spiritually! What kind of **eternal impact** will this have in our church and community if we all commit to this? Take the time to review the section called Eternal Impact in the 10-year vision: <http://www.harvestrochester.org/10yearvision>

Last week we discussed the importance of being devoted to “the why.” Without knowing and being passionate about “the why,” we can become easily distracted or discouraged when discipling someone. Our next focal point is discerning who we should disciple.

Discerning the Who: The thought of discipling someone could be super overwhelming! You may be thinking you don’t even know how to make disciples or if you are even ready to do so. We will be equipping you over the next few weeks with the what and the how. But let’s start praying and thinking about the who. The goal of this time is NOT to know who the one is or even commit or invite someone to discipleship. The goal is only to get you thinking and praying over a list of potential people. Keep an open heart and mind to making disciples for His glory! Take a moment to think about and thank God for those in your life who took the time to disciple you. Why was this so impactful on your life? Share with the group.

Go through the following steps to discerning “the who.”

Step 1 – Brainstorm a list of potential people to disciple: List up to 3 to 5 people that you could pray over and discern who God may call you to disciple. This list should include people already in your life of **influence**, so you do not need to start a new relationship or chase after someone. No one has time for that! Also, your heart’s desire should simply be to go deeper, being more **intentional**, with one of these relationships you already have started, such as someone... in your small group, you work with (meet over lunch), you serve with on Sundays, you work out with, etc.

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

Step 2 – Refine the list of potential people to disciple:

Which of the above people are **F.A.T.**? (circle in step 1 which people are all 3)

- F – Faithful**, do they follow through on things? Have they shown faithfulness to God and their own spiritual health already by regularly attending church, shown consistency with the spiritual disciplines, and in attending a small group?
- A – Available**, do they have time to meet? If you initiate getting together and they’re always too busy with other meetings it’s going to be tough to disciple them. Do they have godly proprieties in their life, or are other things stealing their time and attention?
- T – Teachable**, you can know if someone is teachable by how they respond to things you try to impart to them. If you get a response like, “Oh, yeah, I’ve heard that before,” “I know that,” or “I was taught that before,” that person may not be teachable at this time in their life. One of the biggest frustrations about discipleship is when you try to work with someone who thinks they’ve got it all figured out.

Step 3 – Pray over who is left on the list over the next few weeks: Lean into the Spirit to discern who you should invest in spiritually.

Step 4 – Invite others in to help discern the who: Ask others over the next few weeks, such as small group leaders and members, and other godly friends and family for wisdom.