



MAKE DISCIPLES



Skill

Make Disciples is investing abundant love, time, and resources into modeling for new followers of Jesus how to abide in Him and obey all of His commands.

Design

Make Disciples (plant/tree) > A plant growing into a mature tree is a wonderful picture that illustrates the spiritual growth process of a new disciple being nurtured from spiritual infancy into a strong, healthy leader. The **sketch** is also a new plant growing into a beautiful tree to illustrate the start and finish line of faithfully making disciples into faithful and fruitful leaders.

Story

Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

This story demonstrates Make Disciples as a kingdom skill because we clearly see Jesus training His followers with a very specific set of action steps and mission plan for reaching the world with the news of His resurrection before He ascended into Heaven. Even with all the signs and wonders that His disciples had witnessed, some still doubted. We are prepared for the two reactions of any person who encounters our Lord: some will doubt and others will follow.

Scriptures

John 8:12 > Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows Me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life."

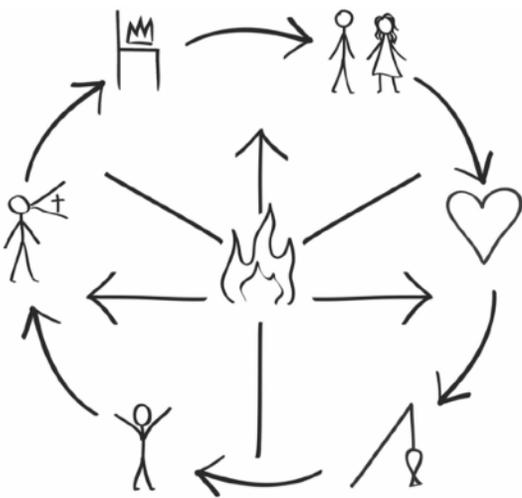
John 12:32 > As for Me, if I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to Myself.

John 12:48 > The one who rejects Me and doesn't accept My sayings has this as his judge: The word I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

Lesson Summary

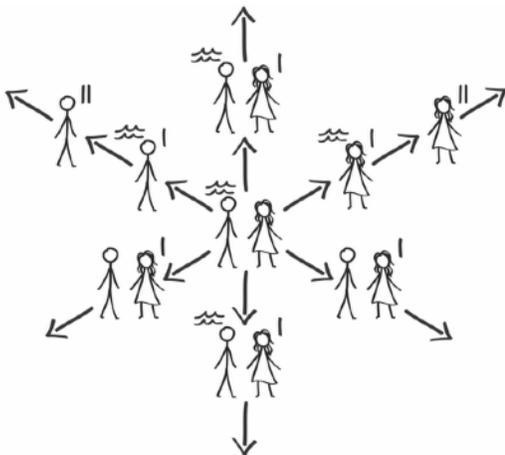
Make Disciples requires adoption and patience. Father Yahweh adopts us into His family before we receive salvation in Jesus, so we clearly see a process over time of men and women dying to self, being reborn in the Spirit, and growing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-10). Jesus Christ suffered so He could set us free, and He modeled a lifestyle of suffering as an example for us to follow (1 Peter 2:21). When we make disciples, our greatest joy is to assist our disciples into hearing clearly and depending completely upon the Holy Spirit (John 14:26).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?