

## Discipleship

### *Model - Assist - Watch - Leave*

In 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10, Paul provides the framework that Time to Revive seeks to establish for discipleship in each reviveCITY. The disciple-makers will **model** for the new disciples how to follow Christ, **assist** the disciples in their own journey of being a Christ-follower, **watch** and affirm as the disciples replicate this model, and once appropriate, **leave** the disciples so that both may continue making new disciples.



"For our Gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, in the Holy Spirit, and with much assurance (v.5a)..."

You know what kind of men we were among you for your benefit, (v. 5b)...

and you became imitators of us and of the Lord when, in spite of severe persecution, you welcomed the message with joy from the Holy Spirit (v. 6)...

As a result, you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia (v. 7)."

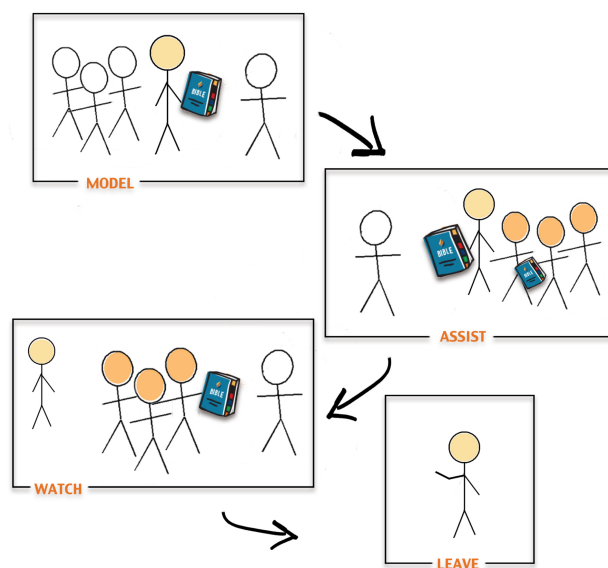
1 Thessalonians 1:5-7

1. MODEL- First the disciple-maker will **model** for the new disciple how to be a follower of Christ. This modeling happens through personal interaction as the two participate in everyday life together. This modeling will include going out to share the Gospel.

2. ASSIST- Next the disciple-maker **assists** the disciple as he or she seeks to follow Christ in his own decisions and actions. Instead of giving answers and telling the disciple what to do, the disciple-maker challenges the disciple by asking questions and guiding the disciple to personal discovery through prayer and Bible study. The disciple-maker assists the disciple in sharing the Gospel to make even more disciples.

3. WATCH- As the disciple gains strength and confidence in his walk with the Lord, the disciple-maker steps back and **watches**, allowing the disciple to fail and succeed in life's challenges and then offering feedback and affirmation. The disciple-maker watches and encourages as the disciple shares the Gospel on his own.

4. LEAVE- When appropriate, the disciple-maker **leaves** the disciple, sending him out to share the Gospel and make new disciples as he continues following Jesus.





# Disciple-Maker FAQs

Answers to the most commonly asked disciple-maker questions

## 1. When should I call my disciple?

*Right away!* The disciple-maker should seek to contact the disciple within 24 hours of accepting the assignment. We cannot delay because Jesus taught that Satan moves against the disciple immediately and can be successful "if they do not understand" what they have heard (Matthew 13:19).

## 2. What should I say when I call?

A good place to start is contacting the person who led your new disciple to the Lord to learn as much as you can about their initial contact (this contact info is found at the bottom left section of sheet). On your first call to the disciple, mention the person they initially encountered through the outreach. Your goal is to clearly explain that you'd like to encourage them in their relationship with Christ and to **set up an opportunity to get together somewhere as soon as possible to establish a friendship**. Just speak really simply and from your heart, and do not make the disciple feel like you are stalking them by making excessive calls. Use discernment. **Time to Revive recommends calling/texting the disciple 2-3 times the first week, and once a week for a few weeks after.**

## 3. What happens if the disciple doesn't answer on the first try?

Hopefully, if the contact information was properly recorded, you will have at least one phone number, an email address and a physical address. Leave a clear message of who you are and your purpose in wanting to talk to them. Give them your call back information and try again later that same day. After reaching out for a few weeks, follow the instructions above, but if you remain unsuccessful, pray and ask the Lord if it is time to look for a new disciple.

## 4. What happens if they don't want to be disciplined?

Lack of response can mean many things. They may be busy – they may be afraid – they may have family or friends who are pressuring them to stay as they were, etc. If they tell you they don't want to be disciplined, we obviously don't want to be forceful, but because eternity is in the balance, you may ask if you could just meet for coffee and get to know one another. If the answer remains "no," then I would tell them why discipleship is important and ask if it would be okay for you to call them in several weeks in case they change their mind. Satan works hard so we must work hard to resist the Enemy. You may start the process of praying for another disciple.

## 5. How often should I meet with my disciple?

That is a question the Holy Spirit will answer, but often it is beneficial to meet once a week if possible. You should maintain regular contact so they can ask questions and keep you updated on how they are doing. You also need to understand that making disciples means being available when they need you. You

should share phone numbers and email addresses and simply respond when they contact you. This relationship must be two-way not one-way.

## **6. How does the *Project 52* curriculum fit in?**

Disciple-makers will take their disciple through the *Project 52* book. Project 52 is a long-term curriculum which will take a disciple through the whole Bible in 52 weeks to give them the foundation they need. Obviously, the Holy Spirit may direct you to also use other materials, but Time To Revive wants to give you materials right away that focus solely on the Scripture. *Project 52 is not discipleship, but a tool to get you and your disciple into the Word together.*

## **7. What is a “Timothy”?**

Your pastor has delegated a “Timothy” from your congregation to encourage and help you through the process of discipling. If you sign up as a disciple-maker, Time to Revive will assign you to a Timothy, who will reach out to you on a regular basis.

## **8. What do I do if they ask me for money?**

As a standard instruction, we ask that you not give money but rather direct them to a place where their needs can be fulfilled well (ex. Church, local ministry, counseling center, etc.) If you absolutely feel led by the Spirit and have a go-ahead from wise counsel, invite them for a meal and take them somewhere they feel comfortable. Seek to love and listen by asking about how they arrived in the circumstances in which they find themselves. Pray for discernment to see the truth of what they need and be prepared to respond as God directs. Remember what your true mission is—to help them grow up in Christ and address any issues with love and listening. You should be prepared to use your time together to share (or clarify) the Gospel and begin discipleship using the lessons provided in the *Project 52* book.

## **9. What do I do if they have questions I can’t answer?**

The fact that your disciple is asking questions should encourage you that God is at work in their lives. Never dodge a question and never pretend to know the answer. Tell the disciple that you don’t know, but that it is a great question and you will get an answer, which you can discuss at your next meeting or phone call. If you need help, contact your Timothy or your Pastor, or you can feel free to contact Time to Revive to get help.



# Discipleship Framework

James & John

*Throughout the ministry of Time to Revive relationships are central to our mission, both in staff-leadership relations and in on-the-ground discipleship. As we interact with others it's essential that we follow the framework of principles we find modeled in the life of Jesus as He interacts with James and John:*

**1. Pray-** Ask the Lord for a disciple.

Mark 1:35-38

*Support- Ephesians 6:18, Matthew 6:9-10, 1 John 5:14-15*

**2. Look-** for a disciple that the Lord has prepared, and discern if they are open.

Mark 1:19

*Support- 1 Samuel 16:7, John 6:44, Psalm 143:10*

**3. Call-** Reach out to the disciple; make initial connection.

Mark 1:20a

*Support- Matthew 4:18-19, Mark 3:13-15, Luke 19:1-10*

**4. Respond-** Positive or negative, the disciple will respond to the "call" in some form.

Mark 1:20b

*Support- Luke 8:4-15, John 1:39, Luke 9:57-62*

**5. Relate-** "Do life" with the disciple; build intentional relationship.

Mark 1:29-31

*Support- 1 Thessalonians 2:8, Matthew 9:10-13, 1 Corinthians 9:20-23*

**6. Establish-** Assist them in seeking God's purpose for their life.

Mark 6:6b-13

*Support- Matthew 28:18-20, Matthew 5:13-16, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*

**7. Share-** Teach and work through hard Biblical truths together.

Mark 10:35-45

*Support- Hebrews 6:1-2, Hebrews 4:12, Matthew 5:1-6:34*

**8. Endure-** Model and assist the disciple in enduring hardships.

Mark 14:32-36; Acts 12:2

*Support- James 5:10-11, Romans 5:3-5, Acts 16:16-40*

**9. Remain-** A disciple that remains in the Lord bears fruit.

Acts 3:1-11

*Support- Acts 1:12-14, Revelation 1:9, John 15:5,16*

**10. Replicate-** While the two continue in relationship, the disciple is able to carry out the great commission by finding someone to disciple, & the disciple-maker prays for a new disciple.

Acts 4:3-4

*Support- Matthew 28:19&20, 2 Timothy 2:2, Acts 2:38-47*