

## Living New | Week 11

### Spiritual Multiplication: Reproducing as a Discipled

Ask your group members to share something that especially stood out to them, that especially encouraged them, or that they found especially helpful from the message or FONL study material this week. If your group is large, you may only have time for four or five responses.

Tell a story about how someone invested in your own life—about someone who has discipled you in some way. Share something specific about a deep change that has taken place in your life because you were discipled. Point out that everyone in the room has the opportunity to have the same kind of influence for someone else. Open in prayer.

Print out the list of eight ways Jesus describes a maturing disciple (found in Week 11, Day 1). Have copies for everyone. Have members of the group read the appropriate Scripture. Ask the members to give themselves a grade for each area (A-E). Give them time to complete the exercise. Ask each person what his or her strengths are. Ask them about growth opportunities for themselves. Ask them to think about (but not say out loud) someone they know who needs to grow in some of these areas.

Draw six ovals on a large Post-it with the largest at the top. Decrease their size proportionately until you reach the smallest at the bottom. Write the numbers 5,000, 500, 120, 72, 12, and 3 in the ovals from top to bottom. Talk through the “golf club” analogy found in Week 11, Day 3. Point out that Jesus focused on three—Peter, James, and John. Ask, “What kinds of things can take place in a group of three that can’t take place in a large group?” Write the answers on a Post-it.

Read through the list of 10 things that happen in the life of a small discipleship huddle (found in Week 11, Day 3). Ask the group if they have ever seen this work effectively in a church or ministry before. Ask which of the 10 things listed is most meaningful to them. Ask if they feel this would be something they could model or duplicate.

Read 2 Timothy 2:2. Define the terms “faithful, intentional, and teachable” as they are found in Week 11, Day 5. Share why each is important. Ask, “What if a person is faithful and teachable, but not intentional?” “What if a person is teachable and intentional, but not faithful?” “What if a person is faithful and intentional, but not teachable?” Monitor the conversation. Finally, ask, “Knowing that no one is perfect or complete in any of these characteristics, why might you still choose to disciple someone lacking in one of the three?”

Lead your group to think about who comes to mind that the world might neglect or ignore but who shows signs of being F.I.T.? Write the names on a Post-it to encourage accountability.

Point your group members to *Taproot*, a 6-week study CVC developed for discipleship huddles. This study was designed for use in 2-3 person huddles that meet each week for accountability. Hard copies are available at the Info Desk or on our website: <http://www.cvconline.org/taproot/>

Close your time in prayer using 2 Timothy 2:2 as a motivation and basis of your prayer for spiritual multiplication toward deeper discipleship. Pray by name for the prospective people that your group members mentioned.