

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS



"God Moments"

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A GUIDE FOR ENGAGING IN THE LIFE OF
YOUR DISCIPLE





All along the discipling journey are key moments--or "God Moments"--where those you are discipling will have an opportunity to encounter God in unique and potentially life changing ways. These are great moments to be intentional in their life.

As a disciple-maker, our responsibility is to help discern by the help of the Holy Spirit when these moments are happening and then walk through them with our disciple. It's important to remember that what makes these moments powerful is that they happen in the context of your relationship of love and that they point your disciple to glorifying God.

These moments don't have to happen in any one order, nor are they just one-time events. Below each "moment" is a list of questions or statements to help you discern what God may be doing and how you can be intentional in the life of your disciple to help them take their next step of faith.



1. Vision

As you begin to invest in someone you must help people see their true identity and potential in the Kingdom of God.

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. 14 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."
Matt. 5:13-16 NLT

- "Here is what I see in you." (affirmation of how God has made them).
- What do you think are your greatest strengths/weaknesses?
- How would you define having a successful life?
- Spiritual gifts/personality tests.
- If you could change something about yourself, what would it be?
- Who do you really look up to and why?
- Who have been the biggest influencers in your life?
- What do you really care about in the world?
- What could you give your life for?

2. Challenge

Helping them see places for growth of faith and overcome their fears.

"22 Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home." Matt. 14:22 NLT

- "I could see God doing _____ through you.
- What do you think?"

- Is there something God keeps bringing up in His Word for you to do that you have not done?
- What have you done with what God has told you lately?
- What keeps you from taking steps of faith?
- Is there a fear that you have not been able to conquer?
- How would feel if you did not take this step of faith?
- What do those around you say about the possibility of taking this step?

3. Privilege

Inviting them in to participate in your own encounters with God. This is easy to overlook but can have a great deal of power in the life of the person you are discipling.

"Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. 2 As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. 3 Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus. 4 Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it's wonderful for us to be here! If you want, I'll make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him." 6 The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground. 7 Then Jesus came over and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." 8 And when they looked up, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus."
Matt. 17:1-8

These questions are for you to ask yourself as the discipler:

- Is there something God is teaching me that I could share with the people I am discipling?
- Is there something special or unique happening in my life that I need to invite those I am discipling to be a part of?
- How can I allow those I am discipling see deeper into my own walk with God?

4. Correction

One of the key responsibilities in disciple making is helping people, through loving correction, align their lives with right Kingdom living.

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."
Matt. 18:1-4

Questions to help you lovingly correct the one you are discipling.

- How does what you are doing fit in with what you understand it means to follow Jesus?
- How could your thinking and acting have any negative impact on people around you?
- What are you willing to do to have a real change in your heart?
- Have you asked God for forgiveness?
- Have you asked people for forgiveness?

5. Vulnerability

It is allowing those you are investing in to share in the hard moments of your life so they can see how you relate to God in those times.

"37 He took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. 38 He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Matt. 26:37-38

These questions are for you to ask yourself as the discipler.

- Is there a sin struggle in my life that I need to confess to those I am discipling?

- Is there anything emotionally difficult that I am walking through that I can ask those I am discipling to pray for and help me walk through?
- Do those I am discipling really know the struggles of my heart?

6. Empowerment

Helping your disciple impact the world.

"16 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! 18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,[a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matt. 28:16-20

- "I am proud of you and believe in you."
- "What can I (we) do to help you fulfill God's call?"
- "I will walk with you in this as far as you need me."
- "Do you have all the information you need in order to go?"

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