

# STARTING POINTS FOR SHARING FAITH AND DISCIPLING WELL

## HAVING A GOOD CONVERSATION:

**How can I listen well? Where can I see God already at work in this person?**

Who are you? (Finding out about them).

Where are you? (Finding out how they feel about faith)

Why don't you? (Working out the next helpful step on their journey)

## HELPING SOMEONE START THE JOURNEY

**What is the good news for them?**

What does surrender to God look like for this person?

In what ways might they need to change their thinking about life?

In what ways do they need to trust God?

How might they put that into words?

What might we ask the Holy Spirit to do?

## SOME GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR DISCIPLING WELL:

**We grow through information, AND seeing living examples AND being able to put things into practice.**

Am I modelling as well as explaining?

Am I supporting them in putting into practice what God is showing them?

What can I share of my own experience/struggles which might help?

How can I pray with and for this person?

## BUILDING CONFIDENCE

**Can they be baptised or confirmed?**

How can I help them understand the two main themes of being a disciple: their identity (as God's covenant partner) and their purpose/calling (where they can seek His kingdom)?

How can I help them understand the big story of God's mission? .

# EVERYDAY DISCIPLESHIP

## How can I help them understand everyday discipleship?

How can I start to help this person start to pay attention to where God is at work in their lives and respond? How can I share/model this?

Which practices will help them start “being with God”? Worship, prayer, study, contemplating Scripture, resting, being still? How can I share/model them?

How can I help their mind be renewed through Scripture? What method of Bible reading might help? DBS?

You might like to focus on Discovery Bible Study Questions and to go through the passages below.

How can I help them see their daily work as discipleship?

## GROWING LIKE CHRIST

### How can I help them understand how God can grow Christ’s character in us?

How can I help them grow in a spiritually healthy life by sharing and modelling the balance between relationship with God (up), with church family (in) and with serving others (out)? Which needs emphasising the most?

Is going to church helpful at this stage or am I/we their church in this season?  
How can I help them experience Christian community?

How can I help this person live into their giftings?

## SUGGESTED DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY PASSAGES

Worth giving up everything for Matthew 13:44-46

What really matters to God Matthew 23:1-15, 25-28

Loving people like Christ Luke 10:25-37

The Kingdom is a reality Mark 2:1-12

The main thing Matthew 6:25-33

Not all who hear are fruitful Matthew 13:1-23

A religious leader learns from Jesus John 3:1-21

Show mercy and forgive others Matthew 18:21-35

Leadership in God's Kingdom Matthew 20:20-28

Doing life in the Kingdom with others Colossians 3:1-17

The Holy Spirit empowers Ephesians 3:14-20; Luke 10:1-12

True faith and false faith Matthew 7:13-28; Matthew 21:28-32



**People don't need a perfect example, they just need a real one.**