

OUTLINE FOR LEADING OR USING 'MAKING DISCIPLES AND SHARING FAITH' AS TWO UNITS

These notes are designed to be used alongside the Facilitator's notes. They will give you the content focus in a full or simplified form and an outline for running 'Making disciples and sharing faith' in two parts.

The facilitator notes and worship powerpoints give you instructions on anything you will need beforehand, preparation checklist and prayers for leaders, the outcomes of the two units, possible opening and reflection discussion questions, signposting suggestions to extra materials, closing prayer suggestions, and review questions for leaders.

One way of dividing the session this may be to use the content of the first unit in a Sunday service, and the second in a group.

However you do it, making sure you include feedback to one another, modelling and the opportunity to respond remains central to the approach of the course.

UNIT FIVE: MAKING DISCIPLES AND SHARING FAITH

Begin with worship (you can use the suggested activity and powerpoint).

FEEDBACK AND OPENING QUESTION

In their pairs from the end of the last session, ask people to feedback to each other how their experience of their response action(s) from last week has been - the emphasis is on mutual encouragement in accountability, not guilt!

Then in pairs ask people to discuss an opening question for 3 minutes. You can use the suggestion in the facilitator's notes or devise your own.

CORE TEACHING CONTENT

Use the powerpoint to present, or read/discuss these questions in the booklet:

- Why is discipling others and sharing faith challenging?
- How is discipling others joining in with the Spirit?
- Humanly-speaking, what kind of relationships help people come to faith?
- How do we practise hospitality?
- What is evangelism?
- Is every disciple an evangelist?
- How do I grow in wanting to share faith?

OR

You can cover this material in a simplified way using the "Reasons and Attitude for Mission" bookmark, and then the two page handout on "Sharing Faith Naturally".



MODELLING/REFLECTION

You can show part of the video, covering the question: How do you share faith with people who are not yet Christians?

Discuss this question together, offering your own experience as much as possible.

PERSONAL RESPONSE AND ACTION FOR COMING WEEK.

Give each person time to reflect privately on the questions: "What is God saying to me and what is my response?" Any actions they take will be self-generated. But the following week they will be encouraged at the beginning to report back to one other person.

Explain that there is no requirement for a response, it is not a test, but an opportunity. We have set aside this time in the expectation that God will draw close to us. Ask people to share their responses in pairs. If they wish to help one another by writing down any actions and praying for each other then encourage them to do so. There is no group feedback, but as facilitator you can share what you feel able in order to model gentle accountability and trust.

SIGNPOSTING, CLOSING PRAYER AND REVIEW.

See facilitator's notes.

UNIT SIX: GETTING PRACTICAL ABOUT DISCIPLING OTHERS

Begin with worship (you can use the suggested activity and powerpoint).

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CORE TEACHING CONTENT

Use the powerpoint to present, or read/discuss these questions in the booklet:

How did Jesus show His disciples how to share faith and what can I learn from that?

Why is sharing my story so helpful?

How do I help if someone wants to become a Christian?

Why does baptism matter?

How do I make disciples?

How do we share faith naturally with people of other faiths?

OR

You can cover this material in a simplified way using the 'Baptism', 'Discipling Well' and/or 'Sharing my story' bookmarks.



MODELLING/REFLECTION

You can show part of the video, covering the question: How do you encourage others in their discipleship?

Discuss this question together, offering your own experience as much as possible.

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

Luke 15: 1-10 (Available on separate Worship Aims Bible passage powerpoint)

See the facilitator's notes and instruction sheet for how to do DBS.

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