

# WAY OF DISCIPLESHIP JOINING IN WITH THE SPIRIT

## SESSION 3: MAKING DISCIPLES FACILITATOR'S NOTES

### CHECKLIST

- Have I got a good sense of the signposted resources? Which would be good to highlight with my group?
- Have I got the technology set up, and does it work(!)?
- Is there a visual focus I want to offer for worship this or next week – image, candle, video?
- Who is doing tea/coffee?
- Are there any notices I need to share?
- Is there anyone in my group who has pastoral needs we should be aware of at the moment?

### WITH YOUR CO-FACILITATOR

- Are we using our different gifts well tonight?
- If we are running out of time, what shall we miss out or postpone?
- Who is doing what in the session? Clarity about who is leading which section really helps!
- Are we confident using DBS?
- Who among the participants can we encourage to use their gifts in leading, praying, or facilitating tonight or next week? How much preparation will they need?
- What and who do we particularly want to pray for at the moment?
- How are we offering a good variety in our worship and prayer styles?

### REVIEW THE OUTCOMES FOR THIS SESSION

- To grow in my desire to share my faith.
- To understand the practice of hospitality.
- To understand what evangelism is and the difference between evangelism and witness.
- To know my story of the good news and share my faith story naturally and sensitively.
- To have confidence in knowing how to help someone become a Christian and disciple others.
- To understand the significance of baptism.
- To grow in understanding of how to relate to people of other faiths in my lived experience.
- To understand the work of the Holy Spirit in faith sharing and prevenient grace.



## FOR THIS SESSION YOU WILL NEED

- TV / Laptop / Wifi
- Ppt for session 3
- The reasons for mission, sharing your story and starting points for discipling others bookmarks. You may like to offer your one or two minute story to the group in the reflection time.
- Any prayer materials or visual focus. DBS guide.
- There is one short video in this session – check it is working.

## 6.30 PM PREPARING MYSELF

You might like to reflect on Romans 10: 14-15 remembering that this session is an opportunity for you to witness.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Take a moment to pray for each person in your group.

Commit yourself to the Lord this evening. You may reflect on these words:

God of grace and life,  
in your love you have given us  
a place among your people;  
keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and prepare us for that glorious day  
when the whole creation will be made perfect  
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## 7 PM OPENING WORSHIP

Feel free to use the suggested activity, which aims to draw on different styles, or approaches, or to do something which reflects your own context or tradition if that is more helpful. (Available on separate Worship Aims Bible passage powerpoint)

Father, we give you thanks for the people who helped us to meet you.  
We give thanks for: (name of the person or people).  
Thank you for sending these people to us.  
We ask for your blessing on all that they have done in your name.  
Help us to bless others in the same way. Amen.



## 7.10 PM INTRODUCTION - AIMS FOR THE EVENING

(You may want to miss this out if your group is less formal, or you are using the material one to one). (Available on separate Worship Aims Bible passage powerpoint)

The aims for this session are:

To grow in my desire to share my faith.

To understand the practice of hospitality.

To understand what evangelism is and the difference between evangelism and witness.

To know my story of the good news and share my faith story naturally and sensitively.

To have confidence in knowing how to help someone become a Christian and disciple others.

To understand the significance of baptism.

To grow in understanding of how to relate to people of other faiths in my lived experience.

To understand the work of the Holy Spirit in faith sharing and prevenient grace.

## 7.15 PM 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 look at the "Reasons for Mission and Faith Sharing" bookmark and discuss for 5 minutes which one most motivates them and why.

## 7.25 PM CORE TEACHING CONTENT

*The core content is designed to be as user-friendly, and as flexible/context-friendly, as possible. You can use the script and powerpoint provided, using your own material or approaches to reflect your context and teaching style. Because truth in the Scripture is often perceived through metaphor and story, the content will include at least one story example (although other "stories" are found in the Modelling section), and at least one visual example.*

*The whole of the content is produced in a booklet for each session - and there is much more content in the booklet than in the powerpoint, so you may want to encourage people to read it before or after. **It is a good idea to have a break halfway through.***

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?

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?

Following the content, you may like to give people a few minutes to think of any questions or reflections on the material, then facilitate a discussion based on any points raised for 5-10 minutes. They will have reflection time in smaller groups after the video, but this gives an opportunity for initial whole-group discussion. As facilitator you are not expected to have all the answers, but can help the group explore together.

## **OPTIONS FOR SIMPLIFYING OR SHORTENING CONTENT**

Instead of the Powerpoint, you could use the "Reasons and Attitude for Mission" bookmark, and then the two page handout on Sharing Faith Naturally.

### **8.20 PM MODELLING/REFLECTION**

Video and own experience. Show the video and, if time share from your own experience, remembering that real struggles can be as helpful as victories!

In pairs look at the Sharing my Story bookmark. Using some of the questions, explore how you might share your story in under two minutes.

Model a response as facilitator(s) by offering your story when people are back together.

### **8.40 PM DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY**

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

See the instruction sheet for how to do DBS. After you have read the passage and retold, use whatever method will enable most people to participate – talking in pairs, splitting questions up between different pairs, splitting into smaller groups with group members asking the five questions (this will disciple people through putting leading DBS into practice).

N.B. Encourage giving enough focus on the personal response questions in 3 and 4. As your group grows in trust, hopefully people will become more confident in sharing their responses together – as facilitator(s) taking the lead in this models your own discipleship and helps create openness in others.

## **9 PM PERSONAL RESPONSE AND ACTION FOR COMING WEEK.**

Having learnt content, seen it modelled, reflected and heard each other, and listened to God in Scripture, each disciple will end with 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.



Ask people to reflect on this in pairs – they will never have to report back to the whole group. 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.

## 9.10 PM SIGNPOSTING

Look at the suggested follow on materials described in terms of quality and length. You may like to highlight one or two, depending on the make up of your group. See handout “Extra Reading or Listening Suggestions” as follow up material for this week, and point people towards the Session booklets for this session.

Before the next session it would be really helpful if people could watch Watch the three minute video – whole church, whole gospel. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z\\_4u8TRorUw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_4u8TRorUw)

## 9.15 PM CLOSING PRAYER

*Use the suggested prayer or pray in whatever way is helpful.*  
(Available on separate Worship Aims Bible passage powerpoint)

Taken from the Commissioning part of the baptism service:

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.  
Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,  
loving your neighbour as yourself?

**With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith,  
that we may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**Amen.**

**God of grace and life,  
in your love you have given us  
a place among your people;  
keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and prepare us for that glorious day  
when the whole creation will be made perfect  
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**



## REVIEW AFTER GROUP HAS LEFT

What went well?

Where did I sense God's presence?

What can I do better?

Was anyone absent that I need to follow up on?

Looking ahead to next month, what might I (or the co-facilitator) share from our lived experience in the "Modelling" section?

