

Chapter 1 – What is a Disciple?

1. **Teach what you learn** – Multiply is not meant to just be read, but to be taught. There are plenty of other Bible studies you can do if you want to absorb more information. The emphasis of *Multiply* is to get you in the habit of passing on the knowledge you gain.
2. **Share life, not just information** – The *Multiply* process is meant to be highly relational. True discipleship involves deep relationships. Jesus didn't simply lead a weekly Bible study; he lived life with his disciples and taught them through actions as well as His words.

Coaching Conversations:

Listening for recurring themes during your discussion may give you insight as you lead others. As you begin leading, listen for a consistent theme (or themes) as group members respond to the questions in the chapter. For instance, you might hear a word come up several times in your discussion about disciple making (i.e. scary, nervous, incapable etc.). Chances are, this is an area where the Holy Spirit is revealing how the content is impacting those in your group. Towards the end of your group time, identify the word or idea that is coming up repeatedly; acknowledge it; name it; validate this common theme; maybe laugh about it (if appropriate), and ask group members if they would like to tell you more. This intentional leadership practice will encourage deeper relationships.

Starting the Conversation:

Consider beginning the group by having each member share where they are in their personal faith journey. OR come up with your own icebreaker for this first week. Have fun with this and remember to listen!

Additional Questions Related to Lon's Message:

1. Based on Jesus' words in John 3, what does it mean to have new birth?
2. What are some ways that we tend to rely on human effort rather than Christ for salvation?
3. If repentance means "turning away" from my old way of living, what activities or actions in my own life have I not fully turned away from?

Continuing the Conversation (optional):

- **The Gospel:** Can each member of your group clearly articulate the Gospel? Consider asking a few people to practice sharing the Gospel during your group. You can also go over the Scriptures that create the "Roman's Road" (*Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9, 8:1*) as a guide. Consider memorizing these verses as a means to sharing the Gospel.
- **Additional Related Passages:** *Matthew 13:52, 16:24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 3:18-19, 10:39-43, 13:38-39*
- **Memory Verse:** *Ephesians 2:8-9*
- **How did it go?** Share some experiences from your group on our blog at the website below OR tweet about it using hash-tag #gomultiply