

Vision for Growth/The Vision

What is God's desire in the following passages?

a. 1 Timothy 2:3-4:

b. Matthew 28:18-20:

How to share the Vision

1. What's your purpose in life? What does the Lord want you to do with your life?
2. I base my life purpose on the Lord's final commandment. (Let them read Matt 28:18-20).
3. What does Christ command us to do in v. 19?
4. What's your definition of a disciple? (Draw – D)
5. What's the difference between a convert (new Christian) and a disciple? (Draw C-----D. Help them to understand that it is a progression of growth.)
6. Give the definition of disciple: One firmly established in the word, prayer, fellowship, and witnessing. Share the wheel illustration. Write these under the growth line and give examples Help them understand that a disciple is not only knowledgeable about these areas, but is established in them as well. It's not merely knowledge but also about commitment to follow Christ (Luke 9:57-62).
7. Ask them to place themselves on the growth line now that C & D are defined.
8. Why does Christ want us to make disciples and not just converts? Ask question #3 and "What price will you pay to be a disciple?"
9. Someone who is able to make a disciple is a disciple maker. Draw C-----D-----DM.
10. What do you think the difference is between a disciple and a disciple maker? Explain that a disciple maker is not only firmly established in the same 4 areas that a disciple is, but he also has the skills and training to help a convert become established as a disciple and then disciple maker. (Use the growth line to illustrate.)
11. Show the multiplication principle. Compare to addition and explain that this was Christ's method, and that He left behind 11 disciple makers after 3 years of training them. (32 years of multiplication) vs. (50 years of every day).
12. To be an ongoing disciple maker is my life purpose. (Help them understand that you are not talking about being in full-time ministry, but that making disciples is your life purpose regardless of your vocation.
13. Refer to the growth line. Where do you think God would want you to be? Is that something you want? What price do you think you will have to pay in order to become and be an ongoing disciple maker? Share what it has cost you this far. (Ex. Time, change of priorities, and schedule)
14. Before a person becomes a disciple maker, he must become a disciple. Refer to growth line. Do you think you could use some help in becoming a disciple? If this is what you really want to do, I'd be happy to let you know about different opportunities that can help you grow toward it. Things like small groups, getting together for some training, retreats and things like that. Do you want me to let you know about some of those opportunities?