

Inside the Text:

I. Partner with another believer. (Luke 10:1)

- A. To receive encouragement. ("...2 are better than one")
- B. To offer accountability. ("...iron sharpens iron"; "a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver")
- C. To provide credibility. ("...in the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses")

II. See the world through the eyes of Jesus. (Luke 10:2; Matt 9:37-38)

- A. **Admit the problem.** (The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.)
- B. **Care about the problem.** – Matthew 10 (Jesus commissions the 12)... before the commission, Jesus reminds the 12 disciples of this same principle approximately 2 months before commissioning the 70)
- C. **Be part of the solution.**
 - 1. **PRAY** – Beg THE LORD OF THE HARVEST (Jesus WHO IS BOTH THE JUDGE AND THE SOLUTION) to send out more laborers.
 - 2. **GO** – Personally participate in fulfilling the Great Commission. (NOTE THE URGENCY BEHIND HIS COMMAND!)

III. Adjust your perspective on missions. (Luke 10:3-12)

- A. Missions is challenging.
 - 1. Missionaries require divine protection. (3)
 - 2. Missionaries demands physical provision. (4)
 - 3. Missionaries involves personal rejection. (10-12)
- B. Missions is rewarding.
 - 1. God is at work in the hearts of people before you arrive on the scene. (5-6) "**PERSON OF PEACE**"
 - 2. God will provide all of your needs according to His riches and glory in Christ Jesus. (7-9)
 - a. Your need for shelter. (7)
 - b. Your need for food. (8)
 - c. Your need for connections in the community. (9; Matthew 10:5-15)

Apply the Text:

- **Seek out a ministry partner.**
 - Start with those closest to you (spouse, family member, church member, friend...)
 - Ask the person if he is interested and available to partner with you.
 - Meet once a week for prayer and discussion of strategy.
- **Pray daily for more laborers for the harvest.**
 - Investigate the number of unreached people groups in the world.
 - Participate in a prayer walk around your neighborhood.
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*Extra Helps from *Contagious Disciple Making* by David L. Watson & Paul Watson (pages 152-154):

Discovery Group Agenda:

- 1- What are you thankful for this week? (Prayer/worship)
- 2- What has stressed you out this week? What do you need for things to be better? (Intercession)
- 3- What are the needs of people in our community? (Ministry)
- 4- How can we help each other with the needs we expressed? (Ministry)
{if first study...skip to #9}
- 5- What did we talk about last week? (Accountability)
- 6- Did you change anything in your life as a result of last week's story?
(Accountability/Obedience)
- 7- Did you get a chance to share the story with [the person identified]? (Accountability/Worship)
- 8- We identified several needs last week and planned to meet this needs. How did it go?
(Accountability/Worship)
- 9- Let's see what the Bible teaches us this week. Read this week's passage. (Scripture)

10- Ask for someone to retell the passage in his own words, as though he were telling a friend who wasn't there. (Accountability/Evangelism)

11- Do you agree with the retelling? Is there something he added or left out that he shouldn't have?" Reread if the group is missing the MAIN COMPONENTS of the passage. If something was added ask: Where did you find that in this passage? Reread if necessary. (Priesthood of Believers/Group Correction)

12- What does this passage teach us about God? (Discovery/Scripture/Priesthood of Believers)

13- What does this passage teach us about humanity? (Discovery/Scripture/Priesthood of Believers)

14- If we believe this passage is from God, how must we change?
(Discovery/Scripture/Obedience/Priesthood of Believers)

15- Who are you going to share this passage with before we meet again? (Evangelism/Replication)

16- When do you want to meet again?

Suggested Passages: (Using the Creation – Fall – Redemption Narrative... [page 235])

- Genesis 1:1-25 – The Creation Story: God Created the World
- Genesis 2:4-24 – The Creation Story: The Creation of Man
- Genesis 3:1-13 – The Fall: The First Sin and Judgment
- Genesis 3:14-24 – The Fall: Judgment of a Sinful World
- Genesis 6:1-9:17 – The Fall: The Flood
- Genesis 12:1-8; 15:1-6 – Redemption: God's Promise to Abraham
- Genesis 22:1-19 – Redemption: Abraham offers Isaac as a Sacrifice
- Exodus 12:1-28 – Redemption: The Promise of Passover
- Exodus 20:1-21 – Redemption: The Ten Commandments
- Leviticus 4:1-35 – Redemption: The Sacrificial System
- Isaiah 53 – Redemption: Isaiah Foreshadows the Coming Promise
- Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20 – Redemption: The Birth of Jesus
- Matthew 3; John 1:29-34 – Redemption: Jesus is Baptized
- Matthew 4:1-11 – Redemption: The Temptation of Christ

- John 3:1-21 – Redemption: Jesus and Nicodemus
- John 4:1-26, 39-42 – Redemption: Jesus and the Woman at the Well
- Luke 5:17-26 – Redemption: Jesus Forgives and Heals
- Mark 4:35-41 – Redemption: Jesus Calms the Storm
- Mark 5:1-20 – Redemption: Jesus Casts Out Evil Spirits
- John 11:1-44 – Redemption: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead
- Matthew 26:26-30 – Redemption: The First Lord's Supper
- John 18:1-19:16 – Redemption: Jesus Is Betrayed and Condemned
- Luke 23:32-56 – Redemption: Jesus Is Crucified
- Luke 24:1-35 – Redemption: Jesus Conquers Death
- Luke 24:36-53 – Redemption: Jesus Appears and Ascends
- John 3:1-21 – Redemption: We Have a Choice