

Building a team

Jesus didn't do mission on his own, he began his ministry by gathering others around him. He built a team that worked together to fulfil God's vision and mission.

Building a team can take time – all members of the team need to catch the vision of catalysing a movement of disciples that make disciples. A good way to start is to study the Bible together and explore the way Jesus made disciples and established His team.

Gather potential team members together regularly around food; study the scriptures and pray together. Do a Discovery Bible Study and explore the way Jesus made his disciples and built his team.

Spend time praying together for the harvest, those people that don't know Jesus yet. Ask God to raise up workers and to be leading you with strategy and purpose to reach out to those around you.

And as the group grows together, continue to pray for each of the potential team members:

- Pray that God will give them a vision for a disciple-making movement to take hold.
- Help them to process what they are learning – listen to them, encourage them, pray with them and direct their questions back to scripture.

And always be on the look out for more people that God is preparing. He will be raising up more workers to join you in the mission, as well as people of peace who will act as the doorway - opening their community to the gospel.

Here are some passages you could explore as a team.

Discovery Bible Study 1

Passage: Mark 1:1-39

Discovery questions:

- From this chapter, what can we learn about how Jesus started his movement?
- What does this tell us about how Jesus built his team?
- What can we learn about discipleship from this story?

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Discovery Bible Study 2

Passage: John 1:35-51

Discovery questions:

- Reflect on each of the disciples mentioned in this passage. What do you notice about their relationships and how they were called into discipleship?
- How did Jesus use relational networks to call people to him and his work?
- Discuss what this passage shows us about people's response to the Messiah.

Discovery Bible Study 3

Passage: Luke 9:1-6

Discovery questions:

- In Jesus' instructions, identify the ministry strategies that he gave his disciples.
- How might we apply these instructions for ministry in our context today?

Passage: Luke 10:1-24

Discovery questions:

- Jesus sends out the 12 and then the 72. What are the similarities and the differences in the way he sends out these two groups of people?
- This passage shows us that some people will welcome your message and others will not:
 - Why do you think the disciples needed these specific instructions?
 - How might this be relevant to our disciple-making work?

Discovery Bible Study 4

Passage: Matthew 28:16-20

Discovery questions:

- What does this story tell us about disciples?
- What does this tell us about Jesus?
- What are the commands that Jesus gives?
- In response to this story, what should we do?



Want to go deeper?

- Contact Praxeis (connect@praxeis.org) to learn more or find a coach to help you build a team.
- Download and read our practical guide to '[Starting a Discovery Group](#)'.
- Create a **Mind Map** with your team of the people, relationships and networks in your life.

