



Business Leadership Group Discussion & Application Guide

Charles Hooper, Igniting Life on Life Discipleship in Your Company–Session 1 of 3

So we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but *our lives* as well. 1 Thess 2:8

Charles uses a very specific term *life-on-life missional discipleship*. What does that term mean to you? [Consider verses above & below to discuss with your group]

Charles points to the fact that Jesus loved the world, helped many; but disciplined a few. Jesus was certainly the ultimate disciple maker. Why do you think that the Church, as a whole, is so very focused on ministering to large groups? [share with your group and compare notes]

Charles summarized Jesus’ ministry into two words *with and send*. How does his summary compare to your FCCI group? [assuming that you’ve been meeting for a while]

Select an idea or concept from today’s talk that would make the most impact or warrants immediate attention and answer the following questions:

1. Should I apply this concept or practice to my business or personal life?
2. Can I commit to a schedule to implement this application? [explain and discuss with the group, if necessary]

Comment:



Development Objectives:

Life, Leadership, Excellence, Kingdom

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Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit *and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.* Mt 28:18-19a NIV

Charles believes that discipleship should not be just a program or a good idea; but something we passionately pursue because Christ commanded it. When you read the verses above, how much time do you think you would have to invest in someone else if you taught all of Jesus teachings to them? [Share]

Think big, start small, go deep is an approach that Charles promotes, based on Jesus’ model and commands. He is committed to a full day of Kingdom prayer to pave the way for discipleship. Big vision, small beginnings and depth of commitment certainly characterize Jesus’ ministry. Can you think of times when Jesus paved the way to key events with hours of prayer? <<hint: think of Jesus time in the wilderness and his prayer in Gethsemane as proverbial bookends, then collectively fill in the blanks>> [discuss & compare notes]

Charles encouraged us to dream of what it would look like if our cities were known as places where a growing number of people were passionate about spending time with God, fellowshiping with other believers and growing in their walks with Christ. Read Acts 17:6 out loud [ESV appears below] and dream with your group what your city would look like, if it had a passionate population of Christ followers. How could you work together to make that happen?

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And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, Acts 17:6 ESV

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Charles kicks off this session with a challenge to develop a plan for discipling others. While scripture doesn't command us to plan, many scriptures say that God expects us to plan <<see verses below>> Would you be more successful in discipling if you made a plan?—if your group made a plan? [Before answering, review all of the verses listed]

Does your church offer any processes for discipling followers of Christ? If yes, describe; if no, would you help launch a process? [discuss with your group]

The Great Commission challenges the church [us] to ***Go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey all of Christ's teachings***. Many churches have some focus on marriage, family, finances; but very few provide discipleship in Christ's teaching on the marketplace. Consider how your FCCI group is part of the Great Commission—and how it might serve its fulfillment? [write down some thoughts and discuss]

Please ***prayerfully plan additions to your group or even multiplying groups***, not just to grow FCCI; but specifically to ***go, making disciples***. [also review the InfoGraphic on the next page, in light of your group]

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May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. Psalm 20:4 NIV
Pr 15:22, 16:3, 16:9, 19:21; Jer 29:11; Ps 143:8

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10 FACTS I WISH EVERYONE KNEW ABOUT THE GREAT COMMISSION

We hear the Great Commission from the gospel of Matthew week in and week out in church, and for most, the main takeaway is to "Go." But this conversation between Jesus and his apostles is jam-packed with other interesting (and important) things for us to know.

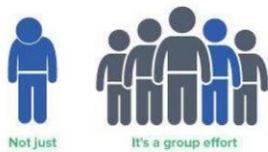
1

It's never called the Great Commission in the Bible



2

It's given to a group, not an individual



Plural Command

7

It's the first time the Bible lists all three members of the Trinity



8

Baptism was the mark of becoming a disciple



Acts 2:38; 8:12; 10:47-48; Gal 3:27

3

It's a call to "make disciples," not to "go"



Make is focus; go is assumed

4

Disciples aren't just followers



Growing with God together

9

It's not just about conversion



Teaching All takes T-I-M-E

10

We don't do this alone



Paired & Grouped with Christ

5

Mark has another take on Jesus' final command



Mk 16:15-16

6

The Great Commission flows from Jesus' authority



Mt 11:27; 28:18