

Discipleship and The Core Group

Discipleship is the personal and corporate communion with God through the Word, prayer and worship in order to produce a fruit-filled community of believers who fulfill the Lord's commission through the Spirit-empowered release and incorporation of others.

Circle the number which corresponds to the discipleship level of your current ministry responsibility:

Individual or Group Process	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-bottom: 5px;"> 012345678910 </div> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> I naturally tend to do things alone. I naturally tend to do things with other people. </div>
Impersonal or Personal Groups	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-bottom: 5px;"> 012345678910 </div> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> I feel more comfortable dealing with large impersonal groups. I feel more comfortable dealing with small intimate groups. </div>
Start Big or Start Small	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-bottom: 5px;"> 012345678910 </div> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> In the past I have tried to get everyone involved first. In the past I have tried to get a few involved first. </div>

After sharing the results above, go over some ideas how you might enhance the discipleship potential of some of the members of your congregation by focusing on the following quotations:

Principle	Quotation	Discussion Question
The Power of One	5T 255: The work done thoroughly for one soul is done for many.	What do you think the word “thoroughly” means in the statement in 5T 255?
The Power of “Being With”	Mark 3:14: He appointed twelve —designating them apostles —that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach . . .	What are some of elements within our society and culture that have often prevented us from “being with” people in order to train them?
The Power of a Core Group	1 Corinthians 5:6: Don’t you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough?	How have you seen a little “yeast” work for good or ill in your own life and ministry?
The Power of Clean Channels	Desire of Ages 249-250: The Lord seeks the cooperation of those who will become unobstructed channels for the communication of His grace.	How many people who are “unobstructed channels” can you readily identify within your current ministry?
The Power of Working the Yeast into the Dough	Matthew 13:33: He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.”	If you would try to form a core group, where would you begin to work the proper people into the whole dough of your ministry?