

# I Want to Be a Disciple

So you want to be a disciple. You are in for the adventure of a lifetime. In this new venture you will find the source of your strength in communion with God, His word and the confidence of two or three others of the same gender and same desire.

As I was trying to explain in my sermon last Sabbath, attending Sabbath School and church is not enough to make us disciples in the true sense of the word – fully devoted followers of Jesus. You, more than likely, have been a part of the first two stages of becoming a disciple: checking out Jesus from a distance and following Him with the crowd. Stage three is where you really hit pay dirt (big rewards). You will covenant to meet with one or two others in order to search God's word and share your understanding of what God wants and wills for your life then challenging each other to share Jesus with others.

Enclosed you will find three copies of the Life Transformation Group outline and the Strategic Prayer Focus (one for you and one for the two people you will invite to join you. This is your starting guide for becoming a growing disciple in community with other believers.

## Here is what you do:

- A. Pray that God will show you who needs to be in your inner circle of one or two spiritual friends (boys meet with boys, girls with girls – this is the only way to be honest, open and accountable). The people to look for are the ones like Jesus found, sinners who knew they needed help. (Luke 5:30-32 & Mark 2:17)
- B. Meet with your two or three first choices. Ask them if they want to join you in a spiritual growth adventure.
- C. Once they agree, set a time when all can meet for about an hour once a week. Lunch time works if you can find a quiet place, mornings are good too, before work. Evenings tend to get crowded out to easily.
- D. There are three simple parts of every meeting:
  1. Sin is confessed - review the Character Conversation Questions
  2. Scripture is read repetitively in context and in community. (Choose 25 or 30 chapters of scripture to read for the next week. If everyone does not finish the reading, everyone gets to read it again until everyone has completed it in one week. This is not a reading competition it is a way to encourage bible reading for all involved).
  3. Souls are prayed for – specifically and continually. Pray for each other and those you want to reach.

## Let's summarize:

- a. Your Life Transformation Group meets once a week for approximately an hour.
- b. Life Transformation Groups are groups of two or three (the 4<sup>th</sup> person is the beginning of the second group and multiplication is imminent).
- c. The groups are not coed.
- d. There is no curriculum, workbook or training involved.
- e. There is no leader needed in the group.
- f. Only three tasks are to be accomplished:
  - i) Sin is confessed
  - ii) Scripture is read repetitively
  - iii) Souls are prayed for