

This isn't the finish line.

Twelve weeks ago, you started with a table. Now it's time to recognize what God has begun and step into what comes next.

60-75 minutes / Commission + Send / Matthew 28:18-20

Bring a printed Bible (NKJV), paper, and pens. Use your Bible for full Scripture readings.

LEADER PREP

Make tonight feel significant.

Do not treat Week Twelve like another normal lesson.

Students have spent three months building rhythms of Scripture, prayer, belonging, service, witness, holiness, and spiritual discernment.

Tonight should help them recognize: **God has begun something in me, and I have a responsibility to continue.**

If possible, invite the senior pastor, parents, and other trusted adults to participate in the commissioning portion.

THE WIN

Before the gathering, write one specific sentence about spiritual growth you have seen in each student. Tonight, speak it over them.

TONIGHT'S FLOW

Remember. Respond. Commission.

Give students time to look back, name what God has done, and make a concrete commitment for the next season.

15 MIN / Table Celebrate. Eat together. Ask students for their favorite moment, hardest conversation, and biggest thing they learned.

15 MIN / Word Read Matthew 28:18-20 and use the short teaching guide below.

15 MIN / Reflect Review the twelve weeks. Let students identify where they have grown and what still needs attention.

15-30 MIN / Commission Invite the pastor and trusted adults to pray over students personally and send them into their next season.

THE BIG IDEA

Discipleship doesn't end when the lessons do. It becomes the way you live.

Jesus does not call us to complete a curriculum. He calls us to follow Him- continually learning, obeying, serving, witnessing, growing, and helping others follow Him too.

SCRIPTURE

Go and make disciples.

MATTHEW 28:18-20

Jesus' final command is not simply, "Go to church."

He sends His followers to **"make disciples of all the nations."**

Disciples are people who learn from Jesus, obey Jesus, become like Jesus, and help other people follow Jesus.

Then Jesus gives them a promise: **"I am with you always."**

The mission is bigger than us, but we never carry it alone.

TEACHING GUIDE • 10 MINUTES

Four truths to leave with them.

Keep this shorter than previous weeks. Tonight's weight should come through reflection, prayer, and commissioning.

01 Following Jesus is lifelong.

You never graduate from prayer, Scripture, obedience, worship, holiness, service, or dependence on the Holy Spirit. Roots have to keep growing.

02 What God gives you is meant to move outward.

You have not learned these things only to become a stronger Christian personally. Jesus sends disciples to serve, witness, love, and make other disciples.

03 Your church needs you.

You do not need to wait until adulthood to become meaningful to the Body of Christ. Pray, serve, give, encourage, witness, learn, and take responsibility now.

04 Jesus goes with you.

The Great Commission ends with promise. Jesus sends His followers, but He also promises His presence. The next step is not yours to take alone.

LOOK BACK

Twelve weeks. What has changed?

WEEK 01

Known.

Who knows your story and is intentionally helping you follow Jesus?

WEEK 02

Belong.

Do you see yourself as part of the Church now?

WEEK 03

Know God.

Are you building a personal relationship with Jesus?

WEEK 04

Pray.

Are you becoming more comfortable talking honestly with God?

WEEK 05

Scripture.

Can you open the Bible and know how to engage it for yourself?

WEEK 06

Spirit.

Are you learning to depend on the Holy Spirit's presence and power?

WEEK 07

Identity.

Are you learning to build your identity around Christ and His truth?

WEEK 08

Conviction.

Are your decisions increasingly being shaped by Scripture?

WEEK 09

Serve.

Where are you using what God has given you?

WEEK 10

Witness.

Can you explain what Jesus has done in your life?

WEEK 11

Calling.

What might God be developing or asking you to explore?

WEEK 12

Go.

What will obedience look like next?

THE COMMISSION

Speak over them before you send them.

Invite students to stand. If appropriate in your setting, invite parents, the pastor, and trusted adults to gather around them.

One by one, speak the sentence you prepared about what you have seen God developing.

Say things like:

"I have watched God develop compassion in you."

"I have seen you become more willing to pray."

"I see leadership beginning to emerge."

"I have watched you ask deeper questions."

"I see a real burden for people who don't know Jesus."

Be specific. Do not exaggerate. Name evidence of growth and call them toward continued faithfulness.

STUDENT COMMITMENT

Six things to carry forward.

01 I will keep building a personal relationship with Jesus.

02 I will stay rooted in Scripture and prayer.

03 I will pursue holiness and allow the Holy Spirit to keep changing me.

04 I will serve faithfully with what God has given me.

05 I will look for opportunities to point people toward Jesus.

06 I will remain open to wherever and however God calls me to serve.

OPTIONAL / REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Which change from these twelve weeks do you most want to protect?
- Who will help you follow through when your motivation is low?
- What is one next step you can take in the coming seven days?
- How could what you have learned help someone else begin following Jesus?

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

STUDENT RESPONSE

"My yes is still yes."

Give students quiet space before anyone prays over them.

Invite them to pray:

"Jesus, thank You for what You have begun in me. Keep changing me. Keep teaching me. Help me stay close to You. Use my gifts. Strengthen my convictions. Give me courage to serve and witness. My life belongs to You. Wherever You lead, help my answer remain yes."

PASTOR + LEADERS

Pray over the next generation.

Pray specifically for:

- deeper hunger for Scripture
- a growing prayer life
- holiness and spiritual integrity
- the filling and leadership of the Holy Spirit
- courage to witness
- spiritual gifts to develop
- protection from temptation
- discernment of calling
- faithfulness to the local church
- courage to follow Jesus wherever He leads

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

The next 90 days need a plan too.

CONTINUE

Keep the table.

Do not dismantle the weekly rhythm just because ROOTED is finished. Students still need consistent relationships, Scripture, conversation, practice, and prayer.

DEEPEN

Move into the next pathway.

Continue with deeper formation around the Holy Spirit, identity, truth, mission, spiritual gifts, leadership, and calling.

DEVELOP

Don't miss emerging leaders.

Any student showing ministry calling, leadership capacity, unusual spiritual hunger, or consistent gifting should now receive intentional one-on-one development.

STUDENT SHEPHERD FOLLOW-UP

Your job isn't finished either.

- Schedule a short 90-day conversation with every student.
- Ask what has changed most in their relationship with God.
- Identify which spiritual rhythm still needs the most support.
- Confirm that every student has a meaningful place to serve.
- Identify students who need deeper discipleship or pastoral care.
- Create a development plan for anyone exploring ministry calling.
- Report meaningful growth and concerns to the senior pastor.
- Set the date for the next season before momentum disappears.

PARENT TABLE TALK

Tell them what you've seen.

End the first 90 days with more than "We're proud of you." Name the spiritual growth you have noticed.

ASK What do you think God has taught you during these twelve weeks?

AFFIRM Name one specific area of spiritual growth you have seen.

PLAN Ask what spiritual rhythm they want your help protecting during the next three months.

PRAY Pray over their future, gifts, friendships, convictions, calling, and relationship with Jesus.

90 DAYS COMPLETE

You didn't build a youth program. You started a discipleship culture.

Students have been known. Scripture has been opened. Prayer has become more normal. Gifts are being discovered. Students are serving. Testimonies are being formed. Calling is being noticed. Now keep going.