

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

MULTIPLY – Week 3: “The Real Mission”

Text: Matthew 28:19

OPENING ICEBREAKER (5–7 MINUTES)

Who had the greatest influence on your spiritual life—and why?

Follow-up:

What did they do that impacted you most?

Was it something they taught or how they lived?

TRANSITION

This week’s message reminded us that the mission of the church is not merely making converts—it’s making disciples. Jesus didn’t call us to simply believe in Him. He called us to follow Him and help others do the same.

READ THE TEXT TOGETHER: Matthew 28:19

Additional supporting passages: Deuteronomy 6:6–7, Exodus 33:11, Psalm 78:4

KEY TEACHING POINTS (Leader Notes)

1. A Disciple Is More Than a Believer

Word Study: “Disciple)

The Greek word *mathetes* (pronounced: math-ay-TAYS) means: Learner, Apprentice, Follower who imitates

A disciple doesn’t just know about Jesus—a disciple becomes like Jesus.
Salvation is the starting line, not the finish line.

2. Discipleship Requires Relationship

Jesus disciplined through: Teaching, Modeling, Walking with people

Transformation happens best in relationship, not isolation.

Old Testament Example: Moses and Joshua.

Joshua learned leadership by staying close to Moses and the presence of God.

Discipleship is often “caught” before it is taught.

3. Every Disciple Should Make Disciples

Healthy disciples reproduce spiritually.

Leader Emphasis

Every believer should be: Learning from someone and Pouring into someone

Observation Questions

What stood out to you most from this week's sermon?

Why do you think Jesus emphasized "make disciples" as the central command?

What's the difference between a convert and a disciple?

Interpretation Questions

Why do many Christians stop growing after salvation?

Why is spiritual growth difficult without relationships and accountability?

How did Jesus model discipleship differently than modern church culture often does?

Application Questions

Who is currently helping you grow spiritually?

Who could God be calling you to encourage or disciple?

What is one practical way you can become more intentional in your spiritual growth this week?

GROUP ACTIVITY (10 MINUTES)

"Growth Inventory" Have everyone quietly reflect on these areas:

Prayer life

Bible reading

Obedience

Community

Witnessing

Serving

Ask: Where am I growing? Where have I become stagnant?

If conversation feels surface-level, ask:

"What does discipleship actually look like in real life?"

"What keeps people from growing spiritually?"

"Where are you settling for comfort instead of growth?"

PRAYER TIME (10–15 MINUTES) Pray specifically for:

Spiritual growth

Hunger for God's Word

Strong discipleship relationships

Courage to invest in others

Wisdom to identify people God wants us to pour into

If possible, pair people up to pray for each other's growth goals.