TACTICS

WINNING THE BATTLE FOR TRUTH IN AN AGE OF DECEPTION

A 13-WEEK DEVOTIONAL FIELD GUIDE



RECOGNIZE DECEPTION. | THINK BIBLICALLY. | STAND CONFIDENTLY. | LIVE ON MISSION.

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TACTICS: WEEK 12

MULTIPLY

The mission of the Church is to make disciples who make disciples. Healthy discipleship always reproduces itself.

MISSION BRIEF

FROM RECOGNITION TO ENGAGEMENT

SITUATION: Distraction, isolation, and spiritual resistance keep Christians passive. Our goal is to recognize where God is working and help others take a step toward Jesus.

MISSION: This week, identify one person God has placed within reach. Contact them, set a time to meet, and take the next faithful step.
Act before you feel ready.

COMMANDER'S INTENT: As you engage this week, you're encouraged to move from conviction to intentional action. We must approach discipleship not as a formal program, but as a way of life expressed through relationships, shared experience, intentional teaching, and modeled obedience. The desired effect is that each person leaves with a clear, practical plan to help someone take a next step toward following Jesus.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES:

1. **Identify one person within your existing sphere of influence.**
   Recognize where God may already be working in someone you know.
2. **Move from awareness to intentional engagement.**
   Make contact, initiate conversation, and create space for relationship.
3. **Build trust through presence, grace, and truth.**
   Listen well, learn their story, and demonstrate genuine care before trying to direct the conversation.
4. **Help them take one clear next step toward Jesus.**
   That may mean prayer, Scripture, a Gospel conversation, church, a small group, or continued discipleship.
5. **Model obedience rather than merely explain it.**
   Let discipleship be seen in how you live, respond, serve, and follow Christ.
6. **Create a repeatable pattern of multiplication.**
   The goal is not a one-time conversation, but a relationship that can help someone know Jesus, follow Him, and eventually help someone else do the same.

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV) [1] You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. [2] And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

DAY 1 | *Identify Someone to Invest In*

WHAT DID WE LEARN?
REMEMBER

Jesus never confused reach with relationship. He spoke to crowds, healed multitudes, and taught publicly, but when it came to forming people, He chose names and faces.
Mark 3:13–15 shows Jesus calling specific men to Himself so they could be with Him, learn from Him, and eventually be sent out.
Paul followed the same pattern. In **2 Timothy 2:2**, he tells Timothy to take what he has learned and entrust it to faithful people who will be able to teach others. That is multiplication, but it begins personally. Paul had Timothy. Barnabas had Paul. Jesus had the twelve, and among them Peter, James, and John received even greater access.
The Kingdom often advances through focused investment before it ever expands through broad influence. That means the first question is not, *"How can I reach everyone?"* It is, *"Who has God already placed near me?"*
Someone in your life may already be asking questions, showing hunger, or demonstrating a willingness to grow. They may not look impressive. They may not seem ready. Neither did many of the people Jesus chose. Discipleship begins by noticing what God may be doing beneath the surface and being willing to give someone time, attention, truth, prayer, and example.
You don't need a program before you begin. You need a person. Ask God to bring one name to mind. Then pay attention to what happens when you begin praying for them, listening to them, and intentionally helping them take one step closer to Jesus.
Discipleship always becomes real when someone stops being an idea and becomes a name.

REFOCUS

> **Mark 3:13-15 (NIV)**
> [18] Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. [14] He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach [15] and to have authority to drive out demons.

Discipleship begins by noticing people who are willing to grow.

RESPOND

AFTER ACTION REVIEW:

Whose name will I carry into prayer, conversation, and intentional discipleship from this point forward?

- What signs of spiritual hunger, openness, or willingness to grow have I noticed in them?
- Have I been waiting for the "right person" instead of investing in the person already in front of me?
- What keeps me from moving toward them with greater intention—busyness, uncertainty, fear, or lack of confidence?
- What is one practical way I can begin investing in this person this week?

ACTION STEP / DAILY CHALLENGE:

Ask God to help you notice signs of spiritual openness in someone today.

- Write down the name of **one person** you believe God may be inviting you to invest in. Pray for them by name, then contact them before the day ends.
- Do not make the first conversation complicated. Invite them to coffee, lunch, a walk, or simply make time to talk.

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God, open my eyes to the people you've already placed in my life. Guide me by your Holy Spirit into conversations and interactions that lead others to know you more. Amen.

DAY 2 | *Model Before You Mentor*

WHAT DOES THIS REVEAL?
EXAMINE

Paul's invitation to "follow my example" is both encouraging and sobering. He understood that discipleship happens through more than teaching. People watch how we respond under pressure, how we pray, how we treat our spouse, how we handle money, how we speak about others, and whether the faith we talk about is actually shaping the way we live. That is why discipleship requires proximity. Transformation must become visible before it can become reproducible.

Paul was not claiming perfection. He was pointing people toward a life being shaped by Christ. In 1 Corinthians 11:1, he says, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." The pattern matters. We are not asking people to become more like us. We are inviting them to follow what they see in us that reflects Jesus.

That means mentoring begins long before the lesson starts. Your life is already teaching. If someone copied your prayer life, your generosity, your marriage, your evangelism, or your attitude toward people, where would that example lead them?

Discipleship isn't merely transferring information. It's demonstrating transformation. Before you ask someone to follow your instruction, make sure your life is giving them something worth following.

REFOCUS

> **1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)** [1] Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

People imitate what they consistently observe.

RESPOND

AFTER ACTION REVIEW

Where is my life currently reinforcing the truth I say I believe?

- Is there a gap between what I teach someone and what they observe in me?
- If someone imitated my habits for the next six months, what would likely grow in their life?
- What area of my example most needs to become more intentionally Christlike?
- Am I comfortable being observed closely enough for someone to learn from my life?

ACTION STEP / DAILY CHALLENGE

Be intentionally aware.

- Choose **one area of your life** today—prayer, generosity, marriage, evangelism, speech, or service—and practice it with intentionality.

Then ask yourself:
"If someone copied me here, would they move closer to Jesus?"

Carry that question with you throughout the day.
Model today what you hope to multiply tomorrow.

RETURN

May my actions today be consistent with my teaching. Remind me that I am an ambassador for the Kingdom of God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 3 | *Move People One Step At a Time*

WHAT DID WE LEARN? REMEMBER

Healthy discipleship is about helping someone take the next step, not fixing everything at once. It's easy to expect people to grow on our timetable. We see what needs to change and want to tackle it all right away. But Jesus showed us a better way.

In **Mark 8:22–26**, Jesus healed a blind man in stages. After the first touch, the man could see only partly. After the second, his sight was clear. Jesus could have healed him instantly, but the moment reminds us that God doesn't always work on our schedule.

In **Luke 24:13–35**, Jesus walked with two discouraged disciples. He listened, asked questions, and patiently explained Scripture before they recognized Him. He met them where they were and led them toward greater faith. That's what discipleship looks like.

People aren't projects. If we point out every weakness and problem at once, they'll likely feel overwhelmed.

Spiritual maturity doesn't come from a long list of changes. It grows as people trust Christ, obey His Word, and take the next faithful step. We can't create transformation, that's God's work. We can encourage, teach, model, and walk with people as they grow. The goal isn't to bring someone up to your level. It's to help them move one step closer to Christ.

Sometimes that step will look small. It might be reading one chapter of Scripture, attending one small group, or sharing a personal story of faith.

Don't dismiss small steps. Repeated obedience can grow into lasting maturity.

REFOCUS

Luke 24:31-32 (NIV)

31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

RESPOND

AFTER ACTION REVIEW:

- **What am I expecting?**
  Am I expecting someone to demonstrate a level of spiritual maturity they haven't yet developed? Have I confused my desired timeline with God's work in their life?
- **What am I seeing?**
  Where is this person spiritually right now? What evidence of growth can I recognize and encourage, even if significant areas still need attention?
- **What needs to change?**
  Am I overwhelming someone with too many expectations or instructions? How can I replace pressure with patient, intentional encouragement while maintaining biblical truth?
- **What's the next step?**
  Can I identify one specific, achievable act of obedience that would help this person grow closer to Christ?

DAILY CHALLENGE:

Don't look for someone to preach to. Look for someone to pay attention to.

One Person. One Step. One Conversation.

Think of someone you're currently discipling, mentoring, or encouraging in their walk with Christ.

1. **Identify someone you can encourage. Write their initials: _____**
2. **What might be their next faithful step?** (circle one)
   a. Begin reading a Gospel
   b. Connect with a small group
   c. Practice one spiritual discipline
   d. Find an opportunity to serve
   e. Share their testimony
3. **What will you do today to help them take that step?**

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RETURN

Jesus, remind me to slow down and lead others to the next faithful step. May I learn more from your example day by day, Amen.

DAY 4 | *Train for Obedience, Not Just Knowledge*

WHAT DID WE LEARN?
REMEMBER

RECONNECT

Spiritual maturity isn't measured by how much Scripture we know, but by how faithfully we live it. In the Great Commission, Jesus didn't just say to teach everything He commanded. He said to make disciples, baptize them, and teach them *"…to observe all that I have commanded you"* (Matthew 28:20). That difference matters.

We can know Scripture, memorize verses, study theology, and explain biblical truth while still resisting it in the areas that matter most. James says it plainly: *"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."* (James 1:22, NIV). He compares hearing without acting to looking in a mirror, walking away, and forgetting what you saw.

A mirror shows what needs attention, but seeing the problem isn't the same as fixing it. Imagine noticing dirt on your face, studying it, and then never washing it off. You learned something, but changed nothing. Discipleship can work the same way. We can lead a great Bible study, ask strong questions, and spark lively discussion. But if nothing changes in how people think, speak, serve, forgive, or obey, what have we accomplished?

Jesus didn't call us to produce informed Christians. He called us to make obedient disciples. Knowledge matters—we can't obey truth we don't understand. But biblical knowledge is meant to take us somewhere. Obedience isn't about checking off religious tasks. It's the response of a heart that trusts Christ enough to follow Him. That should shape every discipleship conversation.

REFOCUS

> **Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)** [18] Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] 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, [20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Only truth received and obeyed will reshape your life.

RESPOND

AFTER ACTION REVIEW:

Evaluate your discipleship.

- **What am I producing?**
  When I teach or encourage others, am I primarily concerned with how much information they receive, or whether they're learning to live according to God's Word?
- **Where is the gap?**
  Can I identify an area where I understand what Scripture teaches but have been slow or unwilling to put it into practice? What might that reveal about my own spiritual maturity?
- **What needs to change?**
  Do my spiritual conversations and Bible studies consistently include a clear opportunity for application? How can I move beyond asking, "What did you learn?" to asking, "What will you do?"
- **How will I follow through?**
  Who can I encourage toward a specific act of obedience this week? How will I follow up to encourage faithfulness, address obstacles, and celebrate genuine growth?

ACTION STEP / DAILY CHALLENGE:

Turn one truth into action.

Today, take something you've recently learned or taught from Scripture and identify one concrete act of obedience that should follow.

Identify an area where knowledge needs to become obedience.

- Forgiveness and reconciliation
- Prayer and dependence on God
- Generosity and stewardship
- Serving others
- Sharing my faith
- Personal holiness and integrity
    1. What has God's Word taught you about this?
    2. What specific act of obedience will you take?
    3. Who could encourage you or hold you accountable?

RETURN

Father, thank You for the truth of Your Word. Forgive me for the times I've been satisfied with knowing what You command without doing it. Give me a heart that responds to Your truth with faithful obedience. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAY 5 | Disciple Makers Think Generations Ahead



Healthy discipleship doesn't stop when someone follows Christ. It equips that person to help someone else follow Him. In **2 Timothy 2:2**, Paul tells Timothy to entrust what he learned to faithful people who can teach others. In one verse, we see four generations: Paul, Timothy, faithful people, and those they would teach.

Acts 6:1–7 shows the same pattern. As the church grew, the apostles shared ministry with qualified leaders. Responsibilities were distributed, the Word spread, and disciples multiplied.

Multiplication takes more than attracting people. It means equipping them.
Leadership becomes unhealthy when everything depends on us. If no one is ready to carry the work forward, we've created dependence, not multiplication.

Jesus invested deeply in a small group who carried the gospel far beyond His earthly ministry. We should do the same. Whatever your role, the question isn't how many people you influence. It's whether you're preparing someone to do for others what you've done for them.



2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV)

2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

The goal isn't to gather more followers around you. It's to equip more people to follow Christ and lead others to Him.

RESPOND

AFTER ACTION REVIEW

Is your investment in others producing dependence or multiplication?

- **What am I building?**
  Am I intentionally developing people who can carry ministry forward, or have I become the person everyone depends on?
- **Who is growing?**
  Can I identify someone who is becoming more spiritually mature, confident, and equipped because of my investment in their life?
- **What must I release?**
  Are there responsibilities, opportunities, or leadership roles I need to share so someone else can develop? Am I willing to let others learn through experience, even when they don't do things exactly as I would?
- **Who's next?**
  Who is one person I could intentionally invest in over the next three months? What specific steps will I take to help them grow toward discipling someone else?

ACTION STEP / DAILY CHALLENGE:

This Week's Mission:

Write one name. Make contact. Schedule one intentional meeting. Begin investing in that person.

Don't wait until you feel completely equipped. You can begin by sharing what God has already taught you and inviting someone to grow alongside you.

RETURN

Father, help me see beyond the people I can reach personally to the people they might someday reach. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Discipleship hasn't reached its full purpose until disciples are equipped to make disciples.
