HABITS OF A MULTIPLYING DISCIPLE: PRAY

dh 2021, Lesson 2

## OPENING – Tell the group: “It takes a Prayer Movement to reach a prayer movement.” (Islam is a prayer movement.) So, let’s keep going with our “5-5-5 Prayer Tool” now. Pray in groups for 5 minutes for God’s Heart + 5 minutes for more Prayer = 10 minutes of prayer. Use Bible verses to fuel your prayers.

## DISCUSSING & APPLYING JOHN 15:1-8

Have one person read their paraphrase of the passage.

* What stood out to you from John 15:1-8?
* How do we “remain” or “abide” in the Lord?
* How did it go doing a prayer walk with one or two others?

## A screenshot of a cell phone Description automatically generatedHABITS OF A DISCIPLE

The habits begin in God’s heart for a lost world. His call to make disciples follows His call for us to *be* disciples. As we grow in these habits we train others resulting in:

* Making disciple makers
* Mentoring disciple makers
* Multiplying churches, then movements

## DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY ABOUT ABIDING AND BEARING FRUIT

TOOL: We will now study John 15:1-17 in another new way we call Discovery Bible Study. First, break into small groups of 3-4 people. A group Facilitator will ask these questions of the group, making sure everyone gets a chance to talk and no one dominates:

Sharing

1. What are you thankful for today?
2. What is something that is difficult for you today/this week?

Loving Accountability

1. What was the story last time? What did you do to obey it?
2. Who did you share the story with?

Scripture

1. Ask someone to read the passage aloud. Then have someone else read it again.
2. Have each person practice telling the story in his or her own words. (The group can help people remember things as they go.)
3. What characteristics of God do you see in this story?
4. What characteristics of people do you see in this story?

Obedience

1. How will you obey this passage?
2. Who will you tell about this passage?

* We will use this process more later & discuss it in depth. How did you like it?
* Now, regarding this particular passage:
  + What do you observe about fruit bearing and abiding?
  + What does the Father want?
  + What kind of fruit does the Father desire? (Elicit: much fruit, mature fruit, fruit that will last. Point out this is the same idea as wide-deep-long. ALL are key.)
  + What does this passage have to do with prayer?

## DISCIPLE MAKING MOVEMENTS ARE MARKED BY EXTRAORDINARY PRAYER

How can we make our ordinary prayer lives, extraordinary? Simply add something extra to it, individually and in groups. Here’s some ideas for things you could add:

* 10:02 Prayer (praying Luke 10:2 daily at 10:02 AM and/or PM)
* 30-Day Prayer calendar (pray for people by name on each day of the month)
* Prayer Walking
* Hosting Prayer Meetings at your house
* Setting Prayer Times with your team
* Fasting and Praying (personally and with others)
* Use the 5+ Prayer model – Let’s do it now, using a timer:
  + Pray 5 minutes about God’s vision
  + List other verses about Prayer and pray them back to God for another 5 min

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. Do a 3-Column Study on Deuteronomy 6:4-9.
2. Add something “extra” to your “ordinary” prayer this week.
3. Ask 3 people if you could pray for them. Questions you could use:
   * Is there anything I could pray for you about?
   * If God could do something amazing in your life, something like a miracle, what would it be? Can I pray that he would do that for you?
   * If they say no, offer a general prayer of blessing. Using the B-L-E-S-S acronym can help: B (Pray for their Body); L (Livelihood); E (Emotional health); S (Social health) and S (Spiritual health). Remember to keep it very short!

What does it say?

*(Write the text word-for-word.)*

What does it mean?

*(Write it in my own words.)*

What must I do to obey?

*(My “I will…” statement.)*

With whom will I share?