“He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

Mark 16:15-16

- Jesus Christ

“Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures”

1 Corinthians 15:1-3

- Apostle Paul

“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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I am with you always to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

- Jesus Christ
DiscipleMakers is an in-depth course for Powerful Personal Evangelism, teaching participants to use the power of God's Word to save souls. Our aim is to equip disciples to both reach and lead a seeker all the way to saving faith in Jesus.

Upon completion of this course you should be able to:
- Inspire seekers to pursue a new life and lifestyle in Christ;
- Disciple the heart of a seeker, not just their actions;
- Call seekers to a Biblical commitment to Jesus;
- Refute a variety of false doctrine using the Word;
- Defend the reliability of the Scriptures;
- Provide leadership to the church.

Expectations of Participants
- Pray to be equipped
- Complete the various quiz & assignments as we go along
- Complete Purposeful Question Worksheets (more on that later)
- Spend time (at least an hour a week) studying memory scriptures for each class after viewing the class slides

Learning Blocks
CLASS INTRODUCTION
- Class 1A: The great & spiritual phenomenon (miracle) of Conversion; Role of the Holy Spirit; Class 1B: Purposeful Question Wedge; Class 2A: Greatly Applicable Scriptures – GAS (Memory Scriptures or Scripture Bank)

THE CALL – GOD IS CALLING
- Class 2B: Seeking God; Word;

THE CURSE - THE GREATEST PROBLEM ON EARTH
- Class 4: Sin

THE CURE - THE GIFTS OF GRACE
- Class 5: The Cross & Grace; Class 6: Repentance; Class 7: Baptism & Salvation Doctrines; Class 8: Holy Spirit & Church

Three Main Pillars of DiscipleMakers
- Understanding of Conversion
- Greatly Applicable Scriptures
- Purposeful Questions

Introduction Class 1A
1. Consider the great and spiritual phenomenon of Conversion
2. Learn how to ask your friend to begin seeking God via the Bible
3. Learn how to stay focused on the Aim of your Bible Study together
4. Learn how to use Purposeful Questions to connect your friend to each Scripture
5. Learn how to get to the heart of issues via the Purposeful Question Wedge
Conversion – HOW?

- So HOW does Christ take someone – who is dead in sin – and make them alive in Him?
- HOW can we get through if they are
  - futile in their thinking,
  - darkened in their understanding,
  - ignorant due to the hardening of their hearts,
  - having lost all sensitivity
- HOW can the Scriptures reach our friends when “the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel”?

Conversion

**Holy Spirit**

- Convicts

Unbeliever

Believer

**Conversion**

- Today we speak of “conversion” of an unbeliever, due to key texts in the Latin Bible.
- Repent, then, and turn (converto in Latin Vulgate) to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord (Acts 3:19)
- I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds (Acts 20:20)
- They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God (1Thess 1:9)
- But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away (2 Corinthians 3:16)
- My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins (James 5:19-20)

**Conversion – HOW?**

- But HOW does an unbeliever repent and turn?
- HOW is someone converted to Christ?
- Consider Scripture’s remarkable description of this Before & After Transformation...

**What Happens At Conversion?**

**BEFORE**

- Eph 2:1-3 - Disobedient; dead in your transgressions and sins; followed the ways of this world and of Satan; gratifying the cravings of our flesh; by nature deserving of wrath
- Eph 4:17-19 - Futility of their thinking; darkness in their understanding; separated from the life of God; ignorance; hardening hearts; lost all sensitivity; images in every kind of impurity; full of greed; corrupted by deceitful desires
- 2 Cor 4:3-4 - Blinded minds; cannot see light of the gospel

**AFTER**

- Eph 2:14-17 - Made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions; God raised us up with Christ; seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus; incomparable riches of his grace
- Eph 4:22-24 - Made new in the attitude of your minds; created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness
- 2 Cor 4:6 - His light shine in our hearts; give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory

**Conversion**

- Rom 1:18-32
- Eph 2:1-3
- Eph 4:17-19
- 2Cor 4:3-4
- Rom 6:6
- Eph 2:4-5
- Eph 4:22-24
- 2Cor 4:5-6

**The Holy Spirit Convicts the World**

**John 16:7-13**

I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”
The Holy Spirit Convicts the World

- **Sin**
- **Righteousness**
- **Judgment**

The Work Of The Holy Spirit

@ Elencho – conviction – as in a court of law, to prove someone wrong (whether they agree or not)

@ 2 Tim 3:16-17 “Elencho” is also one of the useful works of the word of God – NIV “rebuke” but “reproof” is better.

@ Our goal: to co-work with the Holy Spirit so that conviction sets in to the seeker as s/he wrestles with the word

The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Conviction

@ John 16:7-13 NIV “prove the world to be in the wrong” is good, more strictly ESV “convict the world concerning sin.”

@ Acts 24:24-25 Paul reasoned with Felix about righteousness, self control and the judgment to come. The Spirit worked and Felix trembled.

@ 1 Corinthians 14:23-25 The secrets of the heart are laid bare
1. Asking a Seeker to Study

**Do**
- Find out about their current relationship with God (status and goals)
- Suggest a Bible study that will help them pursue their goals
- Disclose that the study is just for them
- Ask if other Christians may join in

**Don’t**
- Ever employ any "bait and switch" tactics
- Arrive with *Shining Like Stars, or GTG* booklet, or any "processed notes"
- Surprise them in any way at the study — participants, time needed, topic of study, etc.

2. So What’s Your AIM?

- Do you know why you are studying the particular Scriptures you chose to employ?
- Does your friend know why he/she is studying these Scriptures?
- Can you crystallize the aim of each GTG study in words (HINT: Each study usually has a dual aim to:
  1. **expose** any misconceptions about “___,”
  2. **inspire** the seeker to Biblically pursue “____.”)
- Every scripture you study should help you achieve one or both of these aims.
- At the end of a particular study, you should expect God’s Word to achieve both aims.

Studying Mark 1:17

- **Pammy the Preacher:** “A fisher of men is someone who catches men for Jesus.”
- **Manny the Manipulator:** “Isn’t it obvious that fishing for men means catching men for Jesus?”
- **Vague Vern:** “So what do you think that all means?”
- **Limited Lira:** “Do you know what it means to fish for men?”

The Pitfall of Preaching the Study

- You develop a seeker who is dependent upon you for reading the Bible
- The seeker misses the thrill of “getting it”
- You risk appearing arrogant
- You are definitely lazy (it’s easier to preach than asking great questions)
- You are more in the dark about the seeker’s heart