

1. Discovering Jesus John 1:19-51

Transition: After the births of John the Baptist and Jesus, we hear little about either of them except a brief visit to the twelve by Jesus when he was twelve years of age. John began his ministry by attracting large crowds to the Jordan River to hear him preach. We join the story when Jesus comes to ask John to baptize Him. Here is the story from God's Word:

*note that we give you ideas, or bullet points, for the transition-these are not to be read but only to guide you

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As a leader, how does seeing John release his disciples to Jesus apply to you?

At first, people may want to follow you, but you need to introduce them to Jesus and release them to follow Him. They need to know that they are not going to stay in this home group forever. We are to grow and create room for others to come to know Him, by creating more groups.

1. What evidence do you have that Jesus is the Son of God?
2. How do you feel about leaving all other teachers and following Jesus?
3. Who should you invite to come follow Jesus with you?

2. Call to Discipleship Luke 5:1-11

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Jesus left Judea to return to Galilee. John's disciples continued to discover who Jesus was as He taught and did miracles in His home area. Jesus was rejected by the people at Nazareth and moved to Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee. Then Jesus began to call His disciples to go with Him and become fishers of men. Here is the story from God's Work:

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As a leader, how do you get involved in your disciples' lives?

Can you get together for dinner, or visit them at work?

Ask yourself "Are they going to know how to do what I do?"

Do they understand that home group is for making disciples?

1. What boat in your life does Jesus want to get in?
2. What is Jesus asking you to do to launch out into the deep?
3. What is the next level of following Jesus that He challenges you to?

3. Jesus Casts out an Evil Spirit Mark 1:21-39

Transition:

Jesus continued to show His power by teaching with authority and doing miracles. The disciples were amazed as much as the people! Jesus visited Peter's mother in law and healed her. In this story we also see Jesus worshipping in two very different places. Here is the story from God's Word.

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As a leader, you need to find some time to be alone with God.

Time with God = Revelation. Talk about what God teaches you in your quiet time.

Components of a Quiet Time.

- a. Find a Place
- b. Make Time
- c. Prepare
- d. Have a Purpose

1. How do you respond to Jesus' authority in teaching and healing? How will you demonstrate the authority of Jesus in your life this week?
2. What two practices of worship does Jesus model in this story? What commitments have you made about public and private worship? Why?
3. What is a Quiet Time? What should one do during a Quiet Time to ensure a real meeting with God?
4. What has God communicated to you about your purpose in your Quiet Time?

4. Jesus Chooses the 12 Luke 6:12-23

Transition:

Many people begin to follow Jesus. He called others like Matthew, the tax collector, to follow Him. Then Jesus developed the relationships where He could make disciples. Out of all the people who were following Him, Jesus asked the Father to show him who His twelve disciples should be. Here is the story from God's Word.

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As a leader you need to know who to spend the most time with in your group. Who does God want you to spend more time with? Ask Him.

1. Why do you think Jesus prayed all night? (John 17:5)
2. What was Jesus' purpose in choosing these twelve?
3. Why did He say His disciples would be blessed?
4. What does the story reveal about your attitude as a disciple?

5. Sermon on The Mount Luke 6:27-36

Transition: Immediately after choosing the twelve Jesus began to teach them about the Kingdom of God. They needed to understand His teaching and apply it to their lives. Matthew records His teaching as the Sermon on the Mount. Luke records a similar sermon called The Sermon on the Plains that has basically the same teaching but in a simpler form. The teaching rocked the disciples' world. It shocked the people who heard it and even today we can hardly believe Jesus' teaching about Kingdom living. Here is the first part of the Sermon on the Plains from God's Work:

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As a leader, how do you respond to evil persons or acts?

Love is an aggressive response that is opposite to our flesh, we need to rely on God to help us love people when they wrong us. Doing this will really model for your people how they can respond in their own lives in loving ways to people who wrong them.

1. What does it mean for the disciples to follow Jesus' teachings in this story?
2. How can we do what Jesus teaches?
3. What will you do differently this week because of Jesus' teaching in this part of The Sermon on the Plain?

6. Sermon on the Mount - Luke 6:37-49

Transition: In the second part of Jesus' sermon he gets even more practical. Instead of making it easier Jesus raised their expectations. He applied his teachings with a story about the importance of obedience. Here is the rest of the story from God's Word:

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As leaders we are to help people become like Christ. They will learn much of that from how they see you act.

This needs to be shown more frequently than just at small group. Try to think of ways to touch base with your people throughout the week. Make calls, emails, get together with them.

1. Think of times when people did to you what you did to them?
2. What is the test of a disciple who follows Jesus as his teacher? Are you following Jesus this way?
3. How do you know if your fruit is good or bad? If your fruit and actions aren't good, how do you correct the problem?
4. What is the key to building a good foundation?
5. What life changes will you make because of Jesus' teaching this week?

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7. Farmer Scattering Seed Matthew 13:1-23

Transition: Jesus was always teaching the difference in God's view of things and the people's view. He didn't teach them anything without telling them a story. He loved to use parables that spoke to people on different levels. In Matthew 13 He tells seven parables that gave light to the believers and confused those who rejected His teaching. Here is the first parable from God's Word:

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As a leader, you need to take steps to insure that these stories become applicable to your people's lives. Challenge them to tell them to others during the week.

You should model for them by doing this and then sharing with the group some stories of how you were able to do this in your life, and what happened.

1. Why did Jesus tell stories?
2. How does the Word/Seed multiply?
3. What are the rocks or thorns in your life that choke the Word?
4. What does this story tell you about telling stories?

8. Jesus Heals Mark 5:21-43

Transition: Jesus taught through sermons and parables but He loved to teach through miracles also. He applied the teaching and power of God to all kinds of sick, demon possessed persons and even the dead. Here are three stories from God's Word that show His power and love:

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How does a discipler decide on competing priorities? (Look to where God is at work! Where someone has faith.)

As a discipler what do you do when the obvious blinds you to the work of God? (Everyone has potential but you should respond to those who have faith.)

1. How does Jesus' power over demons, disease and death relate to your problems?
2. How do Jesus' instructions to each of the persons in this story apply to your life? (woman, disciples, Jairus, mourners, dead girl, parents)
3. What does the response of each of these persons say to you about your response to Jesus?

9. Jesus send out the 12 Matthew 9:35-10:22

Transition: For more than a year Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God and healed people with all kinds of diseases in Galilee. Then He asked His disciples to pray for workers because the multitudes were milling around like sheep without a shepherd. So He gave the disciples the authority over unclean spirits and every kind of sickness. Then He sent them to the cities of Israel that He planned to visit. Here is the story of what He told them to do:

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1. Why should you respond to Jesus' compassion and command to pray for laborers for the harvest?
2. How do Jesus' instructions to His disciples apply to us today? What doesn't apply to us today?
3. What have you been sent to do?
4. Who is a person of peace, and how does that relate to us witnessing today?

10. Jesus feeds the 5000, walks on water Matthew 14:13-33

Transition: Up until now Jesus has ministered publicly to the multitudes but now His strategy changes to more of a private one. He withdrew from His home area several times and for different reasons. Herod had just beheaded John the Baptist, the Scribes and Pharisees were planning Jesus' death, some of the crowds wanted to make Him a king and His disciples needed time for more teaching and preparation for the last half of Jesus' ministry on Earth. Here is the story of Jesus' first withdrawal after John's death when the people followed him anyway:

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Create a culture where failure is ok, because people need to try and fail so that they can learn. They need to learn that we can fail in leadership and get up and try again. It takes a lot of practice! Are you modeling failure for people? Are you allowing people to fail by supporting them and helping them try?

1. How should we react when things go wrong, yet people keep looking to us for the answers?
2. What are the implications for us today when Jesus said, "You feed them"?
3. What are you asking Jesus to do for you that would be similar to Peter asking Jesus to tell him to walk on the water?
4. What do you ask for things that are not according to God's will?

11. Jesus, the Bread of Life John 6:22-69

Transition: After Jesus fed the 5000 men and their families they pursued Him to the other side of the lake wanting more food. Jesus challenged them to move from seeking physical bread to seeking the Bread of Life. He asks them to do something that separated the true disciples from just followers who had the wrong motivation. Here is the story from God's Word:

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Who in your group is hungry for spiritual things and who waits for you to feed them?

Challenge those who wait to learn how to feed themselves.

Show them how.

1. After looking at the Jews' motivations for seeking Jesus, what are your motivations and what would Jesus say about them?
2. How can we "eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood?"
3. If you were in the crowd that day, what would your response be to Jesus' teaching and why?

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12. Peter's Confession of Christ Matthew 16:13-27

Transition: At the halfway point in Jesus' earthly ministry He took His disciples on a retreat to settle their questions about who He was and to explain His coming death and resurrection and its meaning for them. This was a real turning point in the disciples' growth and preparation for their future ministry. Here is the story from God's Work:

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As a leader, do you tell your disciples/small group members when they are right and when they are wrong?

How do you help your people understand it is all or nothing when it comes to following Jesus?

1. How do disciples then and now come to believe Jesus is the Messiah?
2. What does it mean to you for Jesus to give you the Key's of the Kingdom?
3. What does it mean to you to lose your life for Christ's sake?
4. What are you exchanging your life in Christ for?
5. Now that you know the cost of following Jesus, what will you do differently?

13. Transfiguration Matthew 17:1-21

Transition: After Christ's revelation about who He was and what was going to happen to Him, Jesus gave three disciples the opportunity to see Him in His glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. Meanwhile the disciples down in the valley faced another revelation - that they could do nothing without faith in Christ. Here is the story from God's Word:

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How can you introduce your people to the realities of life?

Do you help them have an encounter with God?

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Do you allow them to struggle with things or do you try to answer everything for them?

1. Tell about a time when you had a mountain top experience followed by a valley experience?
2. What was the significance of the Mount of Transfiguration for Jesus? The disciples? For You?
3. What mountains do you have that need to be moved and how can you have faith enough to move them?

14. Forgiving a Brother Matthew 18:15-35

Transition: Jesus had just told the disciples that He would be killed and talked to Moses and Elijah about it on the Mount of Transfiguration. Then He taught the disciples how to deal with people that sin against them. It was a shock to them to learn that they needed to forgive people time after time. Here is the story from God's Word:

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As a leader are you modeling forgiveness in your group?

Are you allowing problems to fester in your group or are you working to resolve them?

1. Is there anyone you have had a hard time forgiving? Who and why?
2. What does God's forgiveness of your many sins say to you about forgiving others?
3. What is the process of forgiving those who wrong you or have something against you?

15. The Cost of Following Jesus Luke 9: 57-10:1

Transition: Just before Jesus started for Jerusalem He told the disciples that excuses did not work for true disciples. He then expanded the workers by sending out the seventy on His mission. Here is the story from God's Word:

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How do you deal with excuses in your group?

Are you modeling not having excuses for not doing what the Lord wants you to do?

1. Why doesn't Jesus accept these three excuses?
2. What is your excuse for not going where Jesus sends you?
3. Why should you keep on doing what Jesus asks you to do?

16. The Lord's Prayer Luke 11: 1-13

Transition: Jesus went to the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem and faced opposition. In the middle of this situation the disciples saw Jesus praying and asked them to teach them to pray. He gave them what is popularly called The Lord's Prayer. Jesus emphasized his teaching by giving another story. Here is the story from God's Word:

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Make time at the end of group for someone to retell the story from your group that night.

It helps them to know it and prepared them to be able to use it this week.

1. Explain each of the requests in The Lord's Prayer?
2. What should you do when you have a need?
3. When you don't get an answer to your prayer, what should you do? What do you do?

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17. The Cost of being a Disciple Luke 14:25-35

Transition: Jesus wept over Jerusalem and their missed opportunity to receive Him as the Messiah. Once again Jesus talks to the disciples about what it costs to follow Him. He demands that He be the first priority over persons, purposes or possessions. Here is the story from God's Word:

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How do you keep Jesus first in your life?

Evaluate your purposes in your life in light of the cross.

Do you help your people count the cost before they make decisions?

1. Who is the person you love that may keep you from following Jesus?
2. What does it mean to carry your own cross?
3. How does the tower story and the story of the advancing army apply to your life?
4. What is the salt of a disciple?

18. Sheep, Silver, Prodigal Luke 15:1-32

Transition: Jesus moved from the cost of discipleship to the task of a disciple – seeking the lost. The scribes and Pharisees had just criticized Jesus for eating with sinners. He told three stories to set them straight on what mattered to Him. Here is the story from God’s Word:

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Are you modeling how to go after the lost by calling your people when they are absent?

How do you let those people that don’t want to be a part of your group go? Go back to “God’s part, my part, their part” training.

Do the people in your group know that they are also responsible for the others?

1. How important to God is your lost family member or relative who is lost? How important is it to you?
2. What is our part in finding the lost?
3. Which of the characters in the story do you most clearly resemble? Why?

19. Lazarus raised From the Dead John 11:1-49

Transition: Jesus faced going to Jerusalem for the last time. His unbelieving brothers urged Him to go and do miracles there if He was the Messiah but he told them “no”. He told his disciples several times that He faced rejection and death. Yet they still followed Him. In today’s story we see Him make an astounding claim and do an extraordinary miracle on His way to Jerusalem. Here is the story from God’s Word:

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How should we respond when the Father’s expectations clash with those of your disciples/group members?

1. Recognize that God’s ways are higher than our ways
 2. Respond to the Spirit’s leadership rather than the expectations of others
 3. Be patient when your followers don’t understand
 4. Depend on God to do what you can’t do
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1. How do you react when faced with a risk for following Jesus as Thomas did?
 2. How do you react when Jesus’ timing doesn’t seem to fit your need? Why?
 3. What will you do to show your faith in Jesus when you face the death of a loved one or your own death?

20. Serving Others Mark 10:31-45

Transition: When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead it raised the stakes for the Jewish leaders. Every day brought Jesus closer to His death. The disciples faced each day's new situation with fear and hope. They began to talk about how they would act when Jesus was no longer with them. They competed for leadership. We join them as they follow Jesus into Jerusalem. Here is the story from God's Word:

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How do you deal with members of your group who compete for position or prominence?

1. Show them the big picture as Jesus did
 2. Challenge them when they show selfish desires
 3. Use these times to teach eternal truths
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1. When do we compete for positions in God's kingdom, the church or the small group? How do we show this competition?
 2. How do you show a servant's attitude and actions?
 3. What will you do to serve members of the group this week?

21. Triumphal Entry Luke 19:28-48

Transition: In the midst of petty arguments and earth shattering events Jesus faced the battle of the ages. His emotions ran from exhilarating joy to sheer despair over his disciples and the rejection of the Jews. We join Him and his disciples in one of these up and down emotional days as they entered Jerusalem. Just before our story today He told the parable of the ten talents and the king who would kill the enemies that rejected him. Now, here is the story from God's Word:

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As a leader how do you deal with emotional swings and pressures every leader faces?

1. A daily time with the Father to keep you on track with His purposes
 2. Don't pay too much attention to those who praise you or criticize you
 3. Be willing to show your emotions of compassion and righteous indignation
 4. Teach
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1. What would you have done if Jesus asked you to get someone's colt (or pickup truck) for him to use? Why?
 2. Why did Jesus cry? How do you feel about those who reject Jesus?
 3. How do you react when people desecrate what is holy?

22. Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet John 13:1-26

Transition: Jesus was bombarded by questions about His authority, paying taxes, marriage in the resurrection. He talked to His disciples about the signs of the end of the age. Judas agreed to betray Jesus to the chief priests. With all this swirling around Him, Jesus wanted to eat the last Passover meal with His disciples and teach them about what was going to happen to Him. It was at this Passover meal that Jesus modeled leadership in the Kingdom. Here is the story from God's Word:

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What attitude and actions should you show to your disciples/small group members in light of this story?

1. You are the model as you follow Christ
 2. You take the initiative to serve them first
 3. You show anguish of spirit when any of your disciples fail or betray you
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1. Does Jesus serve out of weakness or strength? What is your self-identity when serving?
 2. Why should we "wash one another's feet"?
 3. What does "washing feet" look like in your daily life? In your small group? In your church? In your community?

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17. The Cost of being a Disciple Luke 14:25-35

18. Sheep, Silver, Prodigal Luke 15:1-32

19. Lazarus raised From the Dead John 11:1-49

20. Serving Others Mark 10:31-45

21. Triumphal Entry Luke 19:28-48

22. Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet John 13:1-26

23. Jesus, the Way to the Father John 14:1-18

Transition: Jesus not only said that one would betray Him but that Peter would deny Him. They were all shocked, especially Peter who denied it. Then Jesus began to help them understand more clearly who He was and where he was going. He also introduced the Holy Spirit to them as his replacement. Here is the story from God's Word:

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How do you help your disciples to take your place and lead others?

1. Make sure they understand the basics.
 2. Encourage them at what they can do by the power and presence of the Father.
 3. Teach them about the Holy Spirit and how he will live in them and furnish what they need.
 4. Remind them of the promises of God about their ultimate destiny.
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1. How will you answer people who say there are many ways to heaven and they all end up in the same place?
 2. What does Jesus mean when He told the disciples that they would do greater works than He did? What does it mean to you?
 3. How do you live and work in the Spirit?

24. Jesus, the True Vine John 15:1-17

Transition: After Jesus clarified that he was the way, the truth and the life and that everything He did came from the Father. He moved on to help the disciples understand that their life was in Him. Jesus taught them the secret of how to live in Christ by comparing their lives to the vine, the branches and the fruit. Here is the story from God's Word:

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How do you communicate the truth of abiding in Christ to your group members?

1. Use analogies like the vine. Think of several that teach the same truths.
2. Share the relationship of love to obedience by teaching it and modeling it as you lay down your life for your disciples.
3. Demonstrate to them the importance of relating to Christ as a friend and other disciples as brothers and sisters.

1. How can we stay connected to Christ?
2. How well are you bearing the fruit of the Spirit?
3. How can you fulfill the purpose for which Christ chose you?

25. Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial Luke 22:31-62

After teaching the disciples how to live in Him, Jesus had to tell Peter that Satan was going to sift him like wheat and that he would deny Jesus. As they approached the Mount of Olives Jesus' sorrow mounted. He faced the fact that the will of his Father was that he should die for the sins of the world. He spent time in prayer while the disciples slept. Now here is the story from God's Word:

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How do you handle the failures of your disciples/group members?

1. Warn them of Satan and temptations.
2. Encourage them to pray.
3. Pray to the Father for strength to meet all your temptations and trials.

1. In what ways do we deny Christ today?
2. We all know that Satan is sifting us. How do you overcome his temptations? What do you learn from the negative model of the disciples and Jesus' positive model?
3. When have you felt that Christ looked at you after you had failed like he did Peter? What did you do? What will you do when you face temptation in the future?

26. Jesus Crucified Mark 15:1-39

Transition: Jesus had just gone through the first of six trials preceding His crucifixion. After the Jewish leaders turned Him over to Pilate, Jesus went through the rest of His trails in short order and faced crucifixion. Here is the story from God's Word as Mark told it:

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How do you live out your teaching?

1. Believe so strongly what you teach that you turn the other cheek when hit.
 2. Do not resist evil against you even when you have to power to do so.
 3. Care for people even when you are suffering. (The dying thief and Jesus' mother)
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1. If you had been in this story which person do you think you would be? Why?
 2. What part of the crucifixion story touches you the most? Why?
 3. What does it mean to you to be crucified with Christ? (Galatians 2:20)

27. He is Alive! Luke 24: 1-49

Transition: It was over. Jesus had paid the ultimate sacrifice to redeem us – death on the cross. Two members of the Sanhedrin, (the Jewish high court) Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus buried Jesus in Joseph's new tomb. The women who had followed Jesus all His ministry saw where they buried Him and planned to bring spices the next morning after the Sabbath. Here is the story from God's Word:

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How can you help your disciples/small group to make Christ's resurrection the central focus of their lives?

1. Show them the proof of His resurrection
 2. Help them do a study of the prophecies Jesus probably used showing God's plan.
 3. Encourage them to wait before until He fills them with the Spirit.
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1. How do you think you would have reacted if Jesus appeared to you after you saw him dead?
 2. How would you answer someone who asked what proof you had that Jesus was resurrected?
 3. What Scriptures that predicted the death and resurrection of Jesus do you know that Jesus might have used to tell the disciples on the road to Emmaus and the Eleven?
 4. Who will you tell the resurrection story to this week with the same enthusiasm as the disciples telling others?

28. Jesus Restores Peter John 21:1-23

Transition: Jesus told His disciples to go to Galilee where he would meet them. No doubt Peter was devastated by his denial of Jesus even though Jesus had shown Himself personally to him. Evidently they grew restless and Peter took several of the disciples fishing – perhaps going back to their old profession. Jesus came to Peter and confronted him. Here is the story from God's Word:

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What do you do when you have a disciple who has fallen?

1. Confront him
2. Use a previous experience to help him remember his original commitment (first commitment) and realize how far he has fallen from that commitment
3. Challenge him to take his responsibility and not look at others
4. Remind him that to follow Christ is costly

1. What do you think the disciples thought when Jesus told them to cast on the right side and they caught many fish? Can you think of flashback for them?
2. How can we show that we love Jesus?
3. What steps can you take to show that you are taking responsibility for making disciples instead of asking about what others are going to do?

Going deeper – Matthew 28:18-20

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29. The Promise of the Holy Spirit Acts 1:1-10

Transition: Luke told the story of Jesus telling His disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they were filled with the Holy Spirit – to wait for the promise of the Father. He did not tell them how long that would be or how long he would keep appearing to them. Luke picks up the story in the second letter he wrote the book of Acts. Here is the story from God's Word:

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How can you answer questions that your disciples ask that you don't know the answer to? Don't fake it.

1. Tell them what you know about the Kingdom of God.
 2. When you don't know the answer because God has not revealed it, challenge them with what you do know that applies to them.
 3. Leave them to apply what you have told them.
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1. How are you like the disciples before they were filled with the Spirit?
 2. How can you carry out Jesus' statement that His disciples would bear witness of Him in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth?
 3. What should you do between the promise of the Spirit and the filling of the Spirit?

30. Pentecost Acts 2

Transition: After the disciples saw Jesus ascend into heaven they went back to the upper room where they had met Him many times. They waited as He had told them to do. They prayed. They searched the Scriptures. They cast lots to see which of the disciples that had followed Jesus the whole time should take the place of Judas. They waited in Jerusalem but probably had no idea about what was about to happen when the Promise of the Father was answered. Here is the story from God's Word:

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How do you lead when God is obviously at work?

1. Explain the Scriptures that relate to what is happening.
2. Give a clear witness to Christ.
3. Lead the disciples to practice all the spiritual disciplines of discipleship.

1. What will you answer when people ask "How can this be?" [i.e. What happened?] about the Spirit working in your life? What will you answer when people ask, "What does this mean?" when they see the Spirit working in you?
2. What will you say when people ask, "What should we do?" because they are convicted about Christ being the Savior?
3. Which of the things the disciples did after Pentecost (verses 42-46) is your group doing? What changes need to be made?

31. Peter Acts 3-4:31

Transition: The Holy Spirit radically changed the disciples and they began to live the life that Christ had promised when they began to follow Him. They worshipped in their homes and in the temple. As they went they began to do miracles as Christ had promised. That got them in trouble but resulted in the church growing greatly. Here is the first recorded story after the Pentecost experience:

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How do you keep leading when you encounter personal attacks?

1. Rely on the Holy Spirit to give you words, stand firm in Him.
2. Pray for boldness to speak for Him

1. What is the result of ordinary disciples filled with the Holy Spirit?
2. Under what conditions should you fear or obey those who try to stop you from witnessing?
3. What should you pray when you are threatened?

32. On Fire Acts 8:1-25

Transition: God greatly blessed the disciples and they increased with every challenge. They had to face the threats and persecution of the Jewish authorities, deception in their ranks, prejudice in the church and the first martyrdom. God's plan to cross every barrier led them out from Judea to Samaria and the ends of the earth. One of the chief opponents, Saul, participated in Stephen's death but could not stamp out the witness to Jesus wherever they were scattered. Here is the story from God's Word:

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How can you support your disciples in their ministries?

1. Turn them loose
2. Go authenticate their ministries
3. Add anything that is missing
4. Learn from them and do what they have pioneered

1. How do you plan to deal with persecution or discrimination if it comes because of your witness to Jesus?
2. Who lives in your "Samaria" that needs to hear from you about Jesus?
3. How will you prepare to witness in "one time meetings" with other people?

33. No One Left Out Acts 10

Transition: God continued to push the disciples out across barriers – geographical, religious and social. He brought Saul to Himself through the encounter on the road to Damascus. He used Ananias to follow up Saul and accompany him on his first witnessing there. But there was one deep seated barrier that the church had to overcome – their relationship with the Gentiles. It took another intervention from God. Here is the story from God's Word:

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How do you deal with your disciples and leaders when God leads you in a different direction?

1. Face up to the change God wants to make in you.
2. Take others with you while you are on the journey.
3. Give your defense to your leaders based on the leadership of God.
4. Take a stand on principles when it counts.

1. What traditions do you hold that Christ would challenge?
2. How do you break the bonds of prejudice?
3. How will you apply the lessons Peter learned in your world today?

34. Barnabas and Saul Acts 13:1-12

Transition: Through Peter God broke down the middle wall between Jews and Gentiles in Judea but He launched the missionary movement to the ends of the earth through Barnabas and Saul. No longer was it an individual effort but eventually the whole church got involved in the mission of God. Here's how it started from the story in God's Word:

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If God calls you or some of your disciples to be cross cultural missionaries, what should you do as a leader?

1. Be sure you have the blessing of the church and the filling of the Spirit.
 2. Preach the gospel but confront those who oppose it.
 3. Finish your missionary journey and report back to the church the amazing acts of God.
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1. Who sent out the first missionaries? What should we be doing if we want God to call out missionaries to the world?
 2. What preparation did the first missionaries have before being sent out? What preparation do we need today to be missionaries?
 3. What should we do if we go to another culture as missionaries?

29. The Promise of the Holy Spirit Acts 1:1-10

30. Pentecost Acts 2

31. Peter Acts 3-4:31

32. On Fire Acts 8:1-25

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2	January	1/5 – 1/11	Discovering Jesus	John 1:19-51
3	January	1/12 – 1/18	Jesus Casts out an Evil Spirit	Mark 1:21-39
4	January	1/19 – 1/25	Jesus Chooses the 12	Luke 6: 12-23
5	January	1/26 – 2/1	Sermon on the Mount	Luke 6:27-36
6	February	2/2 – 2/8	Sermon on the Mount	Luke 6:37-49
7	February	2/9 – 2/15	Farmer Scattering Seed	Matthew 13: 1-23
8	February	2/16 – 2/22	Transfiguration	Matthew 17:1-21
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8. Jesus heals a demon-possessed man	Mark 5:21-43
9. Jesus send out the 12	Matthew 9:35-10:22
10. Jesus feeds the 5000, walks on water	Matthew 14:13-33
11. Jesus, the Bread of Life	John 6:22-69
12. Peter's Confession of Christ	Matthew 16:13-27
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