



Immediate Discipleship
Repent & Believe

I. Member Care (15 minutes)

- i. Member Care
 - a. Pray to know Him deeper and to hear Holy Spirit speak and move.
 - b. Ask everyone to share about their week, including highs and lows.
 - ii. Loving Accountability
 - a. How was time in God's Word and time in prayer?
 - b. Did you share with someone this past week?
 - c. Were you obedient to what Jesus called you to?
 - iii. Vision Casting
 - a. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What does disciple making look like?
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II. Study Scripture (30 minutes)

- i. Read the Command: Matthew 28:19
 - ii. Read the Story: Luke 7:36-50
 - iii. Head
 - a. Discuss observations and facts.
 - b. What does the story tell us about God and people?
 - iv. Heart
 - a. Discuss the emotions of the characters in the story.
 - b. How does this make you feel?
 - v. Hands
 - a. Discuss what God is inviting the reader into through the story.
 - b. What does this story make you want to do?
 - vi. Dive Deeper
 - a. Why should we repent? Romans 3:23; 6:23
 - b. Who should repent? Acts 2:28-41
 - c. What do we believe? 1 John 1:9; Romans 5:8
 - vii. Set Goals
 - a. Who do you know that needs to hear this story?
 - b. What from today's lesson does Jesus want you to obey this week?
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III. Equipping (15 minutes)

- i. Three Circles

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1. Broken World

If you look in the news or your Facebook feed it is very clear that we live in a broken world, filled with lots of death, disease, and suffering.

ASK: What brokenness have you experienced?



2. God's Design

We also see traces of beauty, like the beauty of a sunset or the laugh of a child. That is because God's design was perfect when he made it, and we are part of that design.



3. Sin



Starting with the very first people, we as humans did not choose God's design. Rather, we chose to abandon God's plan and go our own way, and that's called sin. Sin is what leads to the brokenness in our world and in us.

4. Fix & Escape

We don't like to be in brokenness. So, we try to get out and find fulfillment in other ways. Some try to get out by climbing the ladder of success at work or school. Others try to get out by doing good things, being religious, going to church, or helping people. While those great things, they do not get us out of brokenness. Some even try to drown out the brokenness with drugs, alcohol, suicide, or relationships but all of these attempts to get out of brokenness ourselves end up snapping us back in like a bungee cord.

ASK: What are some ways that you cope with the brokenness; or try to help fix the brokenness?



5. Good News

God loved us so much He decided to get us out of brokenness. He did for us what we could not do for ourselves. He provided that the only way out was through His son, Jesus. Jesus came down into our broken world and lived within God's perfect design, never stepping outside that design, not once. Jesus allowed himself to be killed on a cross, taking all of our sin, shame, guilt and brokenness upon Himself. There days later He rose from the dead, proving victorious of sin.



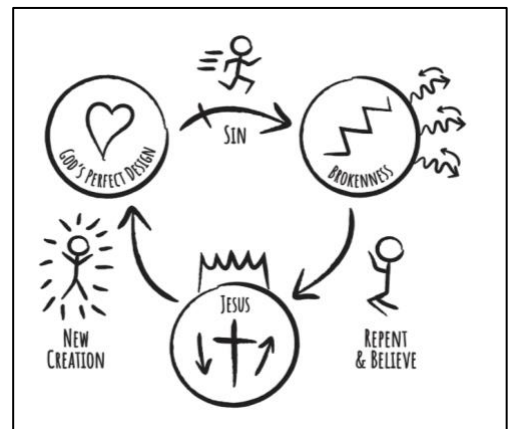
6. Repent and Believe

Jesus declared that if anyone would turn from their ways and surrender to Him as their King- believing that He really did come, die on the cross, and rise from the dead- they would be forgiven.



7. New Identity

When we do this, we are made new and are able to experience God's perfect design for our lives. And we also get to take part in restoring God's design for the world.



Three Questions:

- Which of these two circles would you say you're in?
- Which one of these two do you want to be in?
- Is there anything that keeps you from turning from your ways, believing, and making Jesus Lord of your life?