



## Immediate Discipleship

### **Baptism**

#### **I. Member Care** (15 minutes)

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    - 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)

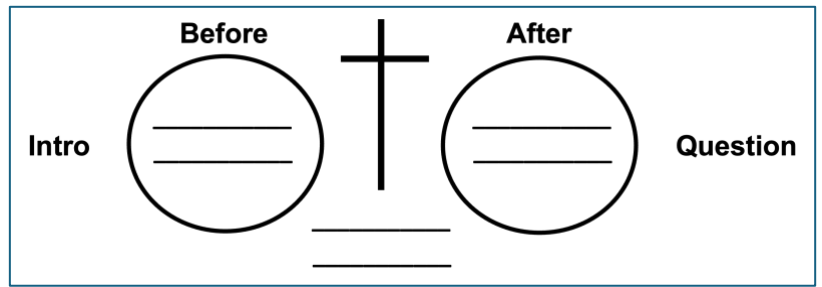
- i. Read the Command: Matthew 28:19
  
  - ii. Read the Story: Acts 8:26-39
  
  - iii. Head
    - a. Discuss observations and facts.
    - b. What does the story tell us about God and people?
  
  - iv. Heart
    - a. Discuss the emotions of the characters in the story.
    - b. How does this make 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. What is baptism? Romans 6:1-11, Galatians 2:20
    - b. Why should we be baptized? Matthew 3:13-15, 1 Corinthians 12:13
    - c. Who should be baptized? Acts 2:38-39, Acts 16:29-34,
    - d. How should we be baptized? Matthew 3:16
  
  - 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. One-Minute Testimony

## One-Minute Testimony

Your one-minute testimony is the story of how you came to follow Jesus. It is used to share the gospel, open up conversation, and invite others to consider following Jesus.



### 1. **Intro**

Use a phrase that is an easy introduction to your story.

*Examples: "There was a time in my life", "When I was younger", "In high school"*

### 2. **Before**

Share one or two words that describe your life before you chose to follow Jesus.

*Example: "Seeking", "Empty", "Selfish"*

### 3. **Belief in Jesus**

Use one or two words that describe how you came to know Jesus. I would recommend using forgiven and follow.

*Example: "I was forgiven by Jesus and I chose to follow Him"*

### 4. **After**

Think of one to two words that describe your life now that you're following Jesus.

*Example: "Purpose", "Fulfilled", "Serve"*

### 5. **Question**

Lastly, you want to invite the person that you're sharing with into the conversation. Ask a question that will turn the focus to them so you can find out about them.

*Example: "Do you have a story like that?", "Have you ever felt lonely before?"*

### 6. **Practice**

Put it all together and practice it with two or three other people.

*Example: There was a time in my life where I sought girls, success in sports, and alcohol to fulfill me, but instead, I was left empty. Then I met Jesus and was forgiven. When I chose to follow Him, I discovered true purpose and fulfillment in life. Have you ever sought something that you thought would be fulfilling but it left empty?*