

ENGLISH TRAINING FOR MISSION



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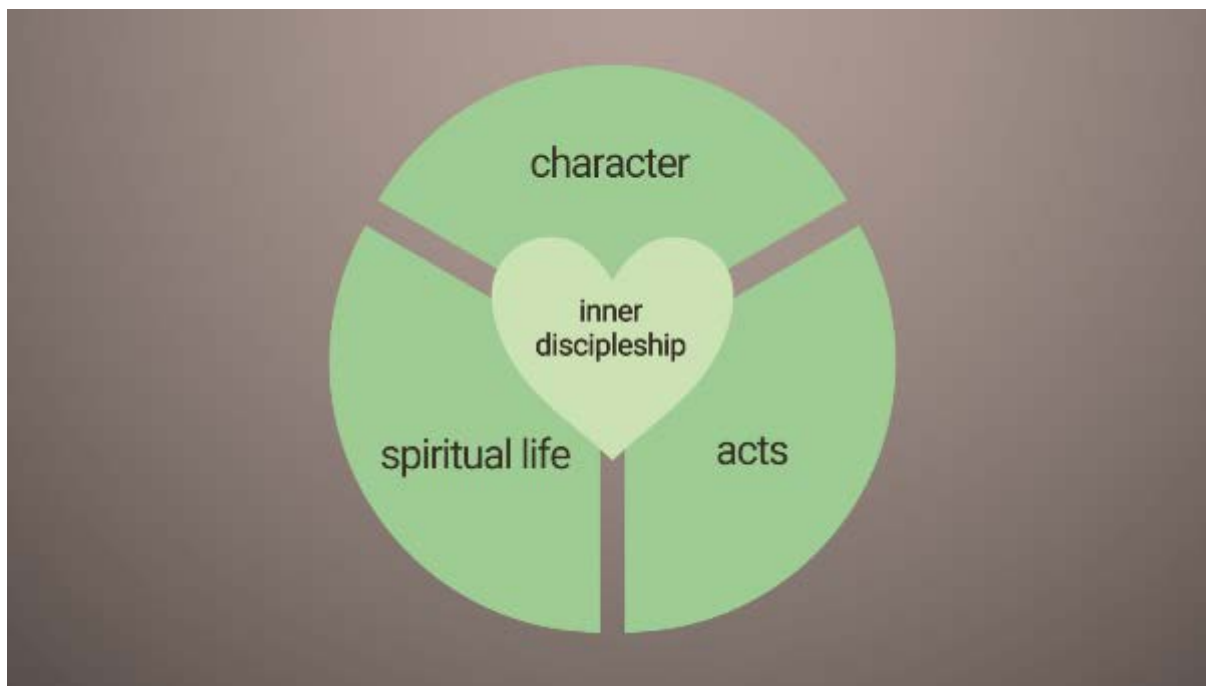
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A) Giving testimony



For every discipleship training lesson, we first need to clarify the following question: Does this lesson require a one-on-one discipleship or can this be done with the whole discipleship group together?

Answer: This seventh discipleship lesson should be taught in the group. Now we go through this lesson according to the pattern of our discipleship scorecard.

The first part of the discipleship training lesson is personal care according to the pattern of the discipleship scorecard

- 1) Questions about personal condition
 - How are you?
 - What did you learn from God this week?
 - How is your relationship with God?
 - How does your prayer life look like?
 - What are your needs?
 - 2) Praise and worship
 - 3) Accountability questions on following Jesus and the fishing of men
 - How are you obeying the word of God?
 - How did you put the last training lesson(s) into practice?
- Do you know the **grace of the Lord Jesus Christ** and the **love of the Father** and the **fellowship of the Holy Spirit**?

- Do you do a **Discovery Bible Study** and what has the Lord spoken to you through the word?
 - How is your **prayer** life?
 - Do you have a joyful **assurance of faith** in your heart?
 - How do you experience being continually **filled** with the Holy Spirit?
 - Do you live in regular **community with other followers of Jesus**?
- What is **God doing** in your life right now?
 - Are you a **witness for Jesus**?
 - With whom did you share **what you learned**?
 - Are **they training** others?
 - Is there something **I can help you with**?
 - How **many new groups** were started?
 - Retell the **contents of the last lesson**!

2nd part of the discipleship training lesson

B) Training/teaching from the open Bible according to the following 4-steps-pattern:

1. Reading **core texts** twice
2. **Summarizing** core text(s) with own words
3. Finding the **key elements** in the texts
4. Learning **memory verse(s)** by heart

This is the basic pattern we want to follow:

Teach your disciples to share their testimony

- We spoke in great detail about “giving testimony” in the 13th lesson.
- Now you can teach your disciples just as you learned it yourself in the 13th lesson.
- Sharing the personal testimony of giving one’s life to Jesus is a powerful form of preaching the gospel because you experienced it yourself.
- It is almost impossible to speak against our personal testimony because we have witnessed things with our eyes, ears and our lives. To illustrate: witnesses testifying in court are asked according to the same criteria.

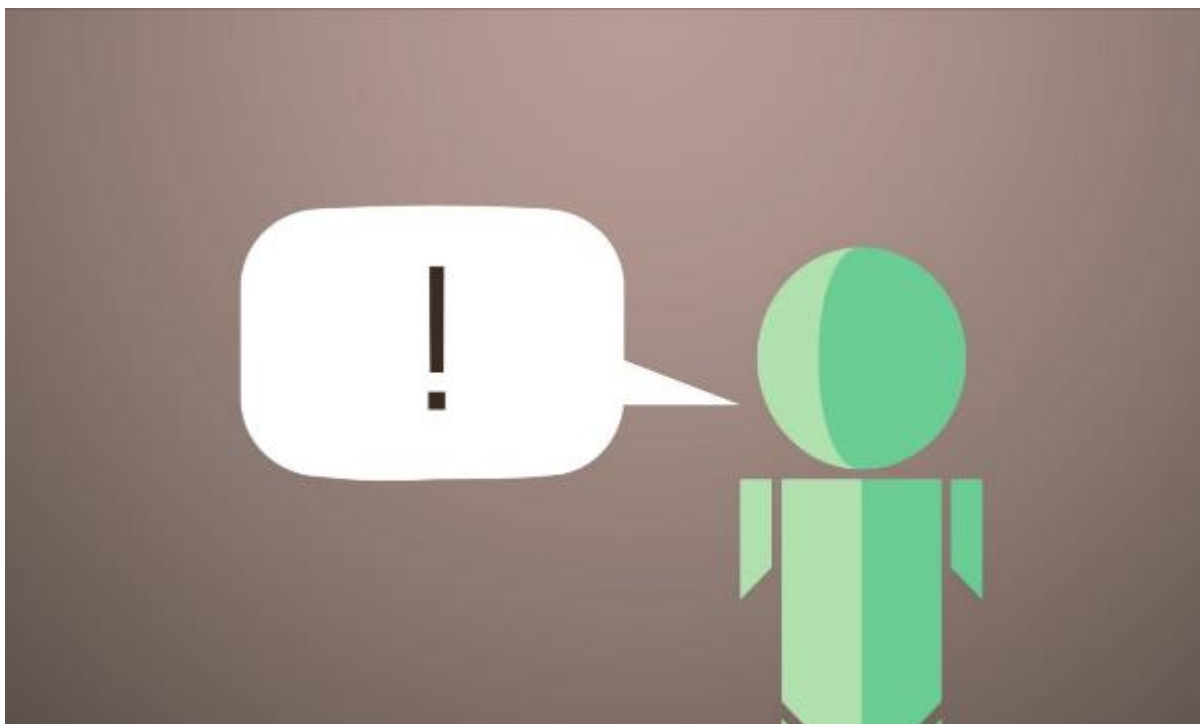
Matthew 10:32-33

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.”

Acts 1:4+8

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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- Jesus loves it, when we confess him
- The Holy Spirit empowers us and helps us to give testimony
- We can learn from Paul about how to share our testimonies
 - Important points from his life before his conversion: his background, education and how he persecuted the Christians (Acts 26,4-11).
 - How Paul got to know Jesus Christ: his experience with Christ outside of Damascus, the healing from blindness. This part is about the impact (Acts 26,12-18).
 - The consequences that getting to know Christ had in his life: the task of God, his baptism and his ministry for Christ (Acts 26,19-23).

Memory verses to learn by heart:

Acts 1:8

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3rd part of the discipleship training lesson

C) Implementation in the training room

1. As **disciple makers** we **tell** about our experiences and **demonstrate** the things learned in a **role-play**.
2. Divide the **discipleship group** into smaller groups of 2 to 3 persons. **Every group** should do a role-play.
3. Retelling and repeating the teaching.
4. **Setting a goal**: what they want to share with someone in the coming week.
5. **Encouragement** to share the lesson with one's own (spiritual) family.
6. **Praying together with the disciples**: Praying for the needs of the people they want to share their testimony with.
7. Praying that friends of the disciples would be open for Jesus and make a decision for him.

8. **Praying together with the disciples:** for those they want to share the training lesson with.
9. **Prayerfully listen with your disciples: which goals** they want to reach until the next meeting.
10. **Praying together with the disciples:** for every trainee and for their ministry of sending

So far the basic pattern we want to follow:

- During **this training lesson** we as disciple makers want to tell how we share our testimonies.
- Then we demonstrate to our disciples by putting our testimonies into words with them, ask them questions and then share our personal testimony.
- The disciples should share in groups and tell each other their testimonies.
- Then someone from the group retells the teaching in his own words.
- Goal setting: whom will they share their testimony with in the coming week?
- Encouragement to share this lesson with one's own (spiritual) family.
- Prayer together with the disciples for those they want to share their testimony with.
- Prayerfully listen with your disciples what the goals of this lesson are for the coming days.
- Prayer for every trainee and for the sending.

4th part of the discipleship training lesson

D) Implementation in the field

1. We go and **show/practice it** – the disciples watch and learn.
 - a) The **disciples practice** and we watch (and correct if necessary)
 - b) **The disciples demonstrate it** to their disciples who watch them...
 - c) It may be necessary to **demonstrate** some parts **several times (10x, 20x, 50x)**.

Demonstrating, training, practicing and repeating the following:

- We meet the disciples again to go out with them and we share our testimony.
- We go out together and the disciple shares his testimony.
- The disciple goes and shares his testimony in his Jerusalem (family), in his Judea (neighborhood, village) and in his Samaria (his region).

Part II: Application

- a) Someone from the group summarizes this teaching in his own words. If anything is missing, the others can add to the summary.

b) Group discussion

c) Write down personal insights from the teaching

d) Share with the group who exactly you want to train in this lesson

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- e) Every group explains what they have learned and presents their goals of application (outreach/group meeting).
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Part III: Outreach

Regular prayer (4 to 6 hours/week), going and preaching (4 to 6 hours/week), discipleship (4 to 6 hours/week).

1. PRAYER:

A) Prayer walk with a partner or the team ☐

B) From now on pray 1 hour for your disciples before every discipleship meeting ☐

2. GO: to the unreached you have a heart for ☐

3. Look for persons of peace ☐

4. PREACH: the gospel of the Kingdom of God ☐

5. EXPLAINING: the way of salvation ☐

6. Evangelistic Bible studies with interested people ☐

7. Share your personal testimony with five other people ☐

8. Call to repentance and to follow Jesus ☐

9. FAITH, REPENTANCE, BAPTISM AND RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT ☐

- 10. Pray for sick people during an outreach ☐
- 11. Raise a dead person if you are led so ☐
- 12. Seek to hear God's voice and the guidance of the Holy Spirit ☐
- 13. Pray for the 200 million persecuted Christians in the world, pray for your "persecutors"
and bless those who are cursing you. ☐
- 14. Continue to teach this seventh lesson to the discipleship group ☐

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