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TRAINING UNIT 29 (16.25 MINUTES)

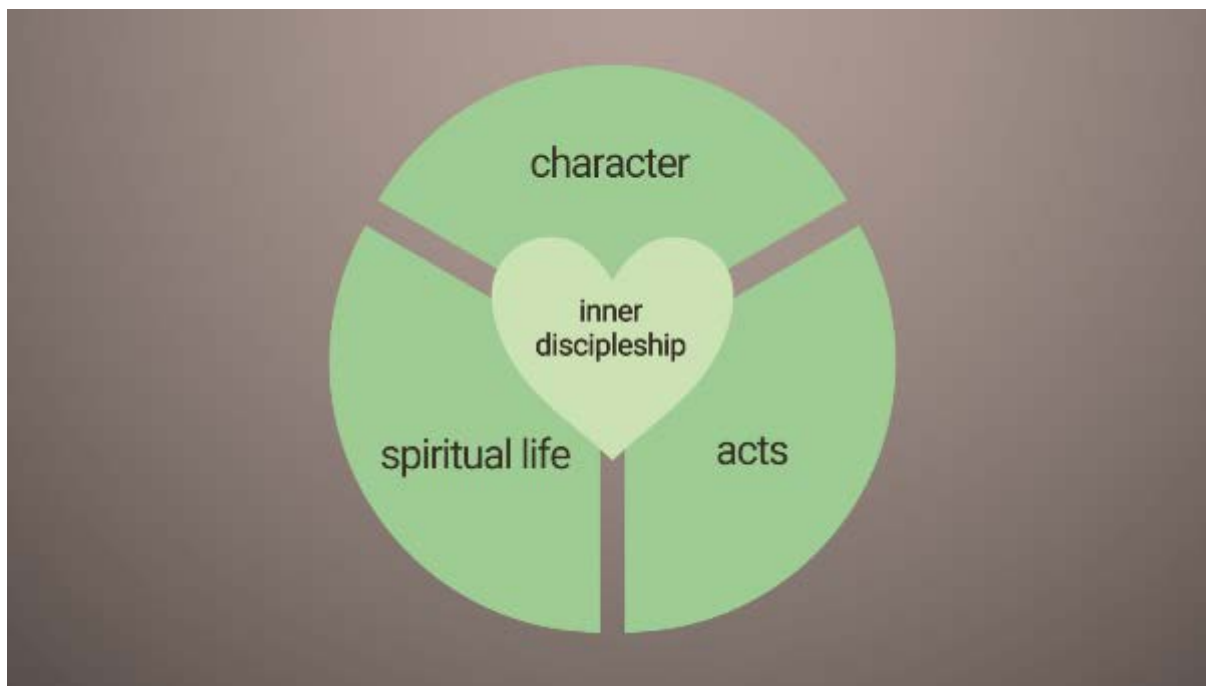
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6. Discipleship training lesson: personal spiritual life

E) Living in community



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 sixth discipleship lesson has to 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) Questions for giving an account 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?
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 - 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?
- 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:

Living in community

- The Jesus Model: he called a group of disciples and started a discipleship community with them.
- God himself lives in community: God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. They live in a loving relationship and work together.
- We have been created in the image of God. Therefore, we as disciples should live in purposeful relationships with other disciples as soon as possible. This is an important part of being human and being a disciple.
- Furthermore, certain parts of discipleship can only take place in community, specifically all parts in the New Testament that talk about “**each other**” and “**one another**”.
- That is why, if possible, we teach/practice discipleship in a group from the very beginning. This is already an important form of fellowship.
- We begin as early as possible to live in a discipleship community.

Acts 2:42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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Core values to take out of Acts 2:42

1. Staying in the word of God together. Practicing the Discovery Bible Study together.

2. Having spiritual and natural fellowship. Sharing from the heart: what are victories, joys, successes, where are challenges, needs, prayer requests? Where is help required?
3. Celebrating the Lord's Supper together, if possible integrating it into the so-called Agape meal = eating together.
4. Praying together in different ways.

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 give testimony about the way we live in community in the four areas mentioned above.
- For demonstration purposes, we then want to have a common group meeting with the disciples according to the 4 key elements.
- The disciples should share in groups and then organize a group meeting
- Then someone from the group retells the teaching in his own words.
- Goal setting: What did they learn and whom do they share it with?
- 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.

2. The **disciples practice** and we watch (and correct if necessary)
3. **The disciples demonstrate it** to their disciples who watch them...
4. It may be necessary to **demonstrate** some parts **several times (10, 20, 50 times)**.

Demonstrating, training, practicing and repeating the following:

- We meet the disciples again in order to demonstrate and practice community meetings.
- The disciples organize community meetings themselves while we watch and correct.
- We repeat this until the disciples hold regular discipleship meetings on their own.

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

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

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 sixth lesson to the discipleship group ☐

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