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TRAINING UNIT 35 (14.21 MINUTES)

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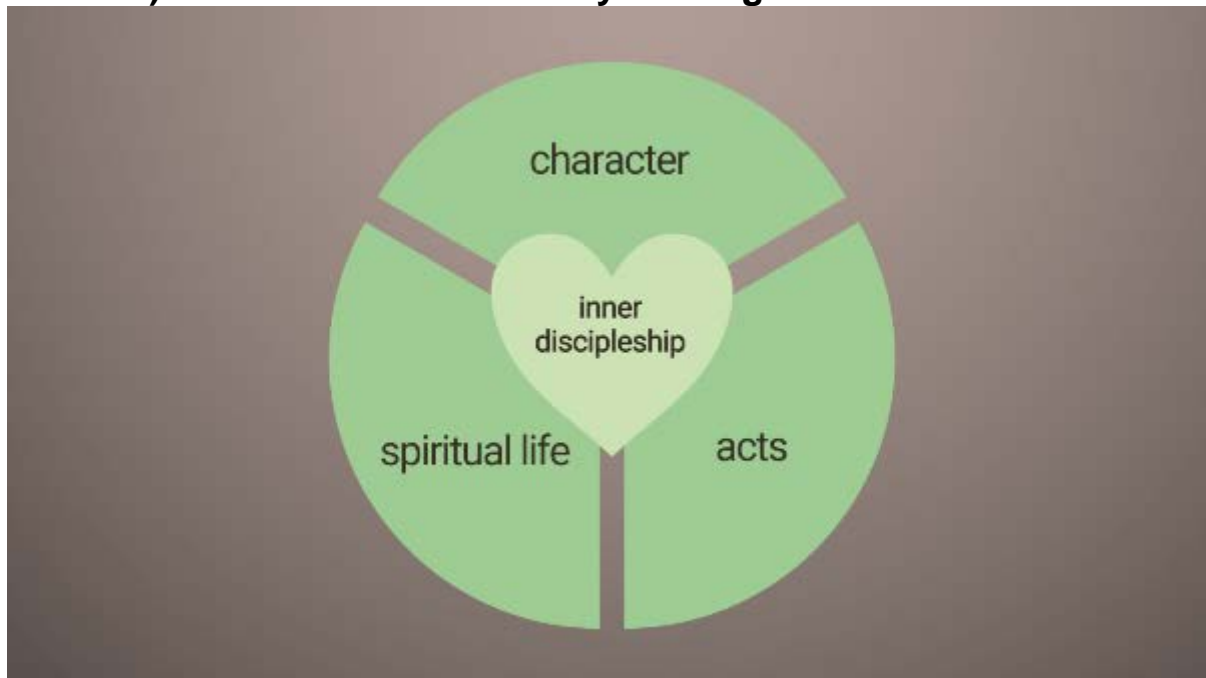
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For every discipleship training lesson we first need to clarify the following question: Does this lesson require a one-on-one discipleship or can this be done with the whole discipleship group together?

Answer: This twelfth discipleship lesson can be taught in a 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?**
 - Are you a **witness** for Jesus?
 - Are you **preaching** the gospel of the Kingdom of God?
 - Are you practicing the ministry of the Holy Spirit?
 - Are you generously **giving and sharing** your time, treasures, talents, etc. as a steward?
 - Are you making **disciples of others?**
- 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

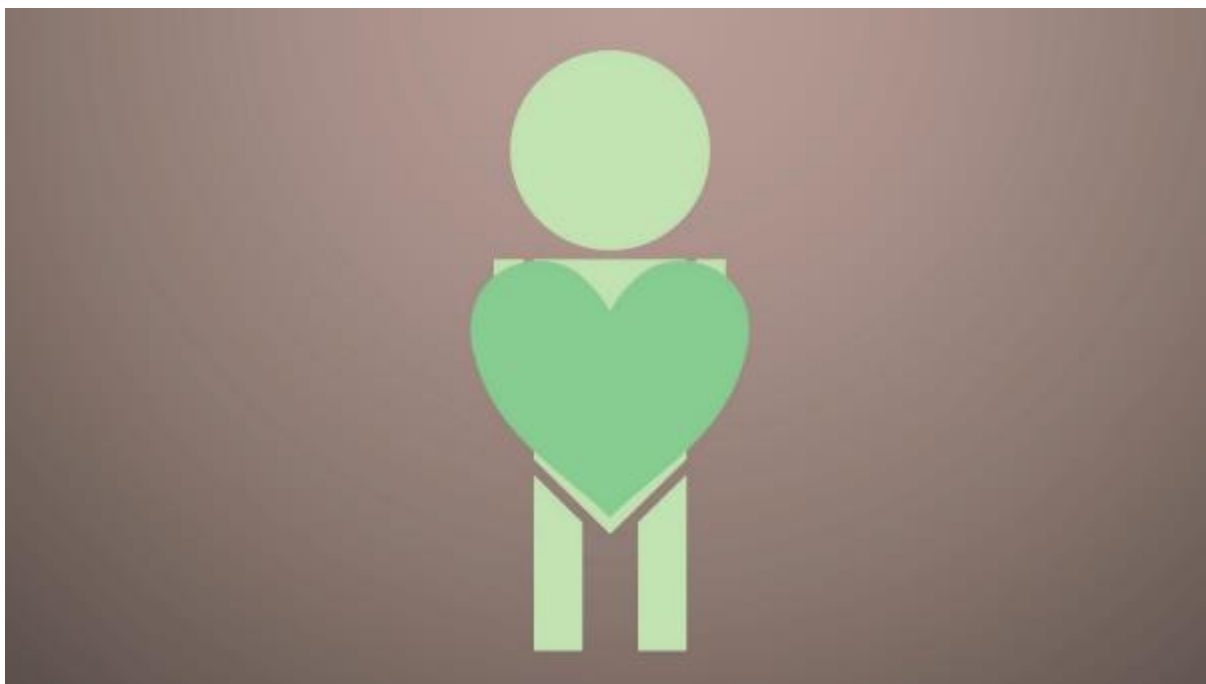
B) Training/teaching from the open Bible according to the following 4-steps-pattern:

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:

Introductory thoughts on loving God and loving one's neighbor

- Jesus said that the double commandment to love God and one's neighbor is the greatest commandment.
- To continually grow in the love towards God and people is a lifelong process of every follower of Jesus. It is the most important goal and the purpose of our lives.
- Of course, we cannot lead our disciples into the whole breadth, length, height and depth of love within one discipleship training. However, we can show them what it means to live a life for God and our neighbors instead of leading a selfish lifestyle.
- Since the commandment to love is so central, we should address it AT EVERY gathering.



1 John 4:16

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus replied: "‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’"

Revelation 2:4-5

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

1 John 5:3

In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome.

Ephesians 5:1-2

Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1 John 3:16

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

- God himself is love therefore love is the greatest.
- To love God means to give him the first place in everything.
- Love means to give, to give oneself, to dedicate oneself to someone with all that we are and all that we have. For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only son...

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

- To love God means to keep his commandments. Love is a commandment. (Yes, it is possible to command love!)
- We should not only love God but also our neighbors and even our enemies.
- To love one's neighbor means to give one's life for him.

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

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Memory verse to learn by heart:

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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. **Prayer 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:

- In this training lesson we as disciple makers want to share from our experiences:
 - Give an example where you are struggling to put God in first place.
 - Give an example where you are struggling to keep the commandments.
 - Give a testimony (5 examples) of where you specifically practiced love in your spiritual life.
- We as disciple makers demonstrate the things learned in a role-play. Show your disciples a deed of love, for example: encourage everyone or honor every one of them.
- The disciples now share with each other in small groups:
 - Where God does not yet have the first place in their lives.
 - In which areas they are struggling to keep the commandments.
 - They too should practice a deed of love in the group.
 - Then they should pray for each other.
- Afterwards, someone from the group retells the teaching in his own words.
- Goal setting: what they want to share with someone during the 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.
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:

- This 12th lesson is about the core of our whole lives and ministries. It is about the deepest motives, why we live as we do and why we do what we do.
- Since the commandment to love is so central, we should address it during every meeting and during every ministry with our disciples, doing a love check so to speak.
- In this way we show our disciples that we live our lives and conduct our ministries out of love towards God and people. Perhaps much training is required to practice a lifestyle of love. We go out together and look for someone, to whom we can show love to or for whom we can do something good. Then our disciples do the same.

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 12th lesson to the discipleship group and coach them in it ☐

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