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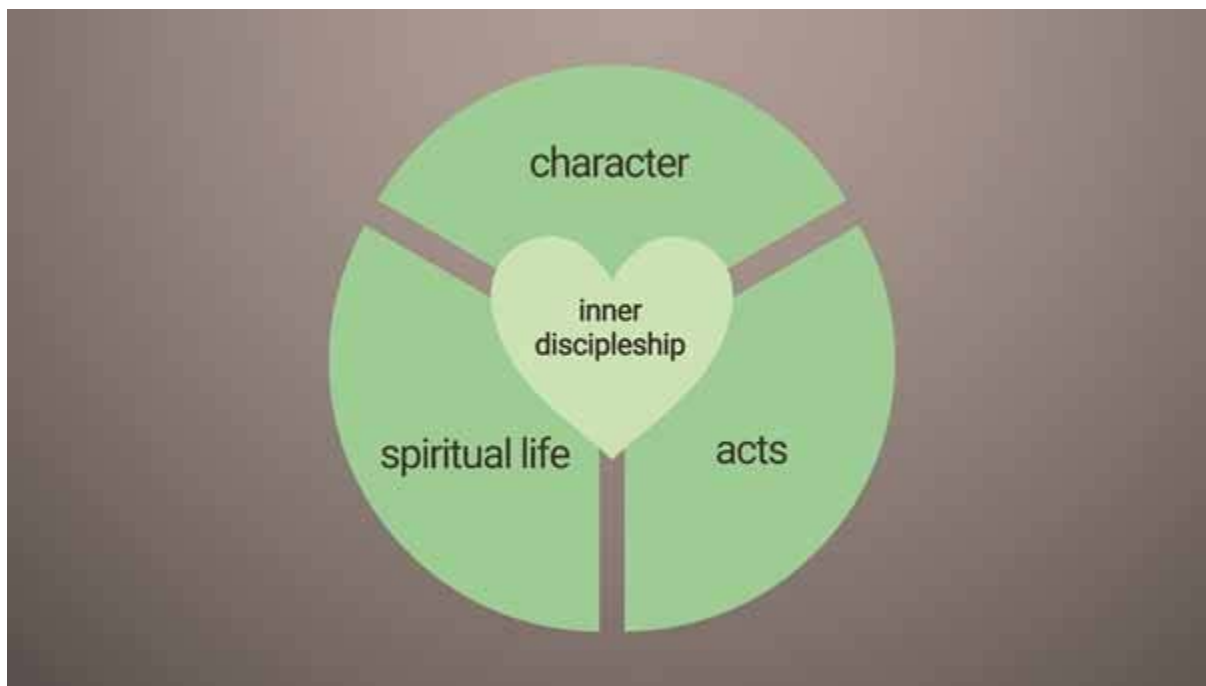
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D) Serving



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: The topic of this 15th discipleship training 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) 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?

- 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**?
- Are you obeying **the great commandment to love**?
- Do you strive for holiness (**put off – put on**) in your life?
- Do you practice **forgiveness**?

- 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:

Key texts on serving

Matthew 20:25-28

Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

1. Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

Ephesians 6:6-7

Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people.

Serving (heart of a servant)

- In this world there is a will to rule. In the Kingdom of God there should be a will to serve.
 - Jesus turns the values upside down in the Kingdom of God. Success and career no longer count—it is all about serving.
 - A disciple of Jesus should be recognized by his service to others.
 - Serving and ruling is one and the same in the Kingdom of God.
 - Jesus is our role model for serving.
 - The Kingdom of God is built by serving.
 - All sincere service is done for God.
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Memory verse to learn by heart:

Matthew 20:26-27

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave.

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:

- In **this training lesson**, we as disciple makers want to give a testimony about our experience with service in our spiritual lives.
- As disciple makers, we demonstrate the things learned in a role-play. Use a specific situation to demonstrate what it means to serve, for example by washing the feet of the disciples. In this way you can show what a serving attitude looks like.
- The disciples share in groups and serve each other in a practical way.
- Then 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:

- Use concrete opportunities to serve your disciples very practically when you are together with them, be it at home or on the way.
- Encourage your disciples to look for opportunities to serve practically when you are together with them.
- This 15th training lesson is about a serving attitude. This, too, is a lifelong spiritual process.

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

- a) Each group presents what they learned and the specific goals they want to pursue now: (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 15th lesson to the discipleship group ☐

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