

RADICAL

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER 5

Chapter 5— Christians are called to impact the nations by making followers of Christ. “People are God’s method for winning the world to Himself,” (p. 90) and all believers are called and enabled to be disciple makers. Jesus lived life with, and invested heavily in a small group of twelve men, showing us the relational nature of discipleship. “Jesus has not given us an effortless step-by-step formula for impacting nations for His glory. He has given us people and He has said, ‘Live for them, love them, serve them, and lead them. Lead them to follow me, and then lead them to lead others to follow me. In the process you will multiply the Gospel to the ends of the earth’” (p. 93). Thus, “disciple making is not about a program or an event but about a relationship” (p. 96). It involves going where others need the Gospel, inviting them into communities of faith, and teaching them so that they will reproduce. “This is the plan God has for each of us to impact nations for the glory of Christ” (p. 103).

Leaders remember our monthly goals

1. Prayer- around gospel encounters, praises in the group, praises of our great God.
2. Encourage intentional living (gospeling in the everyday)
3. Verbally inform about church life- announcements (or prayer about - facility, prayer regarding pressing issues in your group or in the church- see point one)
4. Apply the word
 - a. Scripture memory
 - b. sermon application
 - c. Putting off the old self and putting on Christ
 - i. confession leading to repentance through
 - ii. accountability- we want people to be suspicious of their own hearts and learn to apply the gospel with adults and children.
5. Joy in all you do ☺

Refresh everyone’s memory of the chapters by reading the summary:

1. Talk about interesting or convicting quotes from Chapters 5. What questions do your group members have pertaining to these first two chapters?
2. Remind our people that self-denying love for others does not earn us right standing before God, but rather is a fruit of the heart that sees the beauty and all-satisfying nature of Jesus. The Gospel must be our fuel and motivation for living intentional lives of love and sacrifice where God has us.
3. Remind our people of last weeks chapter, that God has given us His grace through the Gospel so that we might take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. How has the grace of God through the Gospel encouraged you this week to be a disciple maker?
4. What idols in your heart and life are barriers to the mission of making disciples? {Examples: 1)idol of craving people’s approval- thus I am afraid of failure and looking bad in front of others if I can’t answer a question. 2)idol of comfort and ease- thus I avoid discipleship because it is messy and inconvenient.}
5. As disciple making is not a program, but is relational, how has God burdened your heart to pursue a more intentional disciple-making relationship with someone?
6. Have several individuals within the group share testimonies of how taking responsibility to help others grow in Christ served to take their own relationship with Jesus to a new level. Encourage one another to take the step of discipleship both for the joy of others and their own joy in Christ.
7. The author discusses three necessary components to disciple making: going to the need, baptizing (inviting them into faith communities), and teaching the Word of God. As a discipler, has God challenged your heart to be more intentional in one or more of these areas?
8. All believers are called to be disciple making teachers of the Word. Do we listen to the Word taught to us with the goal of reproducing/teaching? If not, how can we listen to the Word of God taught and preached so that we are equipped to teach it to others?