

**A Vision for Disciplemaking**  
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**Small Group Dynamics**  
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## Small Group Dynamics

*What is the benefit to me?*

*What is my perception of the benefit to him/them?*

*What does he think the benefit is to him/them?*

*Count the cost -*

### I. Why You

1. Why you might be hesitant to lead a Bible Study -

*Jeremiah 1:6-7 "Not me Lord, I'm just a child (a beginner); **One Step Ahead To Lead ...***

2. Why you may decide to lead a small group.

*Not called to be successful... just faithful...*

### II. Have A Plan

1. What do you hope the product will look like when it comes out of the process?
2. A different thought on "discipleship" - Matthew 28:18-19

*Conclusion:*

### III. Small Group Dynamics

Who - From a Practical Standpoint...

Look for FAT People ....

F \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_

T \_\_\_\_\_

Look for \_\_\_\_\_

Look for people with \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. Ideal Composition of a small group

If you are going to lead it, you need...

One... already \_\_\_\_\_ Christian... someone you can depend on... A #2

One or more .... \_\_\_\_\_ believers

One or more .... who you aren't \_\_\_\_\_ if they are \_\_\_\_\_

One or more... believed to be \_\_\_\_\_ ... (they may not know it... a project)

Why \_\_\_\_\_

You Must Be Willing To Take Risks .... Mark's Example - God put him on our door step...

Can't be shocked easily...

Chemistry Is Important... think about it. *Spiritual Hospital or Sanctuary for Saints*

#### V. Recruiting

What's Your Fishing Pond -

Inside church -

Outside church -

In hostile church environment -

Make a list... add names as Holy Spirit brings people to mind... continue to pray.

#### VI. How to Recruit

1. Straight Forward...After some cultivation .... often very little. "I have been praying about doing a bible study with some men (couples) and as I have prayed you keep coming to mind."

2. Your Attitude- *One beggar trying to help another beggar find bread*

3. Ask for a specific commitment...

4. Limited Time (4 to 6 weeks)

5. Identifiable Study Material - Simple, beginner stuff, but challenging (You can increase the depth, but it is hard to simplify a study that is too tough for the beginner's spiritual maturity.)

6. Don't assume spiritual maturity by age or how long they have been in church! Deacon with diaper example. For the spiritual beginner... assure them they won't be put on the spot, or called on to pray. "We are all going to be learning together..."

## VII. Personal commitment

Your Personal Walk-

You must be willing to take risks...

Be unselfish with your time...

Spend Time Together Outside Study...

Be Creative-

Be Realistic-

***You can provide information, not application ... But you can create an environment where it can occur.***

## VIII. Getting Started

My Application-

My Commitment-

My Prospects-

Starting Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Study Material: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Helps...***

*Small-Group Leaders Set - NavPress*

*2:7 Series - NavPress*

*Designs for Discipleship - NavPress*

*Discipleship Essentials - Greg Ogden - IVP*

*Good Things Come In Small Groups - IVP*

*Christianbooks.com*

*Disciples are Made- Not Born by Walter A. Henrichsen*

*The Lost Art of Disciple Making by Leroy Eims*