



A Division of David Wood Ministries

The "DISCIPLESHIP DIRECTOR'S" Training Guide

THE FUNCTION AND JOB DESCRIPTION

"Diligent follow-up and follow-through will set you apart from the crowd and communicate excellence."

THE PURPOSE

To disciple every new convert to effectively begin their Christian walk as well as join the structured ministry of the soul winning church as soon as possible. The procedure will fit with in the "existing schedule" of the church. Additionally, new church members who need grounding in their "faith and walk" should be directed to attend this class.

Notes:

- As the following information is reviewed, it would be extremely helpful if a copy of the discipleship booklet "Fruit That Remains" was on hand to review for clarity and understanding.
- Each church will want to make adjustments to the following procedure in order to "fit" their ministry. However, please note that to make structural changes will weaken the training and equipping of the new believer.
- A name should be chosen for your class. Suggestions: "New Beginnings" - "New Believers" - "New Converts" - "Discipleship Class" - Etc.

"The timing of your decision is just as important as the decision you make."

THE PROGRAM

A 13 week class - complete with a workbook, video support and graduation. This training and motivational program is geared to disciple the new Christian or build foundation in an "older" believer who needs to begin to grow in the Lord while involving them in the ministry and activities of the local church.

RESOURCES

- The "Fruit That Remains" discipleship booklet. Complete with follow up questions, answers, parchment certificates, John and Romans, commitment forms, growth charts plus the "13 point soul winning plan".
- 13 seven minute video lessons; includes an introduction and a brief lesson on all twelve lessons found in the "Fruit That Remains" Discipleship booklet
 - Easily assessable on the DWM *website
 - All lessons taught by Dr David Wood and are available at NO COST.
- All resources are available in English and Spanish.

THE PROCEDURE

The Discipleship Class: (the complete course covers one quarter-13 weeks).

Week #1

The teacher will share the purpose, benefits and procedure of the course. Then:

- distribute a FTR booklet to each person.
- show the introduction video. Each video lesson is numbered and corresponds
- to each numbered lesson in the FTR booklet.
- deliver a brief challenge (perhaps a Biblical soul winning example as the Woman at the Well).
- give the next week's assignment; i.e. the first lesson.

Week #2

The teacher, after preliminaries (taking on the class role, etc.), will show the Lesson #1 video (available on the DWM *website) followed by his teaching and review of that lesson.

He will then review the questions giving the correct answers. This is a very important section of each lesson. Each answer should be reviewed with the support verses given and taught (a short question and answer time would be extremely helpful). He will then assign the second lesson.

Week #3 - #13

Each week, the teacher will follow the same procedure given under week #2. All 12 lessons will have been covered by the end of the 13 week quarter. The graduation time and place should be announced with a commitment received for total attendance.

"We profess what we behold"

GRADUATION

It is imperative that the graduation for each group that has been discipled occur as soon as possible. Ideally, it would be in [the next Sunday morning](#) service. After calling those who are graduating to the platform and sharing what they have accomplished, the certificate at the back of the discipleship book should be presented to each one.

This will have been filled out in advance and could be framed. The few minutes just used to accomplish this task will reap great dividends in the mind and heart of the members.

ESTABLISHING THE TIME AND PLACE

Much prayer and thought should go into the choosing of the 13 week time period in which the class should be taught - keeping in mind the necessity of the new believer being disciplined as soon as possible. Also, "fitting" the program into the existing structure of the church schedule.

The Sunday School (morning or night) or Group Period

If possible, this has to be the best time to conduct your "Discipleship Class". A workable approach is:

- The new convert is enrolled immediately into his appropriate Sunday school class (Example- Young Couples). That class teacher will check attendance each week, visit, establish relationships and involve him in all class outings and functions.

- The new convert will also be enrolled instantly into the "Discipleship Class", regardless of the week in which he enters the class. This means that he will start, as an example, taking lesson #7, and remain there until he has finished all of the lessons -he would graduate after lesson 6. This means that he will be enrolled in his Sunday school class and the new "Discipleship Class" simultaneously.

Both teachers will take roll each class period; however, his relationship building and attendance to class activities and functions will continue in his original Sunday school class (Young Couples). This means that he will have two spiritual leaders encouraging his attendance and involvement. After graduating from the new "Discipleship Class", he will continue his attendance and involvement in his original Sunday school class.

Note:

- It is recommended that he not be graduated if he has missed over two of his 13 week classes and assignments. However, the Discipleship Director can schedule extra sessions with him to catch him up. If at all possible, he needs to have finished all 12 lessons in his FTR booklet.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Internet access - to connect to the DWM *website
- A projector with a screen or a TV - make sure that your devices are media connected
- A "Fruit That Remains" booklet for each student
- Each student should have a Bible

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