

## *How to start discipling someone!*

Many people observe the positive difference that discipleship makes in a person's life and wonder how to get started discipling someone. The Lord Jesus Christ commanded Christians to make disciples, and this involves teaching others to follow Him by obeying His commandments. Matthew 28:18-20, with emphasis added, shows this clearly.

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Since a "disciple" refers to *someone who learns from another*, each believer in Jesus Christ has the joyful requirement of learning from the Bible with other believers how to grow into the image of Christ (Romans 8:28-29). Discipleship means a Christian spends time with other followers of our Savior, helping them apply God's Word in every day life.

This includes family members and not just those we try to reach around the world. One way to start this with a friend or anyone who believes in Jesus, which doesn't require only meeting with those less mature in their faith, goes like this (testimony on back too!):

1. Contact someone with the question, "Would you like to get together sometime to talk about anything we have going on and find what the Bible says about it?"
2. Find a fun restaurant or office where you can talk comfortably for about an hour.
3. Talk about topics of interest and try to find Scripture that relates to what you share.
4. For example, use your phones to google search the words, "stress scripture" (if the topic of stress gets mentioned), and pray together after discussing what you find.

Please prayerfully consider trying this method and let us know what you think! Thank you!!

During the year everyone receiving this gets prayed for still by name at least once for each letter, so please request prayers about anything going on or others you know with needs whenever you'd like to have something special offered.

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# Notes on Starting Discipleship (testimony!)

I met Darin 2 years ago at a LOGOS breakfast. I had committed my life to Christ about 10 years before that, but was having some trouble deciphering how my life was supposed to look.

Like many Christians, I found the Bible hard to read and had difficulty finding practical application for life situations.

I wanted to walk more closely with God but wasn't exactly sure what that was supposed to look like.

At the LOGOS breakfast I heard Darin speak about one on one discipling of men.

To be honest I didn't know what it really meant to be a disciple or to make a disciple, but at that point in my life I really needed someone to listen to my story and help me find Biblical ways to handle the issues that I was facing.

For anyone who is intimidated by the thought of "discipleship" ... don't be.

What Darin does so well is that he takes the intimidation out of it.

I started to meet with Darin for weekly lunches. I wasn't expected to know anything or bring anything. Being disciplined really meant:

Committing to Darin that I would read the Bible-One Year.

Opening up about anything that I felt comfortable talking about and letting Darin point me to scriptural applications for handling those issues (Darin's scripture memory is so impressive).

Learning from Darin more about how to be humble, how to pray more and how to listen.

As a result of those lunches, I saw a true transformation in my heart. Ultimately, being disciplined meant that I was taught how to pursue God through his Word for answers to the issues that life throws out.

Ultimately, my walk as a Christian has been improved by my relationship with Darin and LOGOS.

It has given me encouragement in leading a small group Bible Study of friends because I feel better prepared.

The model of LOGOS Leaders Outreach is to make disciples of other men (following Jesus' great commission).

Two years ago, I would not have considered myself to be a candidate to disciple anyone. But after learning from Darin how discipleship works, I became comfortable with the roll and I now meet with someone regularly to disciple him.

If you, or someone that you know, would be interested in being disciplined, please let Darin or one of the board members know. If you feel compelled to support this ministry with prayers, they would be greatly appreciated. If you feel led to donate to this organization, that would also be greatly appreciated. It is a small non-profit and the funds all go towards disciple making. I can stand here and tell you that it works ... it is for God's glory ... and it is impactful. I encourage you to check it out.