

KINGDOM LIFE

EVANGELISM

- Q: Do you have an active concern for the lost souls around you?
- Q: Where is your "fishing hole" or place that you are building relationships?
- Q: What are the next steps for you to grow in your effectiveness evangelistically?

USING TALENTS FOR GOD

- Q: What are the God-given strengths that you use in your career?
- Q: What are ways that you could also use those strengths to build up God's people?
- Q: What are current needs that you see in the church that you could meet?

GIVING GENEROUSLY (TO GOD & THE POOR)

- Q: What would it look like for your giving to be considered "generous"?
- Q: Are there needs or programs in the church that excite you that you would like to give to?
- Q: What are you actively doing to serve the poor?

LEADERSHIP AND OTHER DISCIPLING RELATIONSHIPS

- Q: How are your other discipling relationships going?
- Q: If you are not discipling someone else, why not?
- Q: If you are leading a small group or ministry, how is it going?

SCHOOL / CAREER

BEING A GREAT STUDENT/EMPLOYEE

- Q: What are the temptations and challenges you face at work/school?
- Q: How would your fellow co-workers/classmates describe you at work/school?
- Q: Are you a model employee/student? If not, what needs to change?

EMPLOYING / LEADING OTHERS

- Q: What challenges do you have leading others?
- Q: Would the people that you lead describe your character as Christ-like?
- Q: What are the areas that you need to grow in?

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GROUNDED



FOUNDATIONS OF DISCIPLING

APPENDIX B: A DISCIPLING RELATIONSHIP CONVERSATION

A Bible Study

Introductory Thoughts

Every discipling relationship needs an occasional assessment. This appendix was designed to help you look at your discipling relationship from many perspectives. It is suggested that you use this "Discipling Relationship Conversation" as a discussion starter or reminder of the important aspects of your spiritual relationship.

Below are some sample questions that could be asked. They are obviously not comprehensive but may be used to spark some good discussion or inspire you to ask other questions that would be more pertinent.

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

THE GOAL IS CHRIST

- Q: Are you constantly reminding each other of the blessings you have in Christ?
- Q: Are you actively helping each other to become more like Christ?
- Q: What can you do to improve in this area?

THE MOTIVATION IS LOVE

- Q: Do you believe your discipling partner has a genuine love and affection for you?
- Q: Are there any feelings or history that needs to be resolved?
- Q: In what ways do you feel loved (words of encouragement, acts of service, time together)?

THE RELATIONSHIP

INVESTING IN THE RELATIONSHIP

- Q: Are both of you actively pursuing the relationship?
- Q: Are there things that can be done to better invest in your relationship?

PROTECTING THE RELATIONSHIP

- Q: Are you both committed to work through conflict and resolve differences?
- Q: Do you both take responsibility to protect the relationship?

TIME TOGETHER

QUALITY

- Q: Do you occasionally get quality time together (a weekend away, family outings, meals, etc.)?
- Q: How would each of you describe ideal quality time?

QUANTITY

- Q: Do you meet on a regular basis so that both of you are satisfied?
- Q: Are you meeting regularly enough that you are able to know each other's lives?

IMPORTANT LIFE DISCUSSIONS

WALK WITH GOD

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- Q: Do you trust that God loves you and has your best interest in mind?
- Q: Are you eager to spend time with God everyday?

BIBLE STUDY

- Q: What have you been studying in God's Word?
- Q: Do you need any help to dig deeper (Bible study guides, online tools, spiritual books)?

PRAYER LIFE

- Q: What are the things on your heart that you frequently pray about?
- Q: Do you find value in praying with other people?
- Q: Would you like to get some time to pray together?

RIGHTEOUSNESS (PURITY, INTEGRITY, SIN CONFESSION, ETC.)

- Q: What are the sins that you find yourself struggling with at work/school?
- Q: When you are not doing well spiritually, how does your sinful nature show itself?
- Q: Is there anything on your heart that you need to confess?

FAMILY LIFE

MARRIAGE

- Q: Are you and your spouse emotionally connected?
- Q: What triggers unhealthy interactions in your marriage?
- Q: Do you help each other spiritually?

PARENTING

- Q: Do you and your spouse work as a team in your parenting?
- Q: Is the predominant tone in your relationship with each of your kids "delight" in them?
- Q: How is the spiritual development progressing with each of your kids?

HOME LIFE

- Q: Do you think each of your family members would describe your home as a sanctuary?
- Q: Is your home a place where you are proud to show hospitality to friends and neighbours?
- Q: What are the issues that need to be addressed in your home that you haven't addressed?

EXTENDED FAMILY

- Q: How does your relationship with God influence your relationship with your extended family?
- Q: Are you actively supporting any family members?
- Q: Do you feel like you are having healthy spiritual conversations where possible?

FINANCES AND DEBT

- Q: Do you and your spouse have a unified approach and conviction about your finances?
- Q: Do you have any debt? If so, are you aggressively paying it off?
- Q: What are you doing to invest for the future (rainy day, college, retirement)?

DATING

- Q: If single, are you regularly going out on encouragement dates?
- Q: If you are in a steady dating relationship, how is your purity and your spiritual focus?
- Q: If married, are you getting time together to go on dates?