



DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

**Simple Church Network
Leaders Training Development
And Discussion**

May 10th 2014

www.Simplechurchnetwork.org

Appendices

- A. Definition SCN**
- B. Leader Qualifications**
- C. Discipleship Methods**
- D. Discipleship Materials**
- E. DNA**
- F. SCN Charter**
- G. SCN Leader Roles**

A. Definitions SCN

Simple Church Network

Purpose of the Simple Church Network

To facilitate the multiplication of disciples that leads to Christ-centered spiritual families (churches) pursuing His mission together on earth.

Simple Church definition

A Simple Church is the presence of Jesus among His people, called out as a spiritual family (church) to pursue His mission on earth.

Definitions of a Disciple

A Follower of Jesus Christ that seek to live a life marked by continued growth in understanding and obedience of the Gospel

Math 28:20 teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...

Discipleship

Disciples making Disciples through Scripture studies to grasp the fullness of the gospel to become like Christ and to obey His commands.

(Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:19-20)

Christian maturity is:

1. Finding our identity in Christ as the most important part of who we are
2. Letting our lives bring Glory to God
1. Discipled making Disciples (2 Tim 2:2)

B. Leader Qualifications

1 Timothy 3:2-7	Titus 1:6-9	1 Peter 5:1-3
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Above reproach 2. The husband of one wife 3. Temperate [self-controlled, balanced] 4. Prudent [sensible, good judgment] 5. Respectable [well-behaved, virtuous] 6. Hospitable 7. Able to teach 8. Not addicted to wine 9. Not pugnacious [not belligerent] 10. Gentle [forbearing] 11. Peaceable [non contentious] 12. Free from love of money 13. Manages his household well 14. Not a new convert 15. A good reputation with those outside the church 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Above reproach 2. The husband of one wife 3. Having children who believe 4. Not self-willed 5. Not quick-tempered 6. Not addicted to wine 7. Not pugnacious 8. Not fond of sordid gain 9. Hospitable 10. Lover of what is good [kind, virtuous] 11. Sensible [see prudent] 12. Just [righteous conduct, law-abiding] 13. Devout [holy, pleasing to God, loyal to his word] 14. Self-controlled 15. Holds fast the faithful [trustworthy NIV] Word, both to exhort and to refute 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not shepherding under compulsion, but voluntarily 2. Nor shepherding for sordid gain, but with eagerness 3. Not lording it over the flock, but proving to be an example

C. Discipleship Methods

There are a whole lot of programs to follow - here is just two

The Bible The primary tool for discipleship

Simple:

1. For Groups:

- **Choose a book (Start with the New Testament)**
- **Take a chapter of two each meeting**
- **All will have read the material**
- **Simply review each section of the chapter**
 - **Ask the "What" questions**

What Does:

It say

(Scholar input)

It say to me

What are you: going to do about it

- **Leader can prepare some questions for relevant sections to seed the discussion**
- **Discussion follows**
- **Let the Spirit lead**

2. One on One or two - DAN Group or Daniel*

- **Disciple - Choose a book (Start with the New Testament)**
 - **Read at least 30 Chapters per week**
 - **Discuss any:**
 - **? Questions**
 - **! Revelations**
 - **---> Directional information**
- **Accountability Questions**
- **Nurture (Minister) to each other thru the struggle**

***DANIEL: Discipleship, Accountability, Nurture In Everyday Life**

D. Discipleship Materials

1. **BILD - First Principles** http://www.bild.org/resources/first_principles

Series I (- Weeks)	Series II	Series III
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Becoming a Disciple 2. Belonging to a Family of Families 3. Participating in the Mission of the Church- 6 4. Cultivating Habits of the heart- 6 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enjoying you Relationship 2. Passing on your Beliefs 3. Envisioning Fruitful Like Work 4. Building for the Future 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Handling the word with Confidence 2. Unfolding the Great Commission 3. Laying 4. Solid Foundation in the Gospel 5. Catching God's Vision for the Church 6. Living in God's Household

2. **T4T** <http://t4tonline.org/>

	Reproducing Evangelism	Reproducing Discipleship	Reproducing Churches	Reproducing Leaders

3. Jesus Blue Print A Discipleship Journey - Video / Study series <http://lionshare.org/>

Topics - Video Sessions 4 studies for each	Topics - The book
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowing God 2. A Call to Discipleship 3. The Grace of God 4. The Cross, Sin and Repentance 5. Hearing the word of God 6. The disciple's Disciplines 7. Relationship 8. Spiritual Warfare 9. The Church in Acts 10. Advancing the Kingdom 11. Purpose, Passion and Giftedness 12. Mentoring and Making Disciples 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Acts of the Discipled 2. The Fruitfulness factor 3. The Jesus Blueprint 4. What are you Reproducing 5. Disciple Making and the Dozen Domains 6. Dozen Domains Snapshot 1 7. Dozen Domains Snapshot 2 8. Dozen Domains Snapshot 3 9. Cultivating Disciple Making Communities 10. Making Disciple Makers

4. Campus Crusade - 3 Year Study
<http://crupressgreen.com/compass/>

5. Down line builder Specialized Discipleship - You build it!
<http://www.downlinebuilder.com/>

6. Multiply By Francis Chan <https://www.multiplymovement.com/>
 This is a good overview of what Discipleship is and then gives an overview of the tread of God's relationship with his people.

1. Living as a Disciple Maker
2. Living as the Church
3. How to Study the bible
4. Understanding the Old Testament
5. Understanding the New Testament

E. DNA

Divine Truth (John 8:31, John 17:17)

- a. Bible is our text
 - i. Taking scripture into our mind and heart
 - ii. Towards heart change over Bible knowledge
 - iii. Application of Scripture to our lives
 - iv. Understanding God's Plan
 - v. Understanding our Role
- b. Immersion in Scripture
- c. Life transformation – the goal
- d. Abiding in Him

Nurturing Relationship (Rom 12:10, 14:13 15:7)

- a. Close Relationships (Doing life together)
- b. Helping / Serving one another
- c. Multiple touches weekly
- d. Living outside of our comfort zone
- e. Hospitality
- f. Church is where we live

Apostolic Mission (Luke 19:9-10)

- a. Seeking the lost
- b. The empty chair - Nonbelievers welcomed
- c. Encourage Incarnational living
- d. Multiplication of Leaders / House Churches

F. SCN Charter

MEMBERSHIP CHARTER

Simple Church Network is a Network of Churches and Networks

We

do

_____ do hereby apply for membership in Simple Church Network in accordance with the Membership Charter.

We stipulate:

- **We support the purpose of the Simple Church Network as expressed below.**
- **We are in agreement with the Essential Doctrine attached hereto in Attachment A.**
- **We have read and are committed to comply with the IRS code for tax exception and group ruling reference herein by reference in Attachment E and F.**
- **We agree to comply with the requirements set out in the membership charter of SIMPLE CHURCH NETWORK.**
- **We acknowledge that we are not a private foundation as defined by IRC 509(a).**
- **We authorize SCN to include our entity in the application for the group exemption letter.**
- **FIND ATTACHED:**
 - Copy of our Statement of Faith OR**
 - We consent to using the SCN Essential Doctrines for our Statement of Faith and have signed indicating or agreement in attachment A below.**

G SCN Leader Roles

See yourself as a Shepherd of the Simple Church. Each Simple Church leader is considered to be a co-shepherd in leading the people of God along with the pastor that church members attend. Our Christian behavior will model the best possible representations of what a Christian leader is to be.

For example:

1. Care for the spiritual and physical needs of our family.
2. Faithfully attend a worship service of a church
3. Encourage participants to faithfully attend a worship service
4. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit in leading the group
5. Pursue growth in your own personal relationship with the Lord and demonstrate a genuine commitment to Christian discipleship.
6. As Christians we are called to disciple others:
 - Use biblical truth as a basis for study
 - Encourage others to live a life worthy of their call
 - Be accountable and encourage accountability for others
 - Seek opportunities for ministry
7. Recruit an apprentice, and possibly an intern. Recognize coaching and shared leadership as the model for birthing other churches.
8. Meet regularly with your leadership team (apprentice, intern, and host home) to evaluate the health and progress of the church, and to strategize new approaches to improving the ministry.

9. Incorporate into the meetings the fullness of church, to include where possible, times for WEDS:F:
Worship
Evangelism
Discipleship
Service and
Fellowship
10. Come to your group each week well prepared. Know your scripture and have questions prepared in advance. Research the commentaries and other credible source books to gain understanding where needed.
11. Encourage participation by asking questions and letting the Scripture wash the group. Ask
 - What does it say
 - What does it say to me / you
 - What am I / you going to do about it
12. Maintain an open chair for others to join. An informal home atmosphere and the warm personal relationships will develop among your group members.
13. Where at all practical, include a snack or a meal as part of the meeting time; the family atmosphere is greatly enhanced.
14. Become the fullness of church as family by caring for one another; seeing needs reach out to serve one another.
15. As the size warrants (12-16) take a few members and birth a new group with leaders that have been coached in the practices of Simple Church.
16. As far as possible start and end in a timely manner, always being open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.