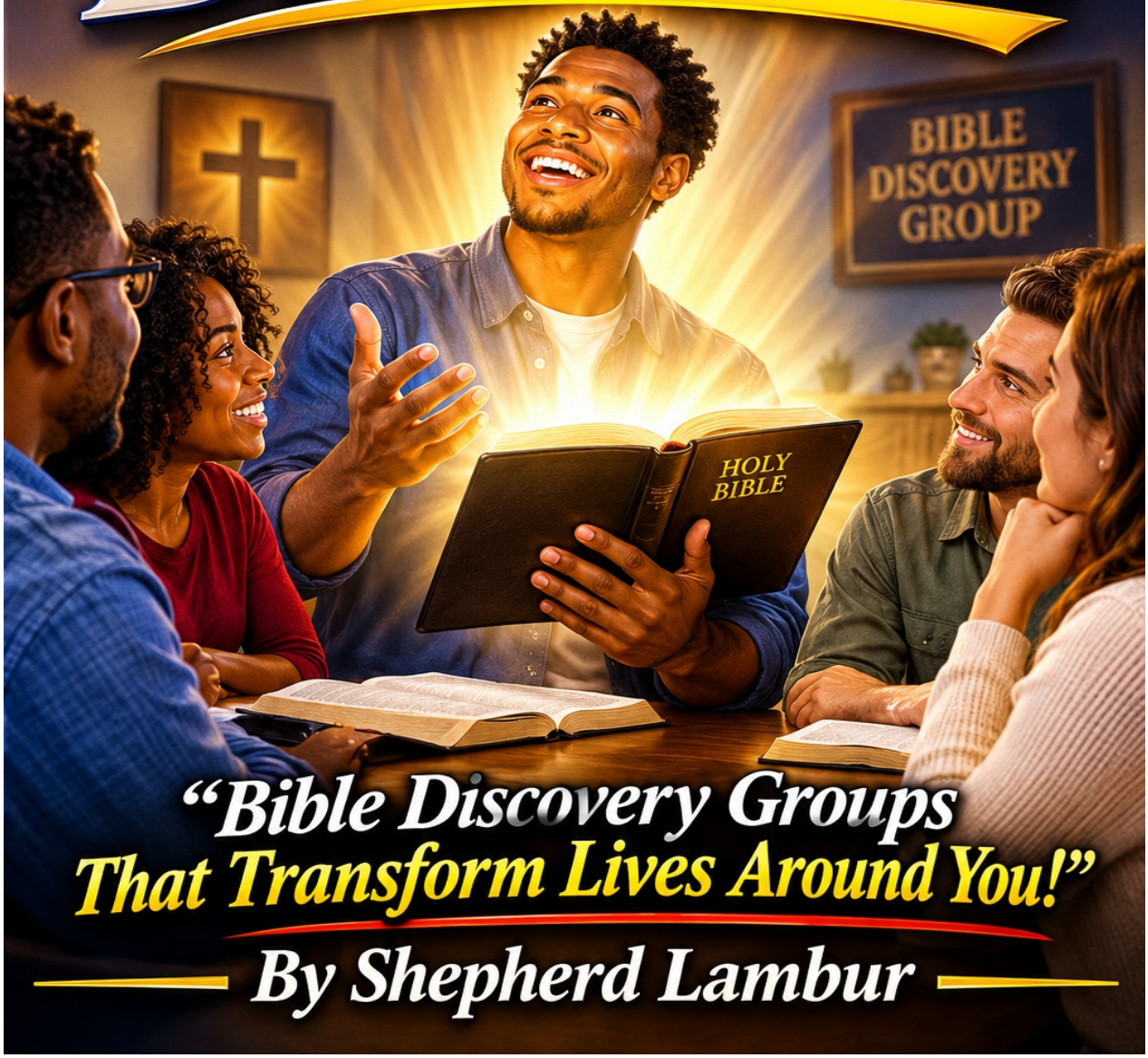
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# INTRODUCTION

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**Restoring the Acts Blueprint — From Hearing the Word to Becoming a Disciple Who Makes Disciples**

**ACTS CHURCH @ Way Of The Master Yahshua**

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# INTRODUCTION — THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DISCIPLES

## Matthew 28:18–20

***"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."***

**The greatest need of the Church is not simply to gather more people into meetings. It is to develop people who genuinely follow Yahshua, live by His Word, walk in the Holy Spirit, become mature in their faith, and reproduce the life of Messiah in others.**

**We have often become very good at gathering converts, organizing church services, and conducting Bible studies. But the question we must ask is this:**

## ARE WE ACTUALLY MAKING DISCIPLES WHO CAN MAKE OTHER DISCIPLES?

**The Bible Discovery Group is a powerful tool for recovering this essential work of the early Church.**

**It takes the Word of God out of the classroom and places it into everyday life. It allows people to discover truth together, ask questions, receive understanding, obey what they learn, and become responsible followers of Yahshua.**

**This is not merely another Bible study program. It is a pathway of spiritual transformation and multiplication.**

# PART ONE — RECOVERING THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DISCIPLES

## 1. The Great Commission Was to Make Disciples, Not Merely Converts

**Matthew 28:18–20**

**Yahshua commanded His followers to:**

1. **Go.**
2. **Make disciples.**
3. **Baptize them.**
4. **Teach them to observe everything He commanded.**

**Notice the distinction: Yahshua did not commission the apostles merely to get people to make a decision. He commissioned them to develop followers who would learn to observe and practice His teachings.**

**A person may believe the message but still need to learn how to follow Yahshua.**

**A person may attend church for years but still lack the practical foundation of discipleship.**

**A person may know many Scriptures but not yet know how to apply them in daily life.**

## Discipleship takes people beyond the initial experience of believing.

**Additional Scriptures:**

- **Luke 14:25–33 — Counting the cost of discipleship.**
- **John 8:31–32 — Continuing in Yahshua's Word.**
- **John 13:34–35 — Demonstrating His love.**
- **Luke 6:40 — The disciple becoming like his teacher.**
- **Matthew 10:37–39 — Putting Yahshua first.**
- **Acts 11:26 — Disciples were first called belivers in Messiah Yahshua at Antioch.**

**Teaching insight:**

**Conversion is the beginning of the journey. Discipleship is the development of the life of Messiah in the believer.**

**The objective is not to produce people who depend permanently on a preacher, but people who become established in the Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and capable of helping others follow Yahshua.**

## 2. Why Bible Discovery Groups Are So Important

**The early believers did not depend upon one weekly meeting to develop their entire spiritual life.**

**They gathered in homes, shared fellowship, devoted themselves to apostolic teaching, prayed, broke bread, and ministered to one another.**

**Acts 2:42–47**

**Four important activities appear in this passage:**

- **Apostles' teaching.**
- **Fellowship.**
- **Breaking of bread.**
- **Prayers.**

**They also met from house to house.**

**Acts 5:42**

**"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Yahshua Messiah."**

**The early Church had both public ministry and personal, household ministry.**

**Acts 20:20**

**Paul taught publicly and from house to house.**

**The Bible Discovery Group recovers this household dimension of discipleship.**

**It creates a setting where people are not simply sitting in an audience. They are participating, discovering, discussing, praying, obeying, and growing together.**

**The difference between attending and participating**

| Traditional passive approach | Discovery discipleship approach |
|---|---|
| One person does most of the talking | Everyone participates |
| People receive information | People discover biblical truth |

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|---|---|
| **Knowledge is the main objective** | **Knowledge leads to obedience** |
| **People depend on the teacher** | **People learn to handle Scripture** |
| **Meetings can become an end** | **Meetings equip people for life** |
| **Growth is often difficult to measure** | **Growth is demonstrated through obedience** |
| **People attend** | **People become disciple-makers** |

**This is not a rejection of pastors, teachers, or larger church gatherings. It is a recovery of the biblical responsibility to equip every believer for ministry.**

**Ephesians 4:11–16**

**The fivefold ministry equips the saints for the work of ministry so that the Body grows toward maturity.**

# PART TWO — THE FOUR QUESTIONS THAT TRANSFORM A BIBLE STUDY INTO DISCIPLESHIP

## 3. Learning to Discover Rather Than Merely Receive

**One of the greatest strengths of Bible Discovery Groups is their simplicity.**

**You do not have to be a professional teacher to help someone discover what the Bible says.**

**You need the Scriptures, a willingness to learn together, and a commitment to obey what Yahweh reveals through His Word.**

**Read a passage aloud. Allow everyone to participate.**

# THE FOUR DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

**QUESTION 1 — What does this passage teach us about Yahweh?**

**Discover His character, holiness, mercy, promises, commandments, and purposes.**

**QUESTION 2 — What does this passage teach us about people?**

**Discover our responsibilities, attitudes, failures, faith, obedience, and relationship with Yahweh.**

**QUESTION 3 — What must I obey or put into practice?**

**Move from hearing the Word to doing the Word.**

**QUESTION 4 — Who can I share this with?**

**Become someone who passes the truth to another person.**

**Why these questions work**

**James 1:22–25 teaches that we must be doers of the Word, not hearers only.**

**Matthew 7:24–27 compares the person who hears and practices Yahshua's words to someone who builds a house upon a rock.**

**John 14:21 connects love for Yahshua with keeping His commandments.**

**The objective is to create a pattern:**

# DISCOVER → UNDERSTAND → OBEY → SHARE → MULTIPLY

**This is where Bible study becomes a practical instrument for transformation.**

**A person who discovers truth, obeys truth, and shares truth is beginning to function as a disciple-maker.**

# PART THREE — THE EIGHT DISCIPLESHIP FOUNDATIONS

**These eight studies provide the biblical foundation for developing a person from an initial encounter with Yahshua into a mature, functioning disciple.**

## 4. Study One: Disciples — Followers, Not Merely Converts

**Primary Scriptures:**

- **Matthew 28:18–20**

- **Matthew 4:18–22**
- **Matthew 10:37–39**
- **John 8:31–32**
- **Luke 6:40**
- **Mark 16:15–20**

### The teaching

**Yahshua called people to follow Him.**

**Matthew 4:19 says:**

**"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."**

**Notice the progression:**

1. **Come and follow.**
2. **Allow Yahshua to develop you.**
3. **Become transformed in your thinking and conduct.**
4. **Become productive in His Kingdom.**
5. **Begin reaching others.**

**The words "I will make you" reveal that discipleship is a process of development.**

**Yahshua did not simply invite people to believe a message. He called them into a relationship in which He would teach, correct, develop, and commission them.**

**Discussion questions:**

- **What does it mean to follow Yahshua?**
- **What areas of life must come under His lordship?**
- **What is the difference between believing in Yahshua and continuing in His Word?**
- **How can we help another person become a follower?**

**Practical assignment: Each participant identifies one area of life where he or she needs to put Yahshua's teaching into practice.**

## 5. Study Two: Repentance and Faith Toward God

**Primary Scriptures:**

- **Matthew 4:17**
- **2 Corinthians 7:9–10**

- **Luke 15:17–24**
- **Acts 2:37–38**
- **Luke 3:7–9**
- **Hebrews 11:1, 6**
- **Romans 10:9–10, 17**
- **James 2:14–26**

**The teaching**

**Discipleship begins with a genuine response to the message of Yahshua.**

**Repentance is not simply feeling bad about sin. It involves a change of mind and direction that produces a different response toward Yahweh.**

**Luke 15:17–24 gives us the picture of the prodigal son.**

**He came to himself, recognized his condition, arose, and returned to his father.**

**Notice the progression:**

- **Recognition.**
- **Repentance.**
- **Decision.**
- **Action.**
- **Restoration.**

**Faith is not merely agreeing that something is true. Biblical faith involves trusting Yahweh and responding to His Word.**

**James 2:17 teaches that faith without works is dead.**

**Our obedience does not purchase salvation. Rather, genuine faith produces a life that responds to Yahweh.**

**Practical assignment: Identify something that must change and take a specific step of obedience.**

## 6. Study Three: Water Baptism — Identifying With Messiah

**Primary Scriptures:**

- **Matthew 28:18–20**
- **Mark 16:15–16**
- **Acts 2:37–41**

- **Acts 8:35–39**
- **Acts 22:16**
- **Romans 6:1–14**
- **1 Peter 3:20–21**

**The teaching**

**Water baptism is an important part of the biblical discipleship foundation.**

**It is a public identification with Yahshua Messiah and His death, burial, and resurrection.**

**Romans 6:3–4 explains that believers are baptized into His death and raised to walk in newness of life.**

**Baptism should not be treated as merely a religious ceremony.**

**It points to a new life and a new direction.**

**Practical assignment: Study the Scriptures together and discuss the meaning of baptism. Help each believer understand the biblical call to respond.**

## 7. Study Four: Baptism of the Holy Spirit — Empowered for Witness and Ministry

**Primary Scriptures:**

- **Mark 1:8**
- **John 14:15–18**
- **Acts 1:6–8**
- **Acts 2:1–4, 14–18**
- **Acts 2:38–39**
- **Acts 8:14–17**
- **Acts 19:1–7**
- **1 Corinthians 12:4–11**

**The teaching**

**Discipleship is not merely human effort to imitate Yahshua.**

**We need the working of the Holy Spirit.**

**Acts 1:8 declares that believers would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them and become witnesses.**

**The Spirit empowers believers for witness, service, spiritual gifts, and the building up of the Body of Messiah.**

**We must teach believers to desire the gifts, exercise them in biblical order, and walk in love.**

**1 Corinthians 14:1**

**"Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts..."**

**The discovery group should not become a place where people merely learn about the Holy Spirit. It should be a place where people learn to depend upon Him and serve one another according to Scripture.**

**Practical assignment: Pray together, ask for the Spirit's empowering, and study how spiritual gifts build up the Body.**

## 8. Study Five: Resurrection From the Dead and Eternal Judgment

**Primary Scriptures:**

- **Daniel 12:2–3**
- **John 5:28–29**
- **1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 50–58**
- **1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**
- **Matthew 25:31–46**
- **Revelation 20:11–15**
- **Revelation 21:1–5**
- **Revelation 22:12–16**

**The teaching**

**A disciple must understand that the believers life has an eternal destination and an eternal accountability.**

**We are not simply living for the present world.**

**The resurrection of Yahshua is the foundation of our hope.**

**1 Corinthians 15:58 calls believers to be steadfast, unmovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord.**

**Why?**

**Because our labor in Him is not in vain.**

**This teaching helps believers develop:**

- **Eternal perspective.**
- **Faithfulness.**
- **Holy living.**
- **Perseverance.**
- **Accountability before Yahweh.**
- **Hope in the resurrection.**

**Practical assignment: Discuss how the reality of resurrection and judgment should influence the way we live today.**

**9. Study Six: Knowing Yahweh and Growing in Messiah**

**Primary Scriptures:**

- **Mark 12:30**
- **John 15:1–11**
- **Romans 12:1–2**
- **James 4:7–10**
- **Luke 11:1–4, 9–13**
- **Ephesians 4:13–24**
- **Colossians 3:5–17**
- **Galatians 5:16–25**

**The teaching**

**A disciple must develop a living relationship with Yahweh.**

**John 15:4 teaches us to abide in Yahshua.**

**This is not simply attending meetings or studying religious information.**

**It is learning to live in continual dependence upon Him.**

**The believer must develop:**

- **A life of prayer.**
- **A renewed mind.**
- **Knowledge of Scripture.**
- **Obedience to the Word.**

- **Love and forgiveness.**
- **Walking in the Spirit.**
- **Spiritual maturity.**

**Romans 12:2 teaches the renewing of the mind.**

**Ephesians 4:23–24 teaches being renewed in the spirit of the mind and putting on the new man.**

**This is where the New Nature becomes practical: the believer learns to live out the Word through the Spirit rather than simply knowing what the Word says.**

**Practical assignment: Choose one Scripture to meditate upon and practice throughout the coming week.**

## 10. Study Seven: Making Disciples, Fellowship, and Communion

**Primary Scriptures:**

- **Matthew 28:18–20**
- **2 Timothy 2:2**
- **Acts 2:42–47**
- **1 Corinthians 14:26**
- **Hebrews 10:24–25**
- **Luke 22:14–20**
- **1 Corinthians 10:16–17**
- **1 Corinthians 11:23–32**

**The teaching**

**The disciple is not meant to live independently of the Body of Messiah.**

**We are members of one another.**

**Acts 2:42 shows the early believers continuing in fellowship, teaching, breaking bread, and prayer.**

**1 Corinthians 14:26 shows the participation of believers when they gathered.**

**2 Timothy 2:2 reveals the multiplication principle:**

**Paul entrusted truth to Timothy, who was to entrust it to faithful people capable of teaching others.**

**This gives us four generations of discipleship:**

**PAUL → TIMOTHY → FAITHFUL PEOPLE → OTHERS ALSO**

**This is not a one-person ministry. It is a multiplication movement.**

**Practical assignment: Each participant identifies one person they can begin helping to follow Yahshua.**

## 11. Study Eight: Preach the Good News, Heal the Sick, and Cast Out Demons

**Primary Scriptures:**

- **Luke 4:18–21**
- **John 14:12**
- **Matthew 10:7–8**
- **Luke 10:1–12, 17–20**
- **Mark 16:15–20**
- **1 Corinthians 12:7–11**
- **James 5:14–16**

**The teaching**

**Yahshua did not develop disciples simply to sit in meetings.**

**He equipped them to participate in His work.**

**Matthew 10:7–8 shows Yahshua commissioning His disciples to proclaim the Kingdom and minister to people.**

**Luke 10:1–12 shows Him sending out others to minister beyond the original group of twelve.**

**The Kingdom message was accompanied by practical ministry.**

**Disciples must learn to:**

1. **Share the good news.**
2. **Pray for the sick.**
3. **Minister compassionately.**
4. **Exercise spiritual gifts biblically.**
5. **Recognize the need for deliverance and pray with discernment.**
6. **Demonstrate the love of Yahshua.**
7. **Make new disciples.**

**Spiritual ministry must always be governed by Scripture, love, humility, and accountability.**

**Practical assignment: Go with another believer and share the good news with someone. Offer to pray for that person.**

# PART FOUR — THE TRANSFORMATION PROGRESSION

## 12. Taking People From Their First Encounter to Becoming True Disciples

**Here is where we must go beyond the eight Bible Discovery Studies.**

**The studies provide biblical foundations, but we also need a clear developmental pathway.**

**We must understand that people do not all begin at the same level of spiritual maturity.**

**Some are unbelievers. Some are new believers. Some have attended church for many years but have never been properly discipled. Others are ready to become leaders.**

**Our responsibility is to help each person take the next biblical step.**

# THE ACTS BLUEPRINT DISCIPLESHIP PROGRESSION

## COME → FOLLOW → GROW → SERVE → LEAD → MULTIPLY

**1. COME — THE FIRST ENCOUNTER**

**Introducing people to Yahshua and the good news.**

**Scriptures: John 1:39–46; Romans 10:14–17; Luke 19:1–10.**

**Goal: People hear the Gospel, encounter the truth, and have an opportunity to respond.**

**2. BELIEVE — REPENTANCE AND FAITH**

**A genuine response to the message of the Kingdom.**

**Scriptures: Mark 1:14–15; Acts 2:37–41; Acts 20:21.**

**Goal: A person responds with repentance and faith, beginning a new life in Messiah.**

**3. FOLLOW — BECOMING A DISCIPLE**

**Learning to follow Yahshua and submit to His teaching.**

**Scriptures: Matthew 4:19; John 8:31–32; Luke 9:23.**

**Goal: Establish a relationship of obedience and continuing discipleship.**

**4. ESTABLISH — BUILDING THE FOUNDATION**

**Water baptism, Spirit empowerment, biblical foundations, and fellowship.**

**Scriptures: Acts 2:38–42; Hebrews 6:1–2; Acts 8:14–17.**

**Goal: Establish the believer in the foundational truths of the faith.**

**5. GROW — DEVELOPING THE NEW LIFE**

**The Word, renewed mind, prayer, spiritual maturity, and character.**

**Scriptures: Ephesians 4:13–24; Colossians 2:6–7; Galatians 5:16–25; 2 Peter 3:18.**

**Goal: Develop Christlike character and learn to walk by the Spirit.**

**6. SERVE — BECOMING A FUNCTIONING MEMBER**

**Discovering gifts and serving others.**

**Scriptures: Romans 12:4–8; 1 Corinthians 12:4–27; 1 Peter 4:10–11.**

**Goal: Move from being served to serving the Body of Messiah.**

**7. LEAD — BECOMING A DISCIPLE-MAKER**

**Learning to guide others through Scripture, prayer, and practical obedience.**

**Scriptures: 2 Timothy 2:2; Titus 2:1–8; Acts 14:21–23.**

**Goal: Become equipped to lead a Bible Discovery Group or Tent of Meeting Fellowship.**

**8. MULTIPLY — REPRODUCING DISCIPLES**

**Reaching new people and developing new leaders.**

**Scriptures: Matthew 28:19–20; Acts 6:7; Acts 19:9–10; 2 Timothy 2:2.**

**Goal: Start another group, equip another leader, and continue multiplying disciples.**

**An important principle**

**This is a developmental pathway, not a rigid timetable.**

**People grow at different rates. Some need additional foundational teaching. Some need restoration and encouragement. Others are already prepared to serve and lead.**

**The objective is not to rush people through a program. It is to help them become mature, faithful, fruitful followers of Yahshua.**

# PART FIVE — FROM BIBLE DISCOVERY GROUPS TO TENT OF MEETING FELLOWSHIPS

## 13. The Discovery Group Is the Beginning of a Living Fellowship

**Here is an important development for the ACTS Blueprint.**

**A Bible Discovery Group can begin with two or three people sitting around a table, opening the Scriptures, and discussing what Yahweh is saying.**

**But it does not have to remain only a Bible discussion group.**

**As people grow, the group can develop into a functioning Tent of Meeting Fellowship.**

**The fellowship becomes a place where believers:**

- **Worship Yahweh together.**
- **Study the Scriptures.**
- **Pray for one another.**
- **Exercise spiritual gifts.**
- **Share communion.**
- **Encourage one another.**
- **Minister to the sick.**
- **Develop new disciples.**
- **Recognize and equip emerging leaders.**

**Matthew 18:20**

**"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."**

**1 Corinthians 14:26**

**"How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation..."**

**This reveals the importance of participation and the contribution of the members of the Body.**

**A healthy fellowship does not depend upon one person doing everything.**

**The goal is to help every member become a functioning participant, while maintaining biblical order and accountability.**

# 14. The Development of a Tent of Meeting Fellowship

### FROM A DISCOVERY GROUP TO A FUNCTIONING FELLOWSHIP

1. **Begin with a few people: Two or three people discovering Scripture together.**
2. **Establish the Word: Repentance, faith, baptism, Spirit-filled living, and foundations.**
3. **Develop fellowship: Prayer, worship, communion, gifts, and encouragement.**
4. **Equip new leaders: Train faithful believers to disciple others.**
5. **Multiply new fellowships: New homes, new groups, new leaders, and new disciples.**

**What happens when a group grows?**

**The answer is not necessarily to keep adding more people until the group becomes too large for personal participation.**

**Instead, identify emerging leaders and help them begin another group.**

**This is not division. It is multiplication.**

**Acts 13:1–3 shows the Antioch fellowship recognizing and sending out ministry workers.**

**Acts 14:21–23 shows Paul and Barnabas making disciples and appointing elders in the churches.**

**The principle is that discipleship should produce people who can carry the work forward.**

# PART SIX — THE PRACTICAL MULTIPLICATION STRATEGY

## 15. How One Discovery Group Can Become Many

**Let's look at a practical example.**

**Imagine that one believer begins meeting with three friends.**

**They discover the Scriptures together. They learn to pray, obey, share the Gospel, and help others follow Yahshua.**

**Eventually, two members are ready to begin leading their own groups.**

**Those groups begin reaching other people.**

# A SIMPLE MULTIPLICATION EXAMPLE

| Stage | Groups |
|---|---|
| Original group | 1 |
| New groups | 3 |
| New fellowships | 9 |
| New opportunities | 27 |

**Illustrative multiplication model, assuming each group develops three new group leaders. It is a vision for multiplication, not a guaranteed growth rate.**

**The important thing is not the numbers.**

**The important thing is that every disciple is being equipped to help another person become a disciple.**

**2 Timothy 2:2 is the multiplication principle.**

**Paul did not want Timothy to become a permanent receiver of information.**

**He wanted Timothy to become a faithful transmitter of truth.**

**The multiplication questions**

**Every group should regularly ask:**

1. **Who is growing toward becoming a disciple-maker?**
2. **Who can begin helping someone else discover the Scriptures?**
3. **Who is ready to host a new fellowship?**
4. **Who needs additional preparation and mentoring?**
5. **What new household or community can we reach?**

**This keeps the group focused on its mission.**

# PART SEVEN — THE ROLE OF LEADERSHIP IN THE ACTS BLUEPRINT

## 16. The Leader Is an Equipper, Not a Controller

**One of the greatest mistakes in discipleship is creating dependence upon one leader.**

**Biblical leadership is not about possessing people. It is about equipping people.**

**Ephesians 4:11–12**

**The ministry gifts are given to equip the saints for the work of ministry.**

**1 Peter 5:2–3**

**Elders are instructed to shepherd the flock willingly, not as lords over God's heritage, but as examples.**

**2 Timothy 2:24–25**

**The servant of the Lord must be gentle, patient, and able to teach.**

**The Bible Discovery Group leader should:**

- **Help people understand Scripture.**
- **Encourage participation.**
- **Correct error with patience.**
- **Model obedience.**
- **Encourage prayer and spiritual growth.**
- **Recognize emerging gifts.**
- **Equip others to lead.**
- **Remain accountable to the wider fellowship.**

**The leader is not there to make everyone dependent upon his knowledge.**

**The leader is there to help everyone become established in Yahweh's Word.**

**The difference between control and biblical development**

| Unhealthy control | Biblical equipping |
|---|---|
| Leader demands dependence | Leader develops maturity |
| Questions are discouraged | Scripture is examined |
| People follow personalities | People follow Yahshua |
| Gifts are controlled by one person | Gifts build up the Body in order |
| Members are kept passive | Members are equipped to serve |
| Growth threatens the leader | Growth produces new leaders |

**Acts 17:11 commends the Bereans because they examined the Scriptures to see whether what they heard was true.**

**That is an important foundation for every discovery group.**

# PART EIGHT — A PRACTICAL EIGHT-WEEK STARTING PROGRAM

### 17. Launching the First Bible Discovery Group

**Here is a simple way to introduce the eight foundations over eight weeks.**

| Week | Subject | Main objective |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Becoming a disciple | Understand the call to follow Yahshua |
| 2 | Repentance and faith | Establish a genuine response to |

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| | | **Yahweh** |
| **3** | **Water baptism** | **Understand identification with Messiah** |
| **4** | **Holy Spirit baptism** | **Learn about empowerment and gifts** |
| **5** | **Resurrection and judgment** | **Develop eternal perspective** |
| **6** | **Knowing Yahweh and growing** | **Establish spiritual disciplines** |
| **7** | **Fellowship and multiplication** | **Learn to build the Body** |
| 8 | **Evangelism and ministry** | **Begin serving and reaching others** |

**The eight weeks are an introduction, not a graduation deadline. Additional study, mentoring, practice, and spiritual development should continue.**

**Suggested weekly meeting structure**

# AN AVERAGE 75-MINUTE DISCOVERY MEETING

| Time | Activity | Purpose |
|---|---|---|
| **10 minutes** | **Welcome and fellowship** | **Connect personally and hear how everyone is doing** |
| **10 minutes** | **Prayer and worship** | **Turn attention toward Yahweh** |
| **25 minutes** | **Read and discover Scripture** | **Read passages and discuss the four questions** |
| **15 minutes** | **Practical obedience** | **Identify how the Word applies to daily life** |
| **10** | **Prayer and ministry** | **Pray for one another and encourage** |

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| **minutes** | | **growth** |
| **5 minutes** | **Share and multiply** | **Identify one person to encourage or reach** |

# PART NINE — HOW TO KNOW WHETHER PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY BECOMING DISCIPLES

## 18. Measure Transformation, Not Just Attendance

**This is extremely important.**

**A group can meet every week for years without necessarily producing mature disciples.**

**We must learn to recognize spiritual development.**

| Area of development | Evidence of growth | Scripture |
|---|---|---|
| **Faith** | **Trusts Yahweh and responds to His Word** | **Hebrews 11:6** |
| **Obedience** | **Practices what is learned** | **James 1:22** |
| **Character** | **Demonstrates the fruit of the Spirit** | **Galatians 5:22–23** |
| **Word** | **Becomes established in Scripture** | **Colossians 3:16** |
| **Prayer** | **Develops a consistent prayer life** | **Luke 11:1–13** |
| **Fellowship** | **Loves and serves other believers** | **John 13:34–35** |
| **Ministry** | **Uses gifts to build others up** | **1 Peter 4:10** |
| **Witness** | **Shares the good news** | **Acts 1:8** |
| **Leadership** | **Helps others become established** | **2 Timothy 2:2** |

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| **Multiplication** | **Develops additional disciples** | **Matthew 28:19–20** |

**The question is no longer simply:**

**"How many people attended our meeting?"**

**We must also ask:**

- **How many are becoming established in the Word?**
- **How many are learning to walk in the Spirit?**
- **How many are demonstrating the character of Messiah?**
- **How many are serving others?**
- **How many are sharing the Gospel?**
- **How many are becoming capable of discipling someone else?**

**The real fruit of discipleship is a transformed life that produces more transformed lives.**

# PART TEN — RESTORING THE ACTS BLUEPRINT THROUGH DISCOVERY GROUPS

## 19. The Connection Between the Bible Discovery Group and the Early Church

**The Bible Discovery Group is not itself a complete replacement for the biblical Church.**

**It is a tool that can help restore the everyday discipleship environment of the early Church.**

**Look at the pattern in Acts:**

- **Acts 2:42–47: Teaching, fellowship, communion, prayer, household gatherings, and shared life.**
- **Acts 4:31–35: Prayer, bold witness, unity, and generosity.**
- **Acts 5:42: Public teaching and house-to-house ministry.**

- **Acts 6:1–7: Developing servants and extending the ministry.**
- **Acts 11:19–26: Believers spreading the Gospel and developing disciples at Antioch.**
- **Acts 13:1–3: Prophetic and teaching ministry, prayer, fasting, and sending.**
- **Acts 14:21–23: Making disciples, strengthening believers, and appointing elders.**
- **Acts 19:9–10: Teaching and the spread of the Word throughout Asia.**

**Notice something important:**

**The early Church was not simply building larger gatherings. It was spreading the message, establishing believers, developing workers, and extending the Kingdom into new places.**

**The large gatherings had their place, but the work did not stop when the meeting ended.**

**The ACTS Blueprint application**

- **The Bible Discovery Group becomes the entry point.**
- **The Tent of Meeting Fellowship becomes the environment of ongoing spiritual development.**
- **The Meetup Team Leader becomes an equipper and shepherd of people.**
- **The regional and city fellowships become expressions of unity and cooperation.**
- **The wider network becomes a multiplying movement of disciples.**

# ONE PLACE. ONE ACCORD. ONE MIND. ONE SOUL. ONE MISSION.

# PART ELEVEN — THE FINAL CHALLENGE: BECOME A DISCIPLE WHO MAKES DISCIPLES

## 20. The Church Must Return to the Mission

**We have spent considerable time developing church services, programs, buildings, and organizational structures.**

**Those things can have their place.**

**But none of them should replace the Great Commission.**

**The question facing every believer is:**

# WHO AM I HELPING TO BECOME A DISCIPLE OF YAHSHUA?

**If we cannot answer that question, we need to rediscover the mission.**

**Yahshua did not call us merely to gather people around religious activities.**

**He called us to make disciples.**

**He called us to teach people to observe His commandments.**

**He called us to make the Gospel known.**

**He called us to equip the saints.**

**He called us to build one another up.**

**He called us to bear fruit.**

**And He gave us the Holy Spirit to empower the work.**

**John 15:8**

**"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."**

**Colossians 1:28–29**

**Paul described his labor as proclaiming Messiah, warning and teaching everyone, so that he might present everyone mature in Messiah.**

**That is the heart of discipleship.**

**We are not merely trying to fill a room.**

**We are laboring to see people become mature in Messiah.**

# THE ACTS CHURCH DISCIPLE-MAKING DECLARATION

# WE ARE RESTORING THE VISION!

## COME → FOLLOW → GROW → SERVE → LEAD → MULTIPLY

**WE BELIEVE:**

- **Every believer can become a functioning disciple.**
- **Every disciple must be established in the Word of Yahweh.**
- **Every home can become a place of prayer, fellowship, and biblical discovery.**
- **Every disciple should be equipped to serve.**
- **Every gift should contribute to building up the Body of Messiah.**
- **Every mature disciple should help develop another disciple.**
- **Every fellowship should be committed to multiplying the Kingdom's work.**

**OUR MISSION:**

**We are raising up disciples who know Yahshua, live by His Word, walk in the Holy Spirit, demonstrate His character, serve His Body, and reproduce His life in others.**

# BUILDING DISCIPLES — ONE LIFE AT A TIME.

# NO ONE WALKS ALONE.

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## CONCLUDING RECOMMENDATION — MAKE THIS A TWO-LEVEL ACTS BLUEPRINT PROGRAM

**I would establish two connected training environments:**

**Level One — Bible Discovery Groups**

**The eight foundational studies. These are for reaching new people, establishing**

**believers, and helping people discover how to follow Yahshua.**

**Level Two — Tent of Meeting Discipleship Fellowships**

**This is where believers continue growing more as the New Nature, walking in the Spirit, developing spiritual gifts, practicing fellowship, learning ministry, and becoming disciple-makers.**

**The transition between the two is important. Nobody should simply finish eight lessons and be left wondering what comes next!**

**Every participant should be helped toward a functioning fellowship, personal spiritual growth, service, and eventually the ability to help another person become a disciple.**

**The ultimate objective is not to create another Bible study movement. It is to restore a multiplying culture of discipleship in which the life, teaching, ministry, and mission of Yahshua are reproduced from one believer to another, from one home to another, and from one community to another.**

# RESTORING THE ACTS BLUEPRINT!

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