



STARTING SMALL, DREAMING BIG: 4 Marks of a Disciple

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Life Group Discussion

CONNECT: *Make time for encouragement, relationship-building, and prayer.*

- What hesitations or fears come to mind when we talk about being disciple-makers? What are your personal barriers to being a disciple who makes other disciples? What are some cultural barriers where you live, work, learn, or play?
- Take some time to pray and confess these hesitations/fears to the Lord and ask Him for wisdom, courage, and strength to overcome the barriers!

GROW: *Engage with God's word, one another, and the Dream Disciple tools and practices.*

Questions: Review each of the four Dream Disciple Roles and the supporting verses. How do you see these roles in these verses? The questions will help you to discern God's voice and take a personal next step.

Savvy Follower: I discern God's voice and follow his lead at the right time in the right way. ([John 8:31](#), [Matthew 10:16](#), [Numbers 9:16-23](#), [John 16:12-14](#), [Acts 16:6-10](#))

- What has God spoken to me through His word this week and what am I doing about it?
- What decision am I facing right now that requires God's unique perspective and how will I seek it?

Intentional Friend: I partner with God to build healthy relationships and restore broken ones. ([John 13:35](#), [John 15:9-17](#), [Romans 12:18](#), [2 Corinthians 5: 18-19](#))

- Who in my life needs me the most during this season, and what is my next step with them?
- Where do I need to lean into a relationship that has become distant or broken?

Embedded Influencer: I understand how God has purposefully gifted and positioned me to multiply His work in the world. ([John 15:8](#), [John 20: 19-22](#), [Esther 4:11-17](#), [Ephesians 2:10](#))

- How have I leveraged my unique skills or position this week for God's mission?
- What is one situation in my life right now that I am uniquely equipped to influence?



Compassionate Storyteller: I know God's story, my place in it, and am motivated to tell the people in my life. ([Mark 1:14-15](#), [Mark 5:19](#), [1 Peter 3:15](#))

- Where is God showing up in my story this week?
- Who needs to hear God's story through my story?

Now that you've reviewed the four Dream Disciple roles, take some time to have everyone complete the [Dream Disciple Assessment](#). Even if you've taken it before, we encourage you to take it again—this tool is designed to be used at multiple points over time to help you reflect on and celebrate your ongoing growth in each role. We would love to see how God is growing you, so please consider sharing your results by adding your numbers to [this form](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



GO: *Put your learning into practice and hold one another accountable.*

Which role is God challenging me to work on in this season?

What am I going to do about it?

"I will..."



STARTING SMALL, DREAMING BIG: Asking God for an Awakening

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Life Group Discussion

CONNECT: *Make time for encouragement, relationship-building, and prayer.*

- Write down the names of 5 people you know in the Awake the Lake region (9 counties from Cleveland to Erie to Buffalo). Share a brief profile of one of these people with the group: What stage of life are they in? Where do they live, work, learn, and/or play? How fervent is their faith?

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READ: [Matthew 13:31-33](#)

- Look back through 2,000+ years of Church history and see the growth of God's Kingdom. How have the mustard seed and the yeast (12 disciples) grown and spread? [Consider Paul's work in [1 Corinthians 9:19-23](#) and [15:1-8](#); Invite participants to share what they know of Church history.]
- Why might it be significant that God chose to start a small kingdom movement rather than a big one?
- What excites you about the Awake the Lake vision? What intimidates you? What barriers to you foresee in accomplishing the vision?
- Do you have a sense of where you might start small and dream big where you live, work, learn, or play?

READ: [2 Chronicles 7:14](#); [Revelation 3:1-6](#); [Ephesians 5:14](#)

- To what degree are you "awake" to the work of God in your life? In the people you know? In the church?
- Consider the Dream Disciple roles we reviewed last week. What is our individual responsibility to the local church and to the mission of the church to make disciples?
- What practical steps can we take to allow the Spirit of Jesus Christ to awaken our hearts and minds and stir us up to love and good works?

PRAY: Go back to the list of names from "connect." Take a moment to consider where one person is *now* and quietly ask God to give you a vision of what could be *next* in their lives. Give time for silent prayer or pray aloud. Close the prayer time with something like this- "God, even now, you are at work,



drawing each person to yourself, calling each to repentance, inviting each to salvation, equipping each one for your good work. We ask for your Spirit to move. May our prayers, support, and encourage be part of their story, moving them from now to next... Amen."

Tool/Practice: Encourage your group members to complete the [Dream Disciple assessment](#) and share it with us [see the QR code below]. This tool helps each individual recognize where they are and provides a vision for how they can grow. Assessing ourselves helps us measure and celebrate growth!



GO: *Put your learning into practice and hold one another accountable.*

What is God saying is next for you?

What are you going to do about it?

"I will..."

Commit to the Awake the Lake prayer challenge.