

How To Share The Vision

KO: What do you think your purpose in life is? Do you think someone can know the purpose for their life?

1. You can know God's purpose for your life! After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to his disciples and gave them one final command. Knowing these were Jesus' last commands, how much importance do you think they had for his followers?
2. Have them read Matthew 18:18-20 out loud.
3. What does Christ command us to do in v. 19?
4. Draw "D" and circle it. What do you think it means to be a disciple? Give the definition of disciple: Someone firmly established in the word, prayer, fellowship, and witnessing. Draw the wheel and write these under the growth line and give a quick definition of each. Help them understand that a disciple is not only knowledgeable about these areas, but is established in them as well. It's not merely knowledge but also about commitment to follow Christ
5. Before someone can become a disciple, they first have to make the decision to follow Christ. We'll call them a new Christian. Draw "NC" and circle it to the left of "D." What are some of the differences between a new Christian and a disciple in the Word, prayer, fellowship, and witnessing? (Give examples)
(NC-----D. Help them to understand that it is a progression of growth.)
6. Ask them to place themselves on the growth line now that NC & D are defined.
7. "Let's look back at the verse. It doesn't just tell us to be disciples, it says to what? (Make disciples.) Someone who is able to make a disciple is a disciple maker. Draw NC-----D-----DM.
8. What do you think the difference is between a disciple and a disciple maker? Explain that a disciple maker is not only firmly established in the same 4 areas that a disciple is, but he also has the skills and training to help a convert become established as a disciple and then disciple maker. (Use the growth line to illustrate.)
9. Show the multiplication principle. Why do you think Jesus said to make disciples and not just make new Christians? Compare multiplication to addition and explain that this was Christ's method, and that He left behind 11 disciple makers after 3 years of training them.
10. To be an ongoing disciple maker is God's purpose for your life. (Help them understand that you are not talking about being in full-time ministry, but that making disciples is their life purpose regardless of vocation.)
11. Refer to the growth line. Where do you think God would want you to be? Is that something you want? What price do you think you will have to pay in order to become and be an ongoing disciple maker? Share what it has cost you this far. (Ex. Time, change of priorities, and schedule)
12. Before a person can become a disciple maker, he must first become a disciple.
Refer to growth line. If this is what you really want to do, I'd love to help you first become a disciple. I'd love to keep meeting with you and helping you towards becoming a disciple. Is that something you'd want to do?