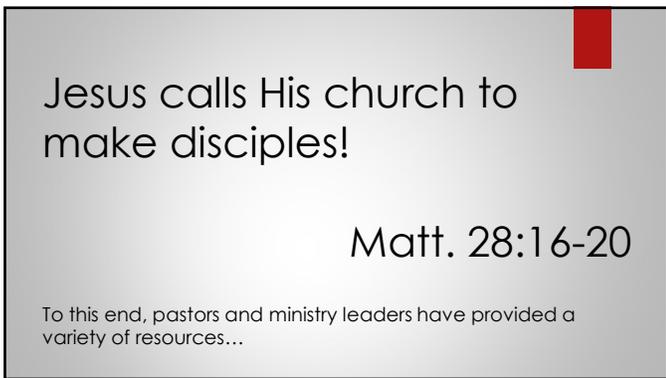
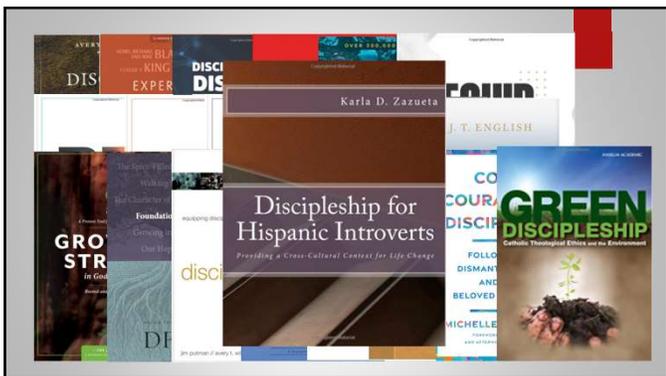




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With all the tools available,
**why are we not more fruitful
making disciples?**

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1. Even the best resources eventually go out of print.
2. Some resources require a degree of maturity to appreciate.
3. The goal often becomes completion of the course or mastery of content, rather than transformation.

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4. The leader often has little experience with the content of the study.
5. Disciples spend more time reading words about the scriptures than they do the actual scriptures.
6. They seldom replicate.
7. **Complexity!**

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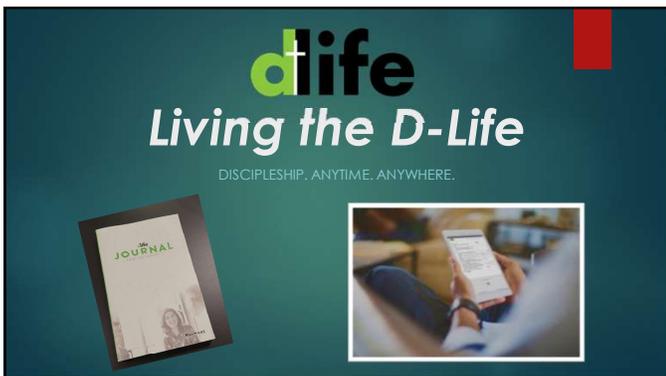
Jim's Story

- Missionary with Native Americans
- Little to no spiritual appetite
- Reached out to IMB missionaries
- Discovered simple, scripture-based disciple making process.
- Met Bill Wilks, author of D-Life

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D-Life is a disciple making process meant to be...

- Biblical
- Simple
- Missional
- Reproducing

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The 3-fold purpose of a D-Group is:

- To **grow** in spiritual maturity.
- To **serve** in missional ministry.
- To **reproduce** disciple makers.

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The 6 Practices of D-Life

Fellowship
Teaching
Prayer

Ministry
Multiplication
Accountability

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How does it work?

- Facilitators form groups of 3 to 8
- Groups agree to meet for an hour a week.
- Groups can meet anytime, any place.

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Groups agree to...

- Read a chapter of scripture daily
- Meet weekly for accountability and study
- Pray together and encourage one another

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Groups agree to...

- Rotate responsibility for prayer, reading, paraphrasing scripture, and facilitating the study.
- Multiply by the end of the first cycle / year.

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Here's what it looks like:

The key to D-Life is simplicity.

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Here's what it looks like:

The simple technique of daily Bible reading.

In the first session, coach participants on the importance of reading the assigned scriptures daily and discerning what the scripture is teaching and any personal application.

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Here's what it looks like:

Is there a...

Sin to confess?

Promise to claim?

▶ Attitude to change?

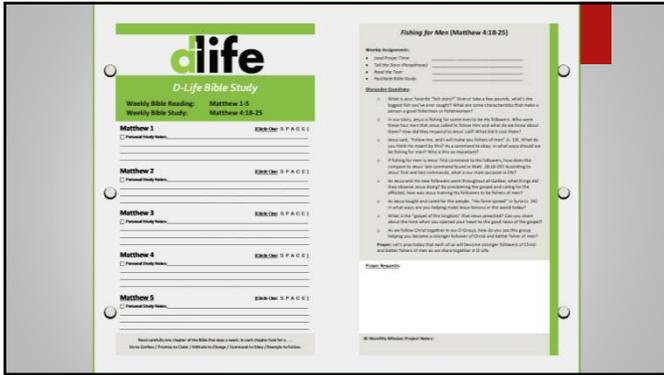
▶ Command to obey?

Example to follow?

Jim adds a D: Is there a doctrine to trust or praise the Lord for.

As referenced in Rick Warren's Bible Study Methods (not an endorsement).

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Here's what it looks like:

Weekly Agenda

- **Fellowship Time** - Create fellowship within the group wherever it meets. Share coffee, a snack, or a meal.
- **Accountability Time** - Create accountability each week by asking if group members read their Bibles daily. Lead them to share some application points written in their notes.
- **Prayer Time** - Develop an on-going emphasis on prayer, with members taking responsibility for leading the group in prayer, praying for specific prayer requests, and praying for revival in our land.

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Here's what it looks like:

Weekly Agenda

- **Tell the Story** - A member in the group each week tells the Bible story or paraphrases the passage in his or her own words.
- **Read the Story** - Another reads the passage from the Bible. See if anything was left out of the storytelling.
- **Facilitate Bible Study** - Another facilitates the Bible study using the questions in the weekly study guide. Keep the discussion on point. Be truthful, positive, and transparent. Address theological issues when necessary. Always be sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

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Here's what it looks like:

Weekly Agenda

- **Ministry Planning Time** - Spend a few minutes planning for your next ministry project. Each D-Group will do one ministry and evangelism project, outside the church walls, every two months.
- **Weekly Assignments** - Make assignments for the next week to different members of the group to: lead in prayer, tell the story, read the story, and facilitate the Bible Study.

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So, what happens...

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

(Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Heb 4:12.

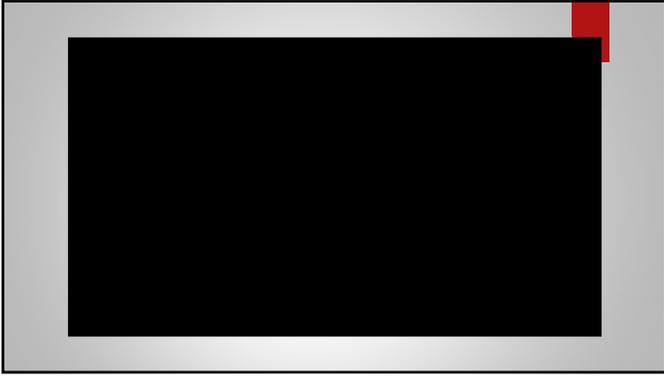
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So, what happens...

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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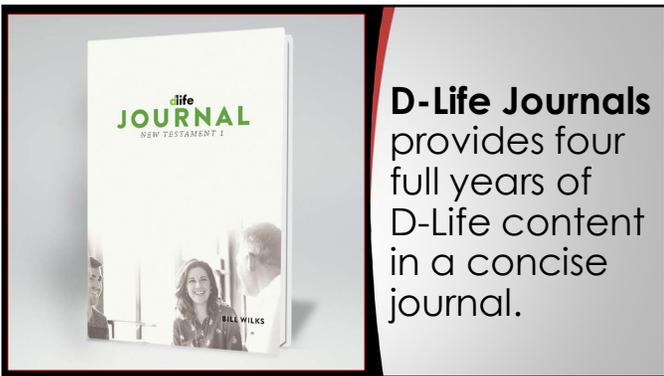
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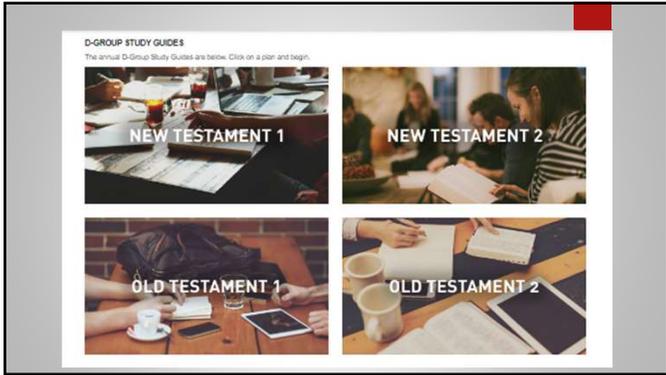
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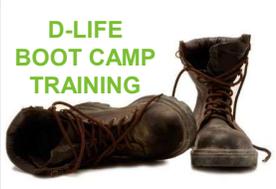
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D-Life and Multiplication

- Some groups multiply as new members join through the year (when the group surpasses 8).
- Some multiply as the facilitator identifies a potential facilitator who launches a new group.
- Some multiply at the end of a cycle, with the facilitator moving to a new group.

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So, what next?



**D-LIFE
BOOT CAMP
TRAINING**

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