

# Small Group Discussion

## Week 3



### Chapter 3 – The Command to Make Disciples

Remember, teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

#### Coaching Conversations:

Last week's reading provided a lot of great questions to help evaluate how each of us are doing when it comes to making disciples. Evaluation is key in recognizing where we've been and where we're going. This week, consider asking group members to evaluate themselves by answering the question, "Where am I at in this process?" Encourage the members who can identify where they're at on their journey. For those who need more time to process this question, think about how you, the leader can assist and encourage them as they continue to evaluate. As you begin to hear stories each week of how the Lord is using or growing members of your group in their journey to be disciple-makers, find ways to celebrate this!

#### Starting the Conversation:

Are you energized or drained by people? The Lord has designed some of us to be introverts (internal or reserved) and others to be extroverts (outgoing or gregarious). Have people share if they're introverted or extroverted and find ways to relate their answers to your discussion.

#### Life Group Questions

1. Take a moment to examine your heart. In all honesty, why do you want to make disciples? Do you struggle with wanting your actions to be noticed by others?
2. Read James 3:1–12 and meditate on James's warning. How do these powerful words affect you? How might you need to adjust your approach to making disciples?
3. Up to this point, would you say that your desire to make disciples has been motivated by love? Why or why not?
4. Describe your love for the people God has placed in your life. What evidence can you point to that shows that you love the people around you?
5. In addition to praying fervently, what practical steps can you take to increase your love for people?
6. Would you say that your life is being transformed by the truth of God's Word? Why or why not?
7. What changes do you need to make in order to live the truths that you will be teaching other people?

### **Continuing the Conversation (optional):**

- What is Love? While the English language has only one word for “Love,” the Greek language has four! A summary sheet of each Greek word can be found in the online resource page. Using the additional related passages below and the definition sheet, look up which Greek word is being used in each passage, and re-write each verse using that definition to give you and your group members a better understanding. You can use a Greek Concordance or an online website (such as [www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org)) to determine which Greek word is being used in each passage.

- **Additional Related Passages:** Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16, 5:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 2:4, 8; 1 Peter 4:8-11; 1 John 4:7-21

- **Memory Verse:** 1 John 3:14

### **Prayer Assignment:**

The things you’ve been thinking through in this session are not easy to address—there are no “quick fixes” here. Pray that God will give you the proper motivation to make disciples, increase your love for Him and the people around you, and empower you to live out the truths that He has called you to teach to others.