

discipleship cycles

7 Stories of Hope

"for those who desire to learn about God"

TRAINING LEADERS & DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

7 Gospel Stories of Hope Overview

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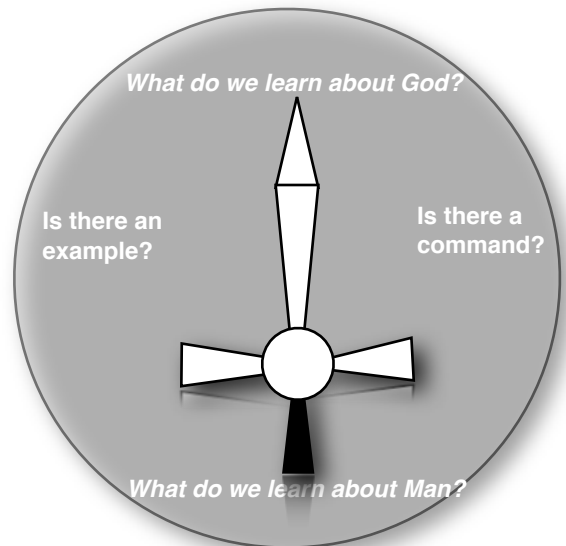
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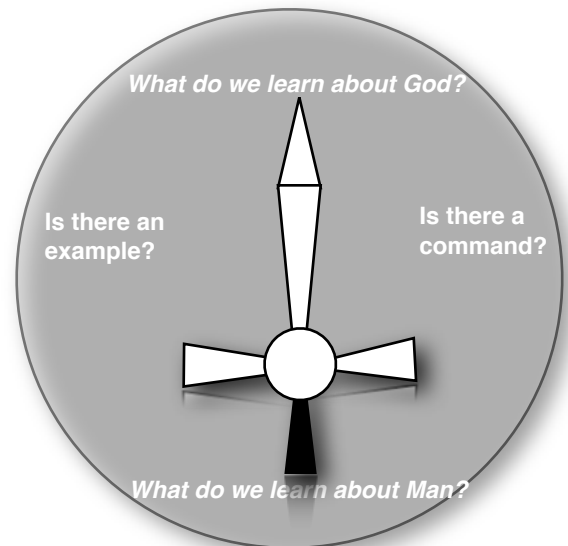
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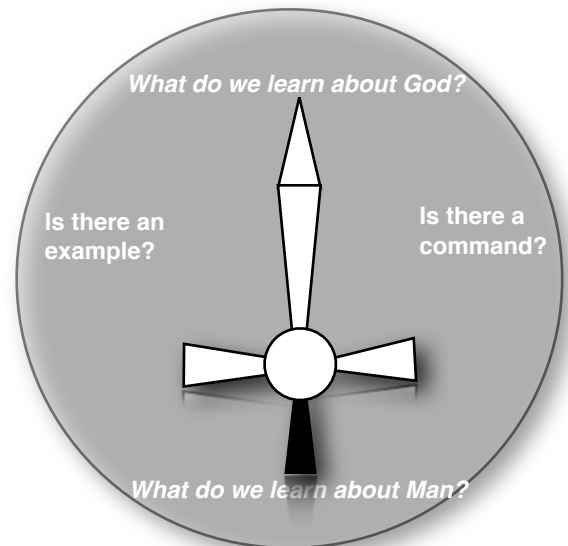
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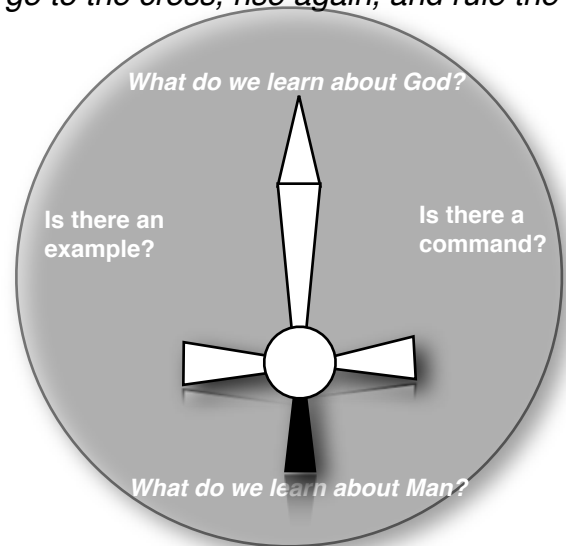
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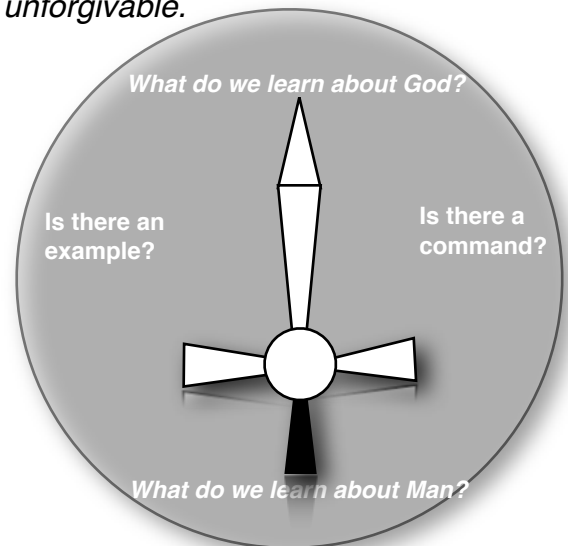
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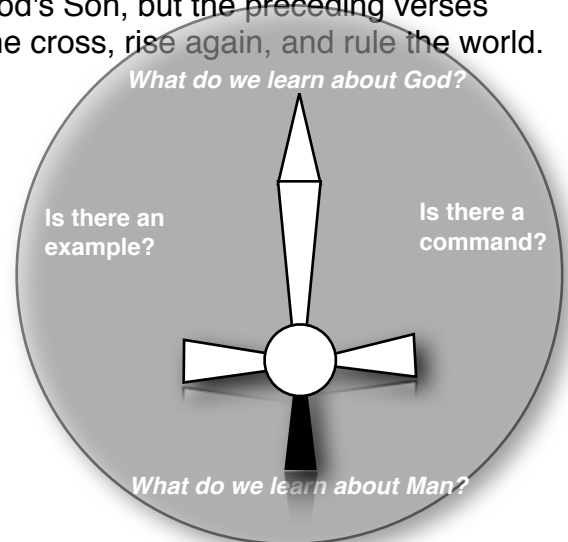
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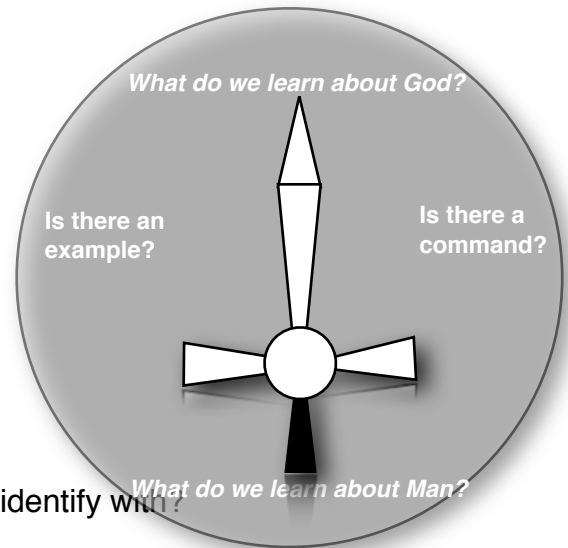
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(Training Trainers) 3/3 Training

Process

First Third

- Pastoral Care – “How are you doing?”
- Worship
- Accountability – Review & Encouragement
- Vision-Casting

Second Third

- New Lesson
 - (Enough Biblical Content to Obey)

Final Third

- Practice
 - (Confidence to obey & train others)
- Set goals & Prayer

Good Accountability Questions:

FOLLOW:

How did you obey the lesson last week?

FISH:

Who are you witnessing to? Who has believed?

When are you training them in the same process?

Are these new believers witnessing, winning & training them??

Are the trainers, that you are training, training others?

**Don't leave out
the
RED PARTS!**

ITEMS TO REMEMBER IN LEADING YOUR GROUP

Basics of a Training Group

First Third of the Disciple Cycle (20-30 minutes):

- **Fishing:** Who did you retell last week's story to? How did it go? Were there challenges, questions? Pray for friend and people who heard the story that week!
- **Following:** How did you live out the story from last week in your own lives?

Second Third of the Disciple Cycle (20-30 minutes): Ask two willing volunteers to read the story below *in two different translations*, (ask two different people, or you read it once, and one other person reads it once) *then* Pray a SHORT PRAYER, (or ask someone to pray) for The Holy Spirit to teach us. *Trainer* then retells the story, to model for them to retell later.

Sword Bible Study Method: (*remember: encourage ALL participation and answers*)

1. **What does this story say about Jesus? What does this story say about God?**
2. **What does this story say about the Pharisee (Jewish religious scholar)? What does this story say about the tax collector? What does this story say about the disciples? What does this story say about the children?**
3. **What are the sins to avoid in this story? What are the promises to claim in this story?**
4. **What are the examples to follow in this story? What are the commands to obey in this story?**
5. **Who do you identify with in this story? Why?**

Final Third of the Disciple Cycle (20-30 minutes): Practice

- Get in groups of 2-3, and retell the Bible story above to each other in their own words. (or do a skit to retell the story)
- Ask 2-3 willing volunteers to retell the story to everyone.
- Trainers share whom they will tell this story to this week. Do they have a friend they can share this story with this week?
- Share personally (trainers) what you will do this week because of this story. Ask them what they will do because of this story.
- Pray for them to succeed at what they said they would do. (and other needs)



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