

Module 11

## Your Disciplemaker's Journey... So far



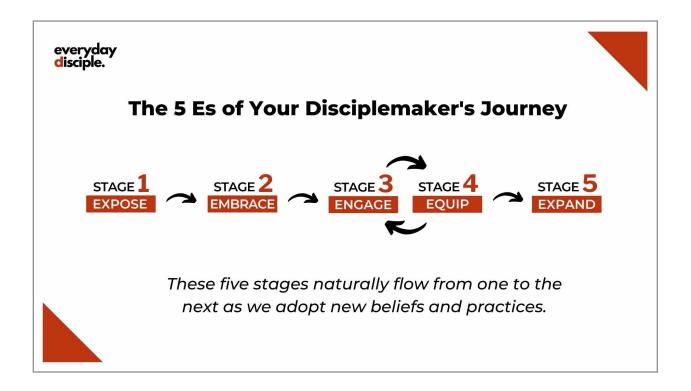




### Module 11 | Your Disciplemaker's Journey... So Far

Every journey we take will have many stops and course corrections along the way. We'll need to look at the map and be sure we're on course and heading toward our desired destination. If driving in the car, we're not always pressing the gas pedal. For that matter... we're not always moving forward! Sometimes we're fueling up or getting maintenance done. Sometimes we're parked for a bit waiting for others to join us for the journey.

## Taking time to assess where you've been, where you're at, and where you're going brings important clarity on your Disciplemaker's Journey!



**Stage 1 is Expose:** People and organizations first need to be exposed to new ideas, practices and structures long enough to *choose* a new possibility.

#### Stage 2 is Embrace:

Some will reject these new ideas, but many will embrace and accept them. This is where the head knowledge and acceptance moves to the heart.

**Stage 3 is Engage:** Some percentage of those whom embrace new ideas begin to engage and practice them. But not everyone. Unfortunately, not all who embrace a new idea or truth acts upon it. We all live with this belief-to-action distortion.

**Stage 4 is Equip:** Once new practices are engaged in, a need and desire for more equipping arises. "I love this, but I don't know what I'm doing...help!" The Engage to Equip move is really a loop that goes round and round as a person matures. And then...

#### Stage 5 is Expand:

When fully equipped, mature disciples expand out to expose and equip others. And the cycle begins again.

If you want to see movement, from one thing to another, from unbelief to belief, from static to active, from traditional to missional, from consumerism to active participation... there are five stages that all movements like this follow. And we can't afford to miss a single stage if we intend to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus who make more disciples.

**Remember:** you may feel like you find yourself in multiple stages at the same time in different areas of your life, belief and practice...

(You may want to rewatch this Module a few times and take good notes as to where you think you're at with specific aspects of your disciplemaker's journey and what Action Steps you need to take (or go back to) in order to continue forward.)

Your thoughts...

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#### **EXPOSE**

You believe that Christian faith needs to be part of **everyday life** and move past primarily being a Sunday experience. You're still gathering new ideas and ways of living out and talking about faith, and the Gospel, in community with others in normal life... that's part of why you joined the Everyday Disciple Incubator.

Some key "Expose" Milestones so far:

- I have introduced myself in the Everyday Disciple Incubator Facebook Community and I am actively engaged and asking questions to better Explore all that we are learning.
- I am watching all of the Modules and Lessons and seeing and hearing new things.
- I understand the two lenses (power and purpose) of the gospel.
- I understand the Invitation and Challenge Matrix(s).
- I now understand the correlation between discipleship and evangelism and how they work together throughout our lives.
- I understand and believe (which is moving to Embracing) my Trinitarian Gospel identity.
- I know and understand the 6 Discipleship Rhythms of everyday life.

If these statements are not all true for you yet in this Expose Stage, please go back and rewatch the corresponding Lessons and get into the Facebook Group and ask questions and explore deeper.



#### **EMBRACE**

You have embraced the reality that the Gospel is truly Good News for all of life–now– **not** just information about how to have a nice afterlife. You're convinced that discipleship can be a lifestyle that is naturally lived out 7 days a week and you're ready to start implementing small but powerful changes with your family.

Some key "Embrace" Milestones so far:

- I am embracing more and more of the things I've explored and learned so far. There is a shift happening in my heart as to who God created us to be and how discipleship is a part of all of life.
- I believe that discipleship and the gospel affect every area of our daily lives.
- I believe that I am part of a family of missionary servants now sent as disciples to make more disciples of Jesus.
- I believe that the only mission God gave us, the church, is to make disciples of Jesus who make more disciples.
- I now see and desire to treat everyone like family, not like guests in my home.

Which of these Milestones have you reached?

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#### ENGAGE

Discipleship for you has moved out of the classroom and into the rhythms of your everyday life as a family and increasingly with others. You're moving beyond testing the waters of discipleship in community and have have begun to engage and experience the Gospel in all of life.

Some key "Engage" Milestones so far:

- I am doing the work in each Module Worksheet and completing my Action Steps.
- I have shared the Gospel Identity/UP-IN-OUT triangle with at least one other person.
- I have taught the I&C Matrix to other leaders in your life (at least one other person)
- I have communicated the Power and Purpose of the gospel to my group or at least one other person.
- I am having a "special" Family Dinner Night at least once a week.
- Your High Invitation / Low Challenge event is now a predictable pattern (monthlymin., weekly-ideally)
- I have created my "What's Next, Lord?" Prayer Journal and am praying for my POP.
- I am updating my WN,L? Prayer Journal weekly and sharing it with my community or at least one person for accountability

Which of these Milestones have you reached?

If these statements are not all true for you yet in this Engage Stage, please go back and rewatch the corresponding Lessons, work on completing your Action Steps for each Module.

#### EQUIP

Since you've started to really engage discipleship and mission as a lifestyle, and because of this, you desire further equipping, tools and frameworks for discipleship. Deeper engagement and advanced equipping go hand in hand as you grow in experience and mastery.

Some key "Equip" Milestones so far:

• As I have started to engage discipleship and mission in new ways I have gone back and rewatched some of the training in earlier Modules and Lessons to re-familiarize myself with the tools and teaching.

### A big part of how we learn and master new skills and competencies is by teaching others the things *we* are learning.

- I have started to take some of my community and People of Peace through the Story of God experience together.
- I have taught WN, L? to our community and we are keeping a shared Journal and bringing accountability to this process.
- I have taught the two lenses (power and purpose) of the gospel to others.
- I have taught the Invitation and Challenge Matrix(s) to others in my community
- I have taught others their Trinitarian Gospel identity.
- I have taught the 6 Discipleship Rhythms to others in my community and we are starting to live more fully out of our Identity in these Rhythms.

Which of these Milestones have you reached?

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#### **EXPAND**

As you have begun to experience greater spiritual freedom and relational peace, you are showing others how to make disciples of Jesus who make more disciples. Your focus expands outward as you help people explore, engage and be equipped in the Gospel in all of life... And the cycle continues...

Q: Are you at a place that you have begun to teach and model the things you have been learning here in the Incubator with others?

"As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him." – Matthew 4:18-20

Often there are people in our relational orbit that are waiting to be called to "more"... More growth, more maturity, more leadership. God has people in your life now. Pray and ask him to show you who they are and do not fear inviting them.

# Q: Who specifically can you call to be "apprenticed" in disciple-making, giving these folks more of your time and intentionally developing them?

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#### **Key Takeaways From This Lesson**

### **Action Steps**

□ What questions do you still have about your own Disciplemaker's Journey? Write them here and then **post them in the Incubator Facebook Group** and Caesar will address them in the upcoming Missional Mentor.

□ Write down ways will you strengthen the connection and movement between...

Marriage > Family > Community

□ Write down ways will you strengthen the connection and movement between...

Gospel Identity > 6 Discipleship Rhythms

□ Write down ways will you strengthen the connection and movement between...

Family Dinners > Open Table > Story of God

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