

NEWSLETTER



4G DISCIPLESHIP

Where are We All Headed in Making Disciples?

The Apostle Paul lays out for us *FOUR GENERATIONS of Disciples* in 2 Timothy 2:2 NIV. Paul (first generation) is exhorting Timothy (second generation): *“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men (third generation) who will also be qualified to teach others (fourth generation).”*

At creation God gave man and woman the first mandate: to “be fruitful and multiply,” found in Genesis 1:28. Most married couples go into marriage anticipating that some day they will have children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. As in the physical world, the norm for followers of Christ is to reproduce spiritual offspring that reproduce others.

Linda and I, along with many of you, have led others to Christ who are leading others to faith who are leading others. The greatest reward in Heaven will be those we have influenced for Jesus Christ.

Linda and I have been involved for many years with disciple groups. As we lead we ask the men and women to consider leading their own groups in the future.

We challenge them to engage friends in their lives who may be looking for a relationship with God, or who are very young in their faith, with the prospect of meeting together to discover more about

God and His story and how it relates to each of our journeys of faith.

One young man, Danny Nance, pictured at right, prayed about whom God would want him to meet with, and then started a group with two followers of Christ who are young in the faith.

We encourage you to observe your webs of relationships and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to friends whom you can lead in the discipling process. Think out four spiritual generations in evaluating the lasting commitment of your descendents in Christ.

RESOURCES:

The following books we have found useful in the discipleship process:

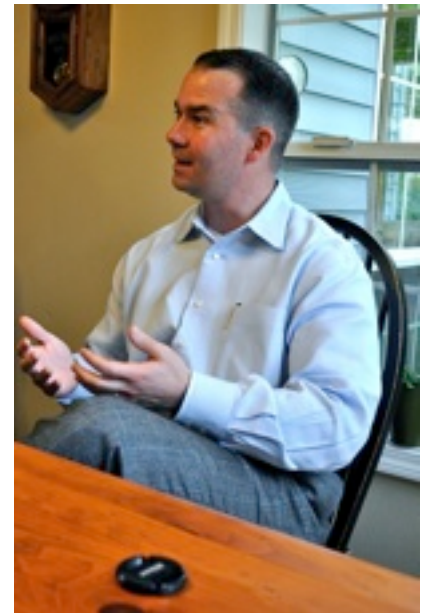
STARTING POINT, by Andy Stanley

Basic but very engaging for the young in faith or for seekers. The book includes five CDs with an audio supplement for each of the ten lessons, Scriptures to study, and good open-ended questions.

DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS, by Greg Ogden

This is more advanced but is excellent. It has 25 lessons, with two main passages for each, memorization, an article written by a well-known author that covers each subject.

DANNY NANCE (BELOW) IS IN A DISCIPLE GROUP AND DECIDED TO TAKE THE CHALLENGE TO BEGIN HIS OWN ALSO. DANNY SHARED HIS POWERFUL FAITH STORY AT THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.



INVITED BY A FRIEND TO AN “ANSWERS IN GENESIS” CONFERENCE, AND THEN TO OUR DISCIPLE GROUP, RICK GRAY (BELOW) IS SHOWN AT ONE OF OUR SESSIONS TOGETHER.



BIBLELAND CRUISE WITH JOSH McDOWELL



Please join us for our tour this November to the Holy Land. The main part of the tour is a cruise to several countries as shown at the left. We have 33 registered and can include 10 more on our tour bus.

Author and apologist, Josh McDowell will teach on the ship.

Details are on our website and at: <http://compass.org/tours/Biblelands-2010>

INFORMATION

SUMMER

Taught in July at Crossroads Community Church in Vancouver and at The Shoreline Church of San Clemente, continued some disciple groups and started a new one.

FALL

WOODHAVEN COMMUNITY CHURCH "Fueling the Family"

September 19 & 26 - Sunday Worship Services at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

22240 SW Washington St.

Sherwood, OR 97140 503-625-0586

FALL DISCIPLE GROUPS

Linda and I will resume our fall disciple groups' schedules.

BIBLELAND TOUR

November 10-22

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Thank you for your prayers and contributions. With your support we are able to serve!

DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

The Holy Spirit continues to lead me into opportunities to share my faith and communicate various principles of the Kingdom of God.

Here are a couple of the stories that might be helpful to equip you.



Visitors from Iran

Alex and Mary Goads (pictured above with his family) are part of our ministry. Alex grew up in Iran and in the Muslim faith. He gave his life to Jesus Christ in my office a few years ago. He and his wife, Mary, hosted part of Alex's family recently in their home and had me over for dinner along with others.

Alex's sister and her husband were visiting from Iran. Alex's brother joined us from California. I enjoyed engaging them and asking questions about their country and Islam. The crucial point of the interaction was when I asked them how they they would know for certain if they are going to heaven. Their answer was, "We will go to be with Allah if we are good enough." I asked, "How do you know if you are good enough?" They responded by saying, "We do not know."

I then proceeded to say that none of us is good enough to get to Heaven but the Bible says that through God's grace, love and forgiveness we can know we have eternal life because Jesus Christ died for our sins on the cross. As we continued talking the stark difference between Christianity and Islam became more evident.

The mission field is in our backyard. Did you know that there are 53,000 Muslims living in the Portland area with whom we can share the love of Christ? (*According to Samuel Hakim with the Portland based ministry, Redeeming the Nations.*)

"The man who plants and the man who waters has one purpose. (1 Cor. 3:8)

A Baseball Spectator's Worldview

I was watching our grandson's baseball game and a woman who was related to a player on the other team came and sat

next to me. I asked her questions about herself and found out that she was very concerned about the overpopulation of the earth and global warming. In a matter of minutes I shared with her about God's view of mankind's responsibility to care for our earth, based on Genesis 1:26 & 28. I also touched on the reality that as countries modernize we know the birth rate decreases, so in America and Europe we are dealing with under population.

In order for a society to sustain itself the birthrate needs to be 2.1 children per couple. America is barely sustaining this 2.1 and only because of the Hispanic population having more than the average number of children.

If a culture drops below 1.7 children per couple it will not be able to sustain itself. Europe's rate is 1.38. Muslim countries are growing at a rate of 8.1. As fertility dries up, so do societies. But Islam will continue to grow and become the majority population eventually if nothing changes. Europe's Muslim population is the fastest growing people group there.

I then proceeded to say that I was a follower of Christ, and that God gave us the mandate to be fruitful and multiply. She and I concluded our conversation as we were picking up the chairs after the game. "Wow, you gave me a lot to think about!" she said.

(Statistics above found in [America Alone](#), by Mark Steyn.)

I encourage you to take opportunities to cultivate the soil of people's hearts.

"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person" (Col. 4:5, 6).

AUF WIEDERSEHEN

WE HOSTED A GATHERING TO COMMISSION DAVE & MARCIE ADELMAN, WHOM WE HAVE DISCIPLED, AND THEIR CHILDREN, LAUREN AND RYAN, TO MUNICH, GERMANY WHERE DAVE'S COMPANY IS ASSIGNING HIM FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

