



NEXT **STEP**

DISCIPLESHIP

PERSON-TO-PERSON DISCIPLESHIP

INSPIRED WORSHIP

Six Talk Sheets Designed to Help You Have a Conversation About Inspired Worship

USING P2P TALK-SHEETS

The idea of being a disciple-maker can be intimidating; but it doesn't have to be. Person-to-Person (P2P) Talk-Sheets are designed to help you have a conversation with another person about key faith topics. These pages are designed to be used anywhere, whether you're sitting in your home or meeting in a coffee shop. In addition, you can move through this conversation at whatever pace you think is best, spending as much time as you need on developing the associated habit.

Each P2P sheet is packed with resources that help you move from conversation to action: key scripture to read, discussion questions, and application activities.

A brief introduction to the conversation that this P2P Talk-Sheet will be guiding you through.

A key verse that you and your conversation partner can memorize together. Memorization of Scripture is a valuable way to carry God's Word with you at all times.

Two to three passages of Scripture to read together. Don't just sum it up - read the passages out loud together.

Several questions to begin the discussion. Don't hesitate to dig further in and ask some of your own.

If your conversation partner has a family, check out the Family Time activity. It includes some simple ideas on how you can carry this conversation into your home.

Each P2P sheet includes one or two Live It application activities. It's critical to move beyond words to developing life-changing habits in your life. When you next get together, take time to talk over the Live It action items from the previous conversation. Be a source of encouragement and accountability to one another.

P2P_EARTH'S ENDS

In Acts 1:8, Jesus calls His disciples to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. What does this command mean to us today? These words define our mission as followers of Christ. Everyone who accepts Christ is tasked with living their life as a missionary. God calls some to become foreign missionaries like Paul, and just like the early church, we can support them financially and through prayer. The rest of us are to share Jesus' story whenever and wherever we have the opportunity, starting with our surrounding area. We may never personally travel 'to the ends of the earth'. However, as we share Christ with others, it will eventually get there - just like a baton passed in a relay eventually makes it to the finish line as it passes from runner to runner.

MEMORIZE

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

FAMILY TIME

Look up Jerusalem and Ethiopia on a map. Trace the Ethiopian eunuch's route back home from Jerusalem. How long was the journey? (1,593 miles) What other countries did he pass through on his way home? (Egypt, Sudan) What percentage of Ethiopia is Christian? (The majority - over 60%) Do you think this may have begun when the Eunuch returned home and shared his newfound faith?

READ IT

- Acts 1:1-11
- Acts 8:26-39
- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

- The Witnesses
- The Ethiopian Eunuch
- Becoming All Things

DISCUSS IT

1. What is our primary purpose while on this earth?
2. How can understanding your role as a missionary help you be more effective in Christ's kingdom?
3. According to Acts 1:8, in whose power do we witness to others? What is the cost of being a witness for Christ?
4. What do you think the Ethiopian Eunuch did after he returned home?
5. Who has been a witness of Christ to you? Who can you be a witness to?

LIVE IT

Make a map of your personal mission field starting from your closest sphere of influence and working your way out. It may begin in your home (if your spouse is not saved) and then with your neighbors, co-workers etc.

This week, be intentional about praying for discernment regarding someone with whom you can enter into a discipleship relationship.

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This particular packet is designed to introduce your conversation partner to the Core Value of Inspired Worship. In these pages, you'll find conversations about what worship truly is: recognizing the Lordship of Christ in our lives, time, and resources.

P2P_GLUED TO GOD

MEMORIZE

1 Thessalonians 5:15-17

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

The God of the universe wants more than our praise and worship. He desires a relationship with us. Before the fall, we are told God walked in the Garden of Eden alongside Adam and Eve. Although we no longer see God face to face, we can commune with Him through the study of His Word, worship and prayer. Old Testament patriarchs Enoch and Noah are described as walking faithfully with God. They exemplify a living and active relationship with God, a relationship of more than just the 'lip service' that is so often offered. The reflection of 17th century monk Brother Lawrence captures the essence of walking with God,

We should fix ourselves firmly in the presence of God by conversing all the time with Him.

God promises if we draw near to him He will draw near to us. As in any relationship, the time we spend walking with Him will draw us closer and deeper in relationship with Him.

FAMILY TIME

Teach your children the importance of developing a relationship with God. If you are not currently reading the Bible as a family, commit to spend time doing so daily or weekly.

If you have younger children, find an age-appropriate Bible to share God's story with them. During this time, teach your children how to pray and explain to them that God wants them to talk to Him just like they talk to you.

READ IT

- John 15:1-8 - Jesus as a Vine
- Psalms 42:1-5 - Deep Desire for God

DISCUSS IT

1. What do you picture when you hear the phrase, 'walk with God'? How do you 'walk' with God each day?
2. In the book of John, Jesus compared Himself to a vine and us to the branches. How does this Word picture help you better understand what it means to walk with God?
3. 1 Thessalonians tells us that we should *pray continuously*. What are some ways that you can make prayer a central part of your day?
4. People worship God in all kinds of ways. How do you most like to worship God? What are some places that you find it very easy to worship God?

LIVE IT

This week, find a time to literally 'walk' with God. Some ideas:

- Walk through your house, praying over how God might use this area of your home.
- Walk somewhere outdoors while praising God for His creation.
- Walk in your neighborhood and talk with God about how you can serve Him there.

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Try walking with God in a different way this week:

- Journal your prayers
- Read a book of the Bible you have never read
- Commit to fasting from a meal this week and spend the time with God instead
- Pick a time when you can turn off all electronics and just be alone with God

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P2P_ONE LORD

MEMORIZE

Matthew 22:37

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

The word *idol* is a bit archaic. It conjures up images of something out of an Indiana Jones movie. Unfortunately, idols are just as prevalent today as they were thousands of years ago. Our 'golden calves' often come in many forms: money, hobbies, and self. While those are some of the most common idols, anything that consistently stands between us and our relationship with God qualifies as an idol. Even positive things, such as family and careers, can quickly become idols if we elevate them above God. In Matthew, Jesus explains to us that the most important command is that we love the Lord our God with all of our heart, mind and soul. When we keep our focus on God and put Him first in every area of our life we will leave no room for idols.

FAMILY TIME

Gather some magazines from around your house and take some time to create a collage of idols. Explain to your family that an idol is anything that we place before God in our lives. Then have them cut out pictures and glue/tape them to a posterboard.

Once your family is finished, tell them that your family will always put God first. Symbollically paint or write GOD over the images on the collage.

READ IT

- Psalm 115:1-8 - We Become our Idols
- Matthew 6:19-24 - Serve One Master
- Colossians 3:1-15 - Putting God First

DISCUSS IT

1. Take some time to define what an idol is.
2. What things in your life do you consistently place before God? If someone looked at your life from the outside in, what would they say comes first in your life?
3. What are some of the results in trusting in idols over God?
4. How can good things become idols in our lives?
5. What are some ways which we can set our minds on God instead of on earthly things?
6. What behaviors or attitudes do you need to put to death in your own life?

LIVE IT

Take some time to identify your idols this week. Purpose to put God first each day and get rid of any idols standing between you and God. Schedule daily time with Him and honor it just as you would a meeting with your most important client.

If you have a planner, open it up. If not, make a brief schedule of what your next few weeks will look like. Where are you spending your time and energy? Are you putting things in life ahead of a relationship with God?

Commit to turning your schedule over to God for the next few weeks.

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P2P_LIVING WORSHIP

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Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual act of worship.

We often think of worship as the twenty minutes per week we sing to God on Sunday mornings. While this is one form of worship, God desires much more than this from us. Our very lives are to be a living, breathing act of worship. In Romans 12:1-2, Paul appeals to the church, *Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual act of worship.*

And it's not only our bodies that God desires, it's the mind and heart behind it. In Isaiah 19:13, the Lord says, *These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.* Their worship was based on action, but true worship is not based on what we do but the spirit in which we do it. True worship encompasses all of who we are.

FAMILY TIME

Teach your children how to discern the things that help them grow closer to God and those that make them more like the world.

Help them to identify anything in their life that is drawing them away from God and towards the world.

READ IT

- John 4:23-24 - Worshipping in Spirit and truth
- Psalms 95 and 96 - The heart of worship
- Romans 1:18-25 - The wrong kind of worship

DISCUSS IT

1. What are some different ways in which you can worship our Creator?
2. Where do you find it easiest to worship God? How about the most difficult place to worship God? Why?
3. What does it mean to worship in Spirit and Truth?
4. In what ways can we offer our bodies as 'living sacrifices' to God? What would this look like in your own life?
5. What are some ways in which we end up worshipping things in this world? What is it that you worship other than God? What would it take to stop worshipping this idol and refocus this worship on God?

LIVE IT

Surround yourself with music that praises God this week. Try listening to a local worship station or CD's that honor God instead of your normal music.

Print out Scripture verses related to worship and place them around your house as a reminder to focus your mind and heart on God. Some verses:

- Psalms 8:1, 95:6, 100:4
- Philippians 2:9-11
- Revelation 4:11

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P2P_PRAYER

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Faith requires that we continually take another step into the unknown and uncomfortable. In accepting Christ, we become a part of something much larger than us. As a result, we always need to go to God for the power and support that only He can provide. Prayer is our method of connecting, communing, repenting, praising, and presenting our requests to our Heavenly Father.

In the Old Testament, we are told Enoch and Noah 'walked with God.' That infers an intimate relationship with constant communication between themselves and God. We too can 'walk with God', but it takes the discipline and practice of prayer to develop that relationship.

FAMILY TIME

Often our children only see us pray at mealtime. Purpose to pray in front of your children and let them know how precious your time with God is to you.

Don't just let them hear you tell people you will pray for them. Instead, let them see you pray for people and explain to them the mighty power of God.

READ IT

- Matthew 6:5-14 - Jesus' teaching on prayer
- James 5:13-16 - Pray on all occasions
- Philippians 4:6 - Pray in the face of worry

DISCUSS IT

1. Talk about the ways in which you communicate during the day (Facebook, phone, etc.). How does that compare to the time you spend communicating with God?
2. What is your experience of prayer so far? Is it something you enjoy or find uncomfortable?
3. What do you take to God: requests or thanksgiving? What does Jesus' prayer say we should take to Him?
4. Do your prayers tend to focus on yourself or on others?
5. Does the time you spend with God in prayer reflect the power you believe prayer has?
6. Talk about a time when you saw a prayer request met that has amazed you?

LIVE IT

Rewrite the Lords Prayer in your own words. What are the ideas that Jesus stresses in this prayer model?

The Lords Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13

Commit to trying a new way of praying this week:

- Start a prayer journal.
- Go somewhere in nature that inspires your awe of God and pray in that location.

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P2P_STEWARDS

MEMORIZE

Matthew 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Once we give our life to God we begin a paradigm shift in regards to our resources. The world encourages us to use our money, time and talents to glorify ourselves, whereas Jesus' life reflected just the opposite. He poured all he had into others - His time, energy and ultimately, His life. The idea of becoming responsible with another person's resources is called *stewardship*. Our relationship with Christ helps us begin to understand our role as stewards of God's resources. As we mature in Christ, we can view the resources God entrusted to us as opportunities to serve others rather than serve ourselves. Sometimes God calls us to do radical things with our resources, but usually this simply means we purpose to put Him first and use our resources to make a difference in His kingdom. All we have is a gift from God and can be used for His glory.

FAMILY TIME

Help your children see how they can use their resources to serve God in their everyday life.

Give each child a set of three notecards. Ask them to write down one resource on each notecard: money, time and talents.

On the back of the notecard have them write down one thing they will do this week to use this resource for God's Kingdom.

READ IT

- Matthew 25:14-30 - Parable of the Talents
- Matthew 19:16-26 - The Rich Young Ruler
- 1 Timothy 6:6-10 - The Desire for Money

DISCUSS IT

1. Which do you find it easiest to glorify God with? Money, time or talents?
2. Which of the characters do you most relate to in the Parable of the Talents?
3. Which of your resources are least centered around God? What is a practical way you could better glorify God with that resource?
4. How can a deep desire for money lead us away from a relationship with God?
5. Why is it important to view ourselves as stewards of God's resources?
6. Have you ever done something radical with your resources after being prompted to do so by the Holy Spirit?

LIVE IT

Make a 3-column list labeled with the following resources: money, time and talents. Underneath each, write down what you do with that resource in a typical week. Your list for time might look like this: bible study, prayer, family, gym, work, play golf, and watch TV. Brainstorm practical ways to better serve the kingdom in each area.

This week, begin to try to view yourself as a steward for God's Kingdom. Start small. Try referring to all of the resources that you have (time, talents, and money) as God's instead of your own. This little act may lead to a complete new view of your resources.

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P2P_TITHING

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2 Corinthians 9:7

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

The word *tithe* means 'a tenth' and it refers to the Old Testament practice of giving ten percent of one's crops, livestock or earnings back to God. Tithing a specific amount is not a requirement in the New Testament, but many Christ followers use the ten percent example as a starting point. Tithing is a heart issue, not a money issue. In 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 we are told,

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

When we give generously we are honoring God with a portion of what He has blessed us with. When we give to others, we are not only telling God that He comes first, but that we trust Him to provide for us.

FAMILY TIME

Discuss the idea of giving with your children. Explain to them that all we have is from God. We thank Him by sharing generously with others.

Give your children an opportunity to earn money this week and then encourage them to give a portion of it back to God.

READ IT

- Leviticus 27:30-33 - The Original Tithe
- Mark 12:41-44 - Quality, Not Quantity
- Matthew 6:19-24 - Treasure Hoarding

DISCUSS IT

1. Define tithing in your own words.
2. Would the people who know you best describe you as a giving person?
3. Discuss why giving is a heart issue. How do your finances show what you value? What holds you back from trusting God with your finances?
4. Why did God command us to give generously?
5. In Matthew 12, Jesus applauds a poor woman. What was the difference between her offering and the others in the passage? How can your life better reflect the giving spirit of the poor woman?

LIVE IT

This month, commit a percentage of your income to God. It could be any amount, but ten percent is a great place to start. Trust Him, offer that money, and see what His response is.

Take a look at your budget and ask these questions (if you are married, make sure you do this with your spouse):

- What are we honoring with our resources?
- How can we better honor God with these resources?

Pray over your budget and ask God for the wisdom to know how to best use these resources.

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DISCIPLESHIP

Each of us is on a journey towards becoming like Jesus. Along that journey, we will encounter key milestones that will lead us to new growth. Discover your Next Step today!

KNOW JESUS

Discover a life-giving relationship with Jesus. Pick up a *Know Jesus* conversation guide at the Next Step Station.

SERVE LIKE JESUS

Explore your natural gifting by serving like Jesus. We can help you discover the Ministry Team that's right for you.

LEARN THE BASICS

Learn the basics that you'll need (how to read the Bible, pray, and share your faith with others) during this 12-week study.

BECOME A STEWARD

Learn how to manage your resources in a way that honors God. We offer Financial Peace University multiple times each year.

PARTNER WITH THE CHURCH

Gain an idea of who CCW is and how you can become a team member in our two part Foundations series (offered quarterly).

GROW AS A LEADER

Make an impact by starting down the path of leadership in our Servant Leadership Training (offered quarterly).

JOIN A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Discover authentic community by joining a Discipleship Group, an environment where you will grow in relationship with God and others.

Whatever your Next Step is, let us help you. Stop by the **Next Step Station** (located in the Foyer) to discover the people and resources that you need to keep growing.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

ONLINE//APPS

BOOKS

Sacred Pathways (Thomas, Gary)

CCW RESOURCES

Stewardship Challenge (ccw.church/next-steps/)