



NEXT **STEP**

DISCIPLESHIP

PERSON-TO-PERSON DISCIPLESHIP

REAL RELATIONSHIPS

Six Talk Sheets Designed to Help You Have a Conversation About Real Relationships

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.

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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
- The Witnesses
- Acts 8:26-39
- The Ethiopian Eunuch
- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- 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 Real Relationships. In these pages, you'll find conversations about how we can be the Church both at home and as part of a larger community.

MEMORIZE

Romans 13:8

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

'This is my commandment: That you love one another as I have loved you.' - Jesus

This is perhaps the most difficult call that Jesus makes to us. Even the greatest human love falls far short of perfection. All too often there is a hidden agenda, condition, or limit to the love we dispense. We only love people 'if'...'until'...or 'unless'. Christ, on the other hand, loves unconditionally. He not only loves the unlovable, He woos them! He searches us out while we are enemies of God for the sake of an authentic relationship. If we are to love like Christ, we must first pray to see our friends and family through God's eyes rather than our own. When we start viewing others as God does, authentic and unconditional love is a very real possibility.

FAMILY TIME

Spend some time this week to write 'love' letters to those in your immediate family. In this letter, attempt to show that your love for them is unconditional. Avoid cliché terms and phrases and write something deep and meaningful to each person.

READ IT

- 1 John 4:7-12, 19-21 - Love Like Christ
- John 15:9-17 - Love One Another
- Matthew 5:43-48 - Love the Unloveable

DISCUSS IT

1. How has God modeled love to us?
2. How is the love God calls us to different than the love the world talks about? What does it mean to love *unconditionally*?
3. Who does Christ call us to love in these verses? How is God's Word made complete in us through our love for others?
4. Do you think your family feels you love them unconditionally or are there strings attached?
5. Who do you find it most difficult to love? What are some ways in which you can begin to show love to them?

LIVE IT

This week, pray to see those around you through God's eyes instead of your own. Purpose to act in love and respond to needs as you see them.

Spend some time encouraging those who are in your circle of family and friends. Write a letter, make a phone call, have a surprise visit - do whatever it takes to let them know that they are loved! Purpose to encourage at least two people this week.

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MEMORIZE

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

FAMILY TIME

If your children are old enough, have them write a list of qualities that they desire in a future spouse.

Be strategic, and help them list some important Biblical qualities that they might have overlooked. Have them keep this list in a safe location so that they may use it as a reference when dating or courting.

Ephesians 5 presents one of the strongest commands directed towards spouses found in the Bible. In this chapter, husbands are told to *love* their wives - a word that implies protection, loyalty, and sacrifice. Wives, on the other hand, are commanded to 'respect' their husbands. Two very different words, but with the same goal - to produce healthy, wholesome marriages where both husbands and wives are growing alongside of each other towards God. Christ-centered marriages are a product of unconditional commitment to the fulfillment of this goal and a deep-seeded relationship to God. As we grow in love/respect towards God, we will grow in love/respect towards our spouse.

READ IT

- Ephesians 5:21-33 - Biblical Marriage
- 1 Corinthians 13 - Love, Love, Love
- Proverbs 31 - Picture of a Godly Woman

DISCUSS IT

1. Compare and contrast the Biblical view of marriage vs. our culture's.
2. Which of the characteristics of love in 1 Corinthians 13 comes easiest for you? Which is the most difficult?
3. Love "always protects" implies fierce loyalty. Are you your spouse's biggest critic or his or her biggest fan?
4. Keeping a record of wrongs can cause a marriage to rot. Our sins are as far as the east to the west in God's eyes. How are you at forgiving and forgetting?
5. According to Ephesians 5, what are the roles of men and women in marriage? What are the difficulties of holding this view in our world today?

LIVE IT

Read through 1 Corinthians 13. While reading, try exchanging your name for the word 'love'. Where are you falling short of authentic love in your marriage? Choose one of the action words in this chapter to put into practice this week.

Discover your spouse's love language style. The five love languages are: Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch (You can find more about these love languages online). Try to do at least one thing each week specific to his or her love language .

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Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

FAMILY TIME

Many children have no idea what the purpose of discipline is. Often, discipline can seem inconsistent and erratic. Share with your children God's purpose and method of discipline. If you have created a discipline action plan of your own, talk your children through it so that they can better understand the consequences of the choices that they make.

We are often our children's first idea of what God is like. If we are merciful, firm, and loving, that is how they will view God. Unfortunately, the opposite is also true. Many adults shy away from God because of misconceptions about His character, which they developed by interacting with their own parents. The Bible constantly refers to God as our 'Father' and this is no accident. To truly love our children as God intended, we must first understand how our Father in Heaven loves us. Then we are able to seek to love our children in the same manner. So when we read that we are '*the apple of His eye*' (Zech. 2:8) and that He *rejoices over us with singing* (Zeph. 3:17), we should take that as a cue to learn to rejoice in our children. When we read about how our Father disciplines those He loves, we should model that same love-centered discipline with our kids. As the primary disciple makers of our children, it is imperative that we learn to reflect our Father's character and example as we raise those whom He has entrusted to us.

READ IT

- Deuteronomy 6:4 -9 - Raising Disciples
- Ephesians 6:4 - Patience and Understanding
- Proverbs 13:24 - The Value of Discipline

DISCUSS IT

1. How was your view of God shaped by your parents? How does the title of *Father* that is given to God help you understand who He is?
2. How does your view of God effect how you love your own children?
3. What are you strengths as a parent? What are your weaknesses?
4. What do the above scriptures have to say about discipline? Honestly assess discipline in your household. Are you firm and fair, way too lenient or overbearing?
5. How can you improve in reflecting God to your children?

LIVE IT

Search for 'love languages' online and find out what the love language is of each of your children. Make a point to do at least one thing a month that specifically speaks to that child's love language.

If discipline in your house is not being handled in a Godly fashion, create a discipline action plan with your spouse.

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Hebrews 10:24-26

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Many modern followers of Christ believe they do not need to be a part of a local body of believers, yet the New Testament clearly teaches just the opposite. In 1 Timothy 3:15, Paul refers to the church as God's household. A household is defined as individuals who comprise a family unit. Our church family needs us to invest in them just as we would our families.

In addition, it is dangerous for Christians to isolate themselves. Peter warns that the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. A lion will usually first separate an animal from its pack before overwhelming it. We are fools if we think we can resist the devil alone. We need our brothers and sisters in Christ to encourage us, hold us accountable and disciple us if we are to resist Satan's lies and reach the world for Christ.

FAMILY TIME

Have your family create a 'connection chart'. Write your names in a bubble in the middle of a sheet of paper. Draw additional bubbles with names of people and communities to whom you are connected and then draw lines connecting your bubble to others. Ask your family what their connection is to the church. Is it just another community or does it have more influence in your lives? Talk about how you can increase your connection to the church.

READ IT

- Acts 2:42-47 - Church Connections
- Hebrews 10:24-26 - Keep Meeting
- Romans 12:3-8 - A Body of Believers

DISCUSS IT

1. Why does Paul refer to the church as a household? Why does God call us to be connected to the church?
2. What are some of the dangers of not being connected to a church body?
3. In Romans, Paul compares the church to a body. How does the church operate like a body? What happens to a body when it is missing 'parts'?
4. Many churches use 'small groups' as a vehicle for connection. How might meeting in a smaller group better connect you to other believers?

LIVE IT

Increase your connection to the church:

- If you're not a part of a local church body, find a church to connect to this week.
- If you do not have an accountability partner, find one.
- Get smaller - find a small group of believers to get plugged into.

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Commit to spending at least one extra hour this week in the company of fellow believers.

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MEMORIZE

Galatians 6:1-2

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ

In America we pride ourselves on being able to do things ourselves. Asking for help is often viewed as a weakness. The Bible, on the other hand, finds strength in numbers. Part of the reason God established the church was to provide a way for believers to be lovingly strengthened in their faith and challenged when their lives do not line up with the Biblical model. Biblical Accountability is something that God has put in place in order to help us overcome challenging behaviors and to help us institute spiritual disciplines in our lives. God is our Creator, and He knows we can not do it alone. To help us live a life that glorifies Him, He has given us His Holy Spirit, His Holy Word, and our brother's and sister's in Christ who are running the same race.

FAMILY TIME

Model accountability with your family. Give your child a piece of paper and have them tear it in half. Then give that same child a phone book to try to tear in half.

Talk about it:

What's the difference? Why are many papers stronger than a single piece?

Compare this to a person. How can many people be stronger than a single person?

READ IT

- James 5:13-20
 - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
 - Matthew 18:15-17
- Confess and Restore
 - A Cord of Three Strands
 - Biblical Conflict

DISCUSS IT

1. According to what you have read, what is the importance of Biblical Accountability? Why is accountability something that makes many people uncomfortable?
2. According to Ecclesiastes, why are two or three stronger than one? Why is it important to have other believers to hold you accountable?
3. Describe the steps we are to follow when a brother or sister continues in a sin in order to restore them to right relationship with God?
4. What are some specific things that you need accountability about?

LIVE IT

If you do not have an accountability partner then spend time in prayer asking God for discernment in choosing one.

Possible accountability partners:

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If you already have a person you meet with regularly for accountability, spend some time reviewing what it is that both parties need accountability to improve.

Create a list of questions, challenges, and consequences that you regularly review together.

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Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

We cannot honor God in our personal relationships without extending the same forgiveness God extended to us to those we love. When we reflect on the forgiveness God has extended to us, it should never cease to bring us to our knees in praise. He gave up His only Son so we could be restored to Him. We were the prodigal son He searched for every day until we returned home. Unlike love, forgiveness does come with a condition - we must forgive others so that God might forgive us (Matt 6:14-15). The alternative, unforgiveness, is costly. Unforgiveness births bitterness and hatred and ultimately results in our separation from our Heavenly Father. But when we offer forgiveness and grace, it allows God's love to shine through our actions.

FAMILY TIME

Explain to your children how we have wronged God and how God has chosen to forgive us. Memorize this week's verse with them.

The next time you find your child in a situation where they feel they have been wronged, ask them to retell the story of how God forgave us. Help them to understand what their response should be in the situation.

READ IT

- Matthew 18:21-35 - The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant
- Matthew 6:14-15 - Forgive to be Forgiven
- Luke 23:32-43 - Jesus Models Forgiveness

DISCUSS IT

1. What does Biblical forgiveness look like? What makes this type of forgiveness so powerful?
2. Why do you think it can be so difficult to forgive those we love even though we have been forgiven of everything?
3. How has forgiveness changed your life?
4. Is it harder for you to forgive yourself or to forgive others?
5. What is something that you have found difficult to forgive in your life? What is something that you feel you could never forgive?
6. What is the cost of unforgiveness? Have you seen this cost in another person's life or in your own life?

LIVE IT

Do you have a relationship that needs real forgiveness present in it? Find a way this week to offer authentic forgiveness to the person/people who have wronged you. Don't just put a *band-aid* on the situation. Be authentic.

Write a letter to God thanking Him for the forgiveness that He's given you. Be as specific as you can about the ways that He has forgiven you. Keep this *letter of forgiveness* as a reminder that God forgave you wholly.

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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!

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