



NEXT **STEP**

DISCIPLESHIP

PERSON-TO-PERSON DISCIPLESHIP

SELFLESS SERVICE

Six Talk Sheets Designed to Help You Have a Conversation About Selfless Service

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

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 Selfless Service. In these pages, you'll find conversations about who the purpose of the Church, how we are SHAPED to serve, and how the value of service is embodied in the life of Jesus.

P2P_PEOPLE.PURPOSE

MEMORIZE

1 Corinthians 1:10

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

FAMILY TIME

With your family, make a list of events you attend and activities you are involved in. For example, you might attend a movie, but are involved in a little league team.

Read Acts 2:42-47 and discuss on which side of the list being a part of a church body should belong.

In our society we often ask people where they go to church or what church they attend, but the church isn't a building or a denomination. Rather it is God's people working together as Christ's hands and feet. God intended the church to be so much more than a group meeting together on Sundays to worship, take communion and listen to a sermon. The church was meant to be a community of active believers, not passive attenders. The picture of the church we are shown in Acts 2 describes a group of believers who had everything in common and took care of each other, even to the point of selling their property and possessions if others were in need. The early church met daily to worship in the temple and share meals together. They were also outward-focused and were known throughout Jerusalem for their sincerity as well as being liked by all the people. The early church grew daily because they modeled God's love for others and intentionally shared the story of Jesus.

READ IT

- Acts 2 - The Birth of the Church
- 1 Peter 2:9-10 - Pictures of the Church

DISCUSS IT

1. What does the word 'church' connote in our society? According to the Scripture, what does God intend the Church to be? What word picture would you use to describe the God's Church to someone else?
2. After reading over the Bible's picture of what the early church looked like, how does your church body compare?
3. What is the difference between attending an event and being involved in something? Why do you think it has become so common for people to just attend church without ever really being a part of the church community?
4. How can you move towards living out the purpose of the church in your life?

LIVE IT

Look at each description of the early church in Acts 2:42-47. Are you part of the church community or are you just an attender? If you are an attender, purpose to become an active part of your church body.

Commit to having a better understanding of your church community. Some ideas:

- Know who the Elders and leaders of the Church are.
- Be able to communicate the purpose of your Church as told by the leadership.
- Find out if your Church has any major goals to accomplish, then be a part of making them successful!

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MEMORIZE

1 Samuel 15:22

*But Samuel replied:
"Does the Lord delight in
burnt offerings and sacrifices
as much as in obeying the
Lord?"*

*To obey is better than
sacrifice, and to heed is better
than the fat of rams.*

Within the church body lies a wide array of resources. God has gifted all of his people with spiritual gifts (talents). He has made us stewards of His money. He has blessed us with 24 hours in our day. All of these resources have been given to us so that we might build His Kingdom in this world and glorify Him as a result. The vehicle that God has chosen to accomplish this is His Church - the gathered group of men and women committed to Him. This month, we have already connected with our financial responsibility to the church; but the church is so much more than just money. It is God's people choosing to sacrifice their time, energy and talents - the array of resources God has entrusted to us - so that His purpose can be accomplished in this world.

FAMILY TIME

Trace an outline of your child's body. Ask the child to help you label each part of the body and its function. Discuss how each part has to do its job in order for the body to function efficiently. Explain that God designed the church body to work together just like their physical body.

READ IT

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 - Being the Body
- 1 Samuel 15:22 - God's Desire
- Matthew 22:15-21 - Give to God What is God's

DISCUSS IT

1. What is it that God truly desires from us? How does that apply to the resources He has entrusted into our care?
2. In 1 Corinthians, what word picture does Paul use to describe the Church? How accurate of a description is this?
3. In Matthew, Jesus tells the disciples to 'give to God what is God's'. What is it that Jesus was referring to?
4. Each of us has access to three key resources - time, energy, and talent. How might you use your time to serve inside your local Church? How about your energy? Talents?
5. Which of these resources are in short supply in your church body? What can you do to help alleviate that resource shortage?
6. How will you invest your resources inside the church this month?

LIVE IT

Create three lists, each with a title of a different resource: time, money, and talents. Brainstorm on ways that you can give these resources inside your church body.

Become aware of what resources are lacking inside your church. Find ways to help alleviate these resource shortages using the resources that God has entrusted to you.

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P2P_SPIRITUAL GIFTS

MEMORIZE

1 Corinthians 12:4-5

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

There is much to be done to further God's kingdom, but God does not expect you to do everything! Instead, He has given each of us a spiritual gift or gifts which we are to use for His glory. In several spots throughout the New Testament letters, these gifts are identified. In Romans 12, the Apostle Paul mentions prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading and showing mercy. Elsewhere, we see different gifts present. For our purposes, spiritual gifts are those things that God gives us or enhances in us for the purpose of growing His Church. Once you have identified your spiritual gift - use it! Your spiritual gift determines how you can best show God's love to others and how you can serve inside His Church community. When you serve in an area that you are gifted in, you will not only enjoy it more but you will maximize your impact and effectiveness.

FAMILY TIME

Share what you have learned about spiritual gifting with your family. Help your family identify their spiritual gifts.

Make a list of practical ways you can each use your gifts to serve the world and serve your local church body.

READ IT

- Romans 12:3-8 - Using our Spiritual Gifts
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 - Different Gifts from God
- 1 Peter 4:10-11 - The Purpose of Gifts

DISCUSS IT

1. Where do spiritual gifts come from?
2. According to the above Scripture, what is the purpose of these gifts?
3. How do you see these different gifts at work in the Church today?
4. Why do you think that God gave us such a plethora of different gifts?
5. What do you think your spiritual gift is?
6. How can your spiritual gift be used to serve your family?
How can it be used to serve inside the church?
How can it be used to serve the world?
7. How easy is it for you to be content with the gifts God has given you? Why?

LIVE IT

If you are unsure what your area of gifting is, find out. Talk to friends and family and ask what they think. You can take an online spiritual gifts assessment at:

ccw.church/discover-your-shape/

Once you have figured out what your unique gifting is, make three lists - one titled 'Family', one titled 'Church', and the last titled 'World'. List ways that you can use your spiritual gift to serve in those areas. Afterwards, pick one idea from each list to implement within the next few weeks.

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P2P_SHAPED

MEMORIZE

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

FAMILY TIME

Don't just tell your kids about serving. Invite them to serve alongside of you!

Take time to recognize the SHAPE of your family members and find a meaningful way to serve that incorporates each of their unique giftings.

Take some time to discuss this question: If resources were not a concern, how would you like to serve in God's Kingdom?

When it comes to how we've been designed to serve, spiritual gifts are just the tip of the iceberg. Each of us has a ministry SHAPE (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Ability, Personality, and Experiences) we need to consider. We've already talked about Spiritual Gifts, but let's dig into the other four:

Heart describes those things which you are most passionate about.

Ability describes the skills and training you've received over the course of your life.

Personality is characterized by the traits and attitudes that you've developed over the course of your life.

Experiences describe the events (both good and bad) that have shaped who you are today.

READ IT

- John 13:12 - 17 - Following Jesus' Example
- Philippians 2:1 - 11 - The Attitude of Jesus
- James 2:14 - 17 - Faith Leads to Action

DISCUSS IT

1. How did Jesus model service to His disciples?
2. What attitude did Jesus have as He served others?
3. According to the writer of Philippians, what kind of attitude should we have towards other people?
4. What does James say about faith that does not include service? How have you seen this to be true?
5. What are some things you are passionate about that could be potential ministry areas?
6. What skills and abilities do you have that could be used to serve?
7. What are some key personality traits that may direct how you serve others?
8. What experiences have you had that would allow you to speak into the lives of others?

LIVE IT

Complete the CCW SHAPE Profile Assessment and discover how God has designed you for Kingdom work.

Find the assessment at:

ccw.church/discover-your-shape/

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Check out the many different CCW Ministry opportunities (found at the aforementioned link). If something jumps out at you, consider completing a Ministry Application and jumping in to serve.

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MEMORIZE

Matthew 22:37-39

37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

FAMILY TIME

Show your family the list you made of your neighbors and have them help you add anything that might be missing. Brainstorm ways Write ways you can show love to each group and then pick at least one to do a month as a family.

Loving our neighbor as ourself most important command second only to loving God. Jesus says this one law sums up all the other commands God gave to the Israelites. It is more important than burnt offerings or sacrifices. Paul called it a "royal" law. What does loving our neighbor look like? Loving our neighbor is more than a spontaneous generous act every now and then. It is a constant state of putting others needs above our own by investing our time and energy into them. Often we "love" some neighbors a little better than others. For example you might serve the community, but not know your physical neighbor's first name. All we come in contact with should be impacted by Christ's love through us. Even our enemies.

READ IT

- Mathew 5:38 - 47 - Loving Neighbors and Enemies
- Romans 13:8 - 10 - Love is the fulfillment of the Law
- 1 Corinthians 13 - The Biblical Description of Love

DISCUSS IT

1. Make a list of those closest to you and move your way out (neighbors next door and neighborhood, neighbors at work, neighbors in the form of cashiers, mechanics, dentists, waitresses, etc.).
2. Discuss how you are doing at loving each group as yourself and make note of any areas your are falling short.
3. What do you think Jesus had in mind when he said to love your enemies? How did Christ show love to his enemies?
4. How does love fulfill the whole of the Law?
5. How does 1 Corinthians 13 describe authentic love? How well do your attitudes and actions align with this description?
6. The greatest way we can show love to anyone is to pray for them. What can you be praying for your neighborhood, your co-workers, your community, your government?

LIVE IT

For the next month do just one intentional act a week to show someone love. Ideas: Leave the waitress an extra large tip; bring dinner to a single mom in your neighborhood; pay for the person behind you in line at the drive through; bring donuts to work. Love big!

Read through 1 Corinthians 13, placing your name in the place of 'love' each time it is used. Which of these descriptors can you work on applying to your life this week?

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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!

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

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CCW RESOURCES

MEMORIZE

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

FAMILY TIME

Buy a pack of popsicle sticks. As a family write down one way you can serve your neighbors or the community on each stick. Examples: bake cookies for a neighbor, make a meal for a new mom or buy a flower for your child's teacher. Be creative!

Let your children decorate a paper cup and write 'Serve the World' on it. Each week draw a popsicle stick and serve others as a family!

There is so much going on within the church, Christians sometimes forget our real purpose is to seek and save the lost! In Matthew 9:12 Jesus reminds the pharisees that, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick'. In order to fulfill the Great Commission, we have to get outside the comfortable walls of our church building and become intentional about investing in our communities and developing relationships with those who need to hear the word of God. One of the quickest ways to accessing people's hearts is by meeting their emotional and physical needs. As stewards of God's resources, we need to find ways to put those resources into action in our communities and in our world.

READ IT

- 1 John 3:16 -18
- 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- Esther 4:4-17
- Love in Action
- Rich in Good Deeds
- Esther Uses Her Resources

DISCUSS IT

1. What are some ways in which our resources of time, money and talents can be used to show love? How do resources give us a platform for sharing Christ with others?
2. What does it mean to be rich in good deeds? How is that different than the world's understanding of being rich?
3. How was Esther able to use her influence to serve others? What was the affect?
4. What groups/ministries in your local area are currently serving the community? What are some practical ways you can bring the message of Christ to others by investing in your community?
5. What are some practical ways you can use your resources to serve those in the world that are outside your community?

LIVE IT

Pray about how you can faithfully serve your community. Look at the various volunteer organizations in your community like Habitat for Humanity, the Humane Society, Big Brother Big Sister or a local retirement center. Commit to serving in one for a year individually, as a small group or as a family.

Find a way to use your resources to serve the world outside of your community. Some great ideas:

- Compassion International: Care financially for a child in another country.
- Operation World: Spend time in prayer for each country in the world.

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