

## Metacamp Videos - Full Notes

435 minutes plus homework - will take a few days. Maybe 3 or 4 or 5 days to do everything.

### Video 1: Introduction

- Explains we are to go and make disciples
- Talks about the great commission and how “make disciples” is the main verb
- We are all to make disciples
- We are to make multiplying disciples
- When he uses the word church, he refers to church in its simplest form
  - house churches
  - city church
  - regional church
  - elders and deacons operate at the city level - not at the simple house church level
- Simple churches - Triangle model with cross and crown in middle - ObeyGC2
  - Love God - Loving God and neighbor sums up the law
  - Love others
  - Make disciples - Great Commission summarizes NT
- Buildings, budgets, programs and staff are outside of simple church...they are not bad, but they are not necessary. You just need God’s people being the church. Simple church can multiply easily, with the other things can’t.
- First command in the Bible is related to multiplication: Be fruitful and multiply
  - Also given to Noah
  - God scatters people at the tower of Babel because they were not spreading out
  - This course seeks to obey this command in the spiritual sense
- Simple things multiply easier
- Blue whale and plankton example - plankton are simple and multiply easily - blue whales don’t multiply easily - we need to be like the plankton and use simple churches to multiply
- U.S. church is declining and not impacting society much; the trend is getting worse
  - 96% of growth is from kids or transfer growth
  - only 2% of evangelicals share their faith
  - # of Christians went down in every county in last census
- Many people are church dropouts and have rejected the current status quo of church; The simple church offers a good fit for those who have dropped out of church buildings.
- Every disciple needs to see themselves as a minister; the priesthood of the believer
- Every marine a rifleman example - every marine needs to have basic fighting skills, no matter what their assignment is, even cooks and administrators. So, every Christian needs to be proficient in the basics of Christian discipleship
- This course will help Christians become proficient in making multiplying disciples
- Not the only way, but has proven itself the world over.

- Can use other tools and methods; recommends first becoming proficient in his method and then change/adopt as needed

#### Video 2: Homework

- Homework:
  - Spiritual exercise first night
  - Wesley's questions second night
  - prayer of confession third night
- Homework:
  - Read Sermon on mt. each day (Mt. 5-7)
- Homework:
  - Journal after each training session, noting significant insights or questions or comments.

#### Video 3: Creation to Judgement

- Put Chairs in a circle
- Let one person start to tell the story of God's redemption from creation to judgement
  - At a good breaking point, let another person continue telling the story, and so on...
- You can also use this example to see how well people know the Bible in your group
- Also, how do they interact with each other?

#### Video 4: Forming groups and making introductions

- Will need to divide into groups, as you can't do it with just one partner
- Will divide into two sorts of groups
  - Pairs (two men or two women) - Chat groups
  - About 4 to 12 people in a larger group - 3/3rds groups
- First get into your chat group
  - Get you know your chat partner
  - Then share about them with the group afterward, interesting things about them, etc...
  - Have everyone do this
- Have people pray silently and ask the Lord how He would introduce their chat partner
  - Then go around with everyone introducing their chat group partner this way
- Talk about how it was like introducing your partner in the two different ways; differences?
- Hopes you will learn to listen to God. Listening is a key aspect of praying. Listening will be a key theme throughout the training. Prayer wheel, groups, 3 month planning, essential to being a follower of Christ.
- John 5:19
  - Jesus is saying he only does what he sees the Father doing.
  - We need to learn to see and hear from the Father

- John 8:28 - same theme
- John 8:47 - same theme; if you don't hear God, you are not his
- John 10:27 - same theme; sheep hear and obey his voice
- John 12:49-50 - same theme
- John 14:10 - same theme
- John 15:15 - same theme
- John 16:13-14 - same theme; Through the Holy Spirit, we can hear from God
- We need to be intentional about listening to God

#### Video 5: Disciples worth reproducing

- Consider the question: Am I a disciple worth reproducing? Multiplication is not good if you are not multiplying good things.
- Abraham is called the father of many nations and the father of our faith. Multiplication is one of the main themes here.
- Abraham didn't always do the right thing and is far from perfect, but God chose Abraham because of his obedience
- Obedience is not duty in the negative sense. Biblically obedience is spoken of as the flip side of love. Jesus says, "If you love me, you will obey my commands". It is the overflow of our love for Him.
- The great commandment is to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, and radical obedience is the outflow of obeying this.
- Talks about Abraham and how he left his safe life to go to an unknown place and how Abraham believed and obeyed; also obeyed when told to sacrifice his son Isaac.
- God can use anyone, but God especially delights to multiply the obedient, radical disciples who love Him, like the level that Abraham showed.
- God still tests us and asks difficult things of us.
- Tells a story about China and how he trained a house church network. Showed them a map of the state of Christianity in the world. Felt like God wanted one of them to send a missionary outside of the country. Prayed multiple times and on the 7th time when he asked if God had called anyone, a woman started crying and said God has called her to go to Myanmar. She said she was afraid, but she will obey. God laid a passage on his heart where Elijah faces the prophets on mt. Carmel; also how he sent a servant to look for clouds on the horizon and on the 7th time the servant saw the small cloud. So they have prayed these 7 times and God has revealed this woman as a first token of a large # of believers who will go forth from China as missionaries. The next morning he noticed that the lady wasn't there. He found out that she left for Burma that very night with another woman after the group gave her some money and commissioned her. God delights to multiply that kind of disciple and he did as she went to Myanmar.
- We need to aspire to this kind of commitment.
- King Saul army example: basically farmers willing to fight the Philistines. Jonathan with his 1,000 men attacked the Philistines. Then the Philistines attack back with 30,000 chariots and the Israelites fled and hid. Only about 600 men stayed with king

Saul and Jonathan. These were probably men of faith. Jonathan and his armor bearer went to see the Philistines and showed themselves to them. The Philistines knew that God would then deliver them and killed 20 men. When God saw Jonathan's faith, God stepped in and sent an earthquake and the Philistines fled. Jonathan had expectant faith

- Talks about some other biblical examples of faith and obedience: OT and NT
- God still looks for people with an expectant faith
- He used to train the top 5 house church networks in China. He tells a story about them. One of the men had to leave the meeting because he got a phone call about how two of their best evangelists had been killed and he needed to go and see if God wanted to raise them from the dead. Wow. Not something we as Americans would normally do. Unfortunately, we do not normally have this kind of faith and then act on it.
- This kind of faith is completely different and leads to different outcomes.
- Love God like Abraham did. Have faith like Jonathan did. This is the kind of disciple that God loves to multiply
- Hebrews tells us that this kind of faith may not lead to a "comfortable life" but it is pleasing to God. These people took risks and sacrificed much. Sometimes God intervenes, sometimes he does not intervene. Either way He is glorified.
- Ends with prayer

#### Video 6: Importance of multiplication

- Tells of his time in China where the importance of multiplication went from his head to his heart.
- He can't reach everyone, but if he teaches other Christians to reach the lost who in turn reach others, then he could see everyone come to Christ in a short amount of time.
- Make disciples who make disciples
- Start churches that start churches

#### Video 7: Intro to three thirds groups

- We are ready to start opening our tool kit!
- Three thirds groups go by many names: DBS, T4T groups, biogroups, models for ministry, etc...they all use similar principles though
- The first third is look back, the second third is look up, and the last third is look forward
- Get into larger groups (4-12 people) and do the second two thirds. We have nothing to look back to, so we are starting with the second third.
- First Third
  - Care
    - Prayer
    - Ask how people are doing
  - Check up (never skip)
    - How did you obey?

- Who did you train?
    - With whom have you shared your story or the gospel with?
  - Vision (never skip)
    - Keep the big picture of making disciples in view
- Second Third
  - Prayer
  - Read and discuss Bible passage
    - What did you like about this passage
    - What did you find difficult about this passage
  - Read the passage again
    - What does this passage teach about people?
    - What does this passage teach about God?
- Third Third
  - Obey
    - How will you obey this passage?
    - Who will you train with the passage?
    - With whom will you share your story or the gospel this week?
  - Practice (never skip)
    - In groups of two or three, role play how you will obey the above
  - Talk with God
    - Pray for one another after you have set goals
- Three different ways to adopt the 3/3rds groups:
  - Consume Scripture in different ways
    - Read if literate
    - Pass it on orally
  - What questions you ask
    - Can add or delete questions, but don't add too many questions though
  - What passages you study
    - Non-Christian studies
    - New Christian studies
    - Mature Christian studies, leadership development
- How do you keep the groups from teaching heresy?
  - It is possible, especially with new believers
  - Diagram of a line with variations up and down, but over time they even out and grow spiritually
  - Existing churches also have problems with heresy
    - American Christians and even pastors have messed up theology
    - We assume people have correct theology, but we can't assume anything
    - Many Americans are biblically illiterate and don't understand the Bible anyway, even though they are in churches

- In small groups, like 3/3rds groups, views are expressed and can be corrected over time
- Much heresy over the years has actually been started by scholars or more famous people since they are respected and influential
- China example of how new Christians can grow quickly
- IMB example of research on groups
- Gifts at the city/regional level can be used to teach and correct and give accountability to help avoid heresy

#### Video 8: Maturity measure

- People should be more worried about orthopraxy than orthodoxy - right practice and right beliefs rather than right beliefs only
- Knowledge and practice (obedience) should be increasing upwards together. Knowledge should not leave practice/obedience behind.

#### Video 9: Two spheres of ministry

- Make a list of 100 people that you know: friends, family, neighbors
- This is your Oikos: your household; your sphere of influence
- If you have been a Christian for a long time, most of these people are probably Christians too.
- Bounded set - circle with "x"s in or out of it. Christians are in the circle, non-Christians outside of it
  - people are either in the kingdom or out of the kingdom
- Centered set - cross at the middle with arrows (vectors) pointing to or away from the cross and arrows are short or long meaning how fully the person is pursuing God.
  - followers of Christ are pointed to the cross and a long arrow means they are passionately following Christ
- Need to pursue people and be patient with them
- Example of how his father came to faith through a persistent friend
- Jesus' instructions to his followers as he sent them out
- Luke 10 - for when working outside of circle of influence
  - Looking for a house of peace
  - Going out in pairs (also see this in other bible passages)
  - Don't get distracted - go to where Jesus is sending them
  - Don't take a lot of material goods
  - They go needy and can identify a house of peace by who meets their needs
  - Establish the kingdom in that one house of peace so that house can establish the kingdom in their circle of influence and town
  - shake off the dust - don't worry about those who reject and don't spend too much time with those who reject - go on to more receptive homes and places to find those who have been prepared
- So you have your circle of influence and also can work in new areas where you don't know people

### Video 10: Persons of Peace

- How to find a person of peace
  - enquire for worthy people - ask who is trustworthy, noble and thinks of others
  - If you can't find a person of nobility, you can also look for a bad, hated person that can save and people will see the dramatic turnaround or healing
  - Can find people while prayer walking - talk with them about spiritual things
    - ask them if they are willing to gather their friends or family to discuss spiritual things and the Bible; if they are, this might be your person of peace
    - Or may share the gospel with them and if they accept, he will tell them that it is a great blessing to help others follow the Lord; a greater blessing to start a group and it is the greatest blessing to help equip others...so can he help them experience these blessings
      - then automatically has them make the list and how to share their testimony about why they decided to follow Jesus. Then a simple gospel message. Pick your top 5 people to share with. Practice it with him. Then help keep them accountable to sharing. Help train them how to repeat the process. Can see many people come to Christ very quickly by doing this. This forms the basis for a new simple church.
  - India example of how this can happen very rapidly.
  - Role play the list and the great, greater and greatest blessings.

### Video 11: Luke 16 urgency and Luke 14 commitment

- The rich man and Lazarus example of urgency because the rich man wants his family to hear
- People who hear and accept the Gospel often ask: why didn't you come sooner with this great message?
- Tell them the one thing you can do for those you love is tell them the gospel
- God wants all to follow him willingly
- Hell even compels us to tell
- Jesus was a terrible marketer
  - unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you can't follow me - most people turned away
  - If anyone comes to me and does not hate mother, father brothers, even his own life, can't come after me and follow me, etc...you need to count the cost
  - We need to give up everything to follow Jesus
  - What was Jesus thinking? He wants people to follow him, yet he also tells them He needs to be more important than anything else!
  - Not the best way to gather followers.

- The only way this makes any sense is if we recognize who Jesus is: He is the creator and ruler over all things. In light of this, these demands make perfect sense
- “Your God is Too Small” book by JD Phillips
- Jesus was filtering for people who would follow him for who he was, not for what they could get out of him!!! He is of infinite worth.
- That’s what it means to follow him and be his disciple
- It’s not just mental ascent, but appropriate response and actions that follow belief
- We need to share the gospel in an appropriate way so people follow Jesus for who he is and not what they can get out of it. He doesn’t want casual followers. He wants fully committed followers.
- He deserves all of our worship, praise and service

#### Video 12: Prepare your testimony (your story)

- Their story, your story, God’s story
- A testimony for a new believer is why they decided to follow Jesus
- For some people with a dramatic testimony, they can share the before and after story
- For people who are basically Christians all of their life, you can compare your life with Christ to what your life would look like without Christ
  - If someone asks you how you are doing, you can say: “It’s funny you should ask. I’ve been going through a lot of stuff lately. It’s been a little bit of a rough patch. You know the older I get, the more truth I see in the saying, “a day late and a dollar short”...it just seems like that’s the nature of life, you know? Not too long ago I started going through some bad health problems. went to some doctors, but they couldn’t figure it out. The medical profession just seems unreasonable now...lots of medical costs. had financial problems. had problems with a key coworker at work...You could say life was miserable. but the funny thing is actually through this whole process I experience peace and joy through the whole thing. And that just seems kind of strange because with all those problems, you should have peace and joy...but it is because of my relationship with God, because he gives me this amazing peace and joy and hope no matter what my circumstances are. This is the most important thing in my life. I don’t see how people make it who don’t have that close relationship with God. Because, you know, life is just tough. But if you have that relationship, life is just so much easier because of how it allows you to deal with those kinds of circumstances. So I don’t know if you have that kind of relationship with God but I’d love to share with you how I came to have that kind of relationship. Is that something you would be interested in knowing more about?”
- This contrast his life with God with what it would be like without God. Then the hook at the end for the opportunity to share the Gospel.
- Take time to prepare your testimony and how you would share it with different kinds of people

### Video 13: Prepare to share the Gospel - God's story

- The most important thing is to start where the person is. How do they see God? What kind of background do they have? Christian? Atheist? Other religion?
- The Roman's road is fine for a literate learner. He recommends starting with Romans 1 with God as Creator
- One verse evangelism - Romans 6:23 - bridge example
- Many approaches - evangecube; adapt it for the audience
- He likes a storying approach - appropriate for oral and literate, poor or rich, etc...
  - Creation to judgement
  - He Reigned: In the beginning God created a perfect world. He made man a part of his family but man rebelled and brought sin and suffering into the world. This meant that man was separated from God's family.
  - He Came: God sent his son Jesus into the world to bring man back into relationship with himself. Jesus lived a perfect life. He taught the people about God. He performed miraculous acts. He healed many people. He did this to demonstrate God's love and God's power.
  - He Died: Despite the fact that Jesus lived a perfect life and therefore did not have to die, he choose to die on a cross and payment for our sins. He was buried in a tomb.
  - He Arose: God saw Jesus's sacrifice for sins and accepted it. He demonstrated this by raising Jesus from the dead on the third day. So if we recognize Jesus as Lord, as God, our ruler, our boss, that he died for our sins and we repent of our sins, meaning we turn from our sins and ask for his salvation, then we are accepted back into God's family and he gives us his Holy Spirit to live in us.
  - He Ascended: Jesus stayed on earth for 40 days after being raised from the dead. He taught his followers that through the power of the Holy Spirit they were to bring people from all over the world to be his followers as well. Joining the family of God. Then he was taken up into heaven as his followers watched
  - He's Coming Back: In the future, he will return to punish his enemies, all those who do not follow him, and to reign with his family forever.
  - Would you like to accept this gift that God offers?
  - Romans 10:9-10 - if you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart...
    - Both mental and repentance
- However you present the Gospel is great. Just need to present it!

### Video 14: Role play sharing your testimony and the gospel

- Practice sharing your story and God's story in your CHAT group
- Some people get nervous about sending new converts out to do this.
  - Birmingham example - a new convert wanted to share with a lot of people, so they practiced. Not the best at sharing, but he was eager. Overtime, he became better and better at sharing his faith. Practice will help a person get

better. God uses an eager person. Bad people make good soil because there is a lot of manure in their life. New converts can bring people to where they have come. Maybe not beyond that, but up to the point of salvation

- Practice in your groups now

#### Video 15: Three thirds group practice

- Ready for a three thirds group like the first time, but will now do all three thirds
- Pull out your list of names
- The first third
  - Whenever someone gives an update, there are several things that may happen
    - Understanding issue - clarify
    - Opportunity issue - add obedience item to the upcoming weeks commitments
    - Forgot - add obedience item to the upcoming week's commitments
    - Spiritual issue - treat as a church discipline issue - maybe they don't want to obey a lesson or command. Done out of love for the person's redemption. Need to keep each other accountable.
  - Earthly economy and spiritual economy are different. Earthly economy we work for things and try to get things. The spiritual economy tells us to give and not work to get. If we share what we hear from God, we will grow closer to him. If we don't share or obey, we won't grow. We need to keep each other accountable so we can all grow in intimacy as we want the best for everyone. If we don't keep people accountable, what we are saying is I don't give a rip about you or your spiritual life.
  - We are asking you to listen to the Lord and then share what God has told you to do. Then we keep you accountable to what you shared with us.
  - Sometimes people don't hear anything. Sometimes this is alright...but if it keeps on happening week after week after week, there is a problem. So the leader needs to help them.
  - Stop the video and meet in your three thirds groups - usually a couple of hours
  - Study Matthew 6:5-15

#### Video 16: Prayer wheel

- It is a tool that takes a 1 hour block and divides it up into 5 minute segments.
- Can download the documents
- Take the next hour and pray through the prayer wheel
- Has segments for listening
- Can help you to develop a capacity for prayer, as many people don't pray that long
- Can introduce people to different aspects of prayer

#### Video 17: Prayer Walking

- One of his favorite tools for discipling

- Important for several reasons:
  - helps people develop a habit of going through their day in an attitude of prayer, seeing things from God's perspective. Perceiving the spiritual things around them.
  - Brother Lawrence - Practicing the Presence
- Can do it individually, but has added benefits with others. Can learn from the other people and what they are hearing from God. Gives us fresh perspective also.
- If you have multiple groups, you can divide up an area
- 4 main ways to determine what to pray for:
  - Observation - what you see around you
  - Research - if you have time to research a place before you go, do it.
  - Revelation - what God reveals to you
  - Scripture - pray through the themes of the scripture
- Go out and prayer walk today with your CHAT partner for about 1.5 hours
  - particularly Observation and Revelation today.
  - Pay attention to "centers"...government centers, schools, community center, religious center, etc...
  - If God draws a particular person to your attention, He might want you to go to them. It could be the person of peace.
    - Tell them you are prayer walking
    - Ask them how you can pray for the community, or them
    - pray for them if they want it
    - This can open up opportunities to share the gospel
  - BLESS prayer - Body (health) Labor (job) Economics (finances) Social (relationships) Spiritual

#### Video 18: Leadership cells

- Similar to the 3/3rds groups
- Example of a circle with x's in it and one circle inside. This leadership cell is for a short time only. Like a temporary group to equip people to start simple churches. Will rotate responsibilities for leading through the 3/3rds process.
- After a while, the group goes out and starts their own groups. The leader of the Leadership cell group then follows up with them to help them start their own simple churches.
- Works well for migrants, nomads, students, and other temporary peoples. You equip them to start these simple churches so the churches travel with them.
- National, State, District, local training model in India with the Jesus Film or other video then with a Bible study follow up and a years worth of material to go through. Eventually form into a church.
  - State Level: 33
  - District Level: 500+
  - Sub-district Level: 12,000
  - Local Events: 24,000 training events

- Trainees: 2 million
- Simple Churches started: 1.27 million
- Decisions for Christ: 8 million
- Took place over 2 and a half years.
- Could be house churches or could be under an established church
- China example with teachers and leadership cells; teachers taught their students; when the students graduated, they went home or somewhere else to work and then know how to start churches
- U.S. Church example with too many people coming to Christ but didn't know how to disciple them, so they used the leadership cells. Developed a 9 week process to equip them. Was a follow up in a group setting for the new believers.

#### Video 19: Multiplication principles

- What factors lead to fast multiplication?
  - Every person is viewed as a minister and is equipped to disciple people, share the gospel and start churches.
  - Dual accountability
    - obey what God reveals to us
    - pass it on to others
    - Duck analogy: Mother duck is out in front. the first duckling follows the mother, the second duckling follows the first, ect...the ducks don't need to be mature, just follow the one in front. Jesus is the mother duck. he is the only mature one...not seminarians, pastors, or others. Just Jesus. Paul said to follow him as he followed Christ. All believers are to pass on to others what they have learned.
  - Self-feeding - we don't want consumer Christians, we want producer Christians that are equipped to serve others. Saints are to be equipped.
    - Scripture
      - 3/3rd's groups, CHAT groups, personal quiet time
      - Taught to interpret scriptures in groups
      - Applying scripture
    - Prayer
      - Prayer walking
      - Prayer wheel
      - Teaching through prayer - Jesus/lazarus prayer example
      - Can open doors for evangelism
        - China story of an unusual girl - college grad
    - Body Life - need to be with other Christians
      - Basketball example - learn to do things with others
      - We need to learn how to interact with others
      - Other Christians will also teach us how to follow Jesus
    - Persecution and suffering
      - Bible talks a lot about these subjects

- Will help believers to be refined
- We will be persecuted if we live for God
- Satan tries to silence Christians by making them fear suffering
- China persecution example of how believers take a pledge when they are baptized to be willing to suffer for Jesus
- Christians need to be taught on suffering so they are prepared for it when it comes
- If every disciple is prepared to be self feeding in these areas, they will mature over time.
- Disciples need to have eyes to see where the kingdom isn't. To see the dark areas of the world where Christians need to go to bring them kingdom of God there.
  - You will need to cast vision - can use mapes, stories, scripture, etc...
  - Are people in the kingdom or not?
  - Are focus should be on the last, least, and lost

#### Video 20: Pace

- Don't talk a lot about pace in the church
- The church is growing faster than it has ever grown before (globally) but it is still not keeping up with population growth
- About every second a non-christian is entering hell
- Christ died for all people so that they could have the chance to enter heaven
- We are responsible for this generation of souls
- We need to make disciples who make disciples...this kind of ministry outpaces population growth. Pace matters.
- We need to do things like mentioned in video 19 that help increase the pace

#### Video 21: Training cycle

- Model, Assist, Watch, and Leave
- Model:
  - Riding a bicycle example - you see someone doing it before you do it, it may not be long, but then you want to do it to
- Assist
  - "training wheels" - the parent will help the child to learn how to ride a bike
  - Will hold the bike while they try to ride it
- Watch
  - Eventually we need to let go - Maybe the child will fall down, but the parent is there to help
  - If we keep hanging on, the child will never learn to ride a bike
- Leave
  - Once you have taught them the things they need to know and they can do it on their own, then they don't need you.
  - If they understand the multiplication principles and the training cycle and obey them, then that is a good sign they know what to do and you can leave.

- MAWL diagram with MAWL both ways down to the 4th generation

#### Video 22: Two churches and rabbits

- You will have your primary spiritual family (simple church)
- Don't add new converts to your church if you can help it
  - help them start new groups from among their network of ongoing relationships
  - want to keep the groups small - no more than 12 adults, but want at least around 5-6; best number is 8
- Triangle example
  - Four couples are a part of this simple church
    - each couple is also expected to launch (or train) a second church - do it using MAWL
    - Model and assist phases can be complete in about 3 months; usually can only model and assist for one group as it is time intensive, unless that is your full time job
    - During the watch phase, you have less direct contact but also takes longer - around ... can watch numerous churches at a time
  - 3 hours per week in primary simple church
  - 1 hour a week with CHAT partner
  - 2 hours with modeling and assisting
  - 1 hour a week at most "watching"
  - 7 hours a week total
  - Will be hard to be active in a "legacy or traditional church" as you will be too busy.
- The idea of being part of two churches at a time is a very powerful idea
  - Elephant and rabbit example - Elephants are very slow to reproduce; rabbits are very quick to reproduce. Takes three years for an elephant to reproduce. Rabbits in three years can go from two to 476 million rabbits in a perfect environment.
- Chart on reproduction rate in months
  - In 10 years, if you could reproduce every 4 months, 1 billion people could be saved
  - This rate is not possible, but some slower rates are. 9 months can happen.
- He wants to see this kind of reproduction happen all over the world

#### Video 23: CHAT groups

- CHAT groups are a group of two or three people who meet together once per week on their own time. Same gender in groups. Read 25-30 chapters per week. Pray for the lost. Share the accountability questions with your partner.
  - Check your progress
  - Hear the Word
  - Act on it
  - Tell others

- There is a CHAT groups sheet with accountability questions.
- Matthew 5-7 which you have been reading this week will be your passage to use.
- Take about an hour and a half to go through this right now.
- This groups is for confidentiality, so you won't be sharing this with others...unless you legally have to like with abuse of minors, suicide, etc...
- SOAPS - helps you to focus on the scripture you are reading
  - Scripture: write out 1-2 verses
  - Observation: paraphrase them
  - Application: your response
  - Prayer: related to verses
  - Share: who you can bless with them

#### Video 24: Simultaneous, not sequential process

- Not always linear like this: prayer, pre-evangelism, evangelism, discipleship, church planting, leadership development, reproduction.
- Oral learners example: teaching bible stories to people; one requirement is that they share with others; so you are developing leaders, getting reproduction, not a church yet though; you are discipling them as they start to understand the Bible. These things might happen before people are even converted. Can sometimes get a network of churches overnight.
- Birth to death example: maturity can even happen before the person becomes a Christian...duckling example used again. You can see multiple generations of people being exposed to Christianity even before any of them are saved...but once a person is saved, often times many people follow in salvation.
- White light passing through a prism: All colors are represented in the white light, but then come out as colors. Do the discipling process can include all of the things together in a non-sequential process.

#### Video 25: Invest in a few

- The best way to decide who to spend more time with is to see who is applying and passing on what you are giving to them.
- Ying Kai example: he is the best practitioner that he has trained.
  - disciplined, hard worker; wife helped out with administration; follow up and accountability
  - prayed hours everyday; made him close with God
- Train anyone who is willing to be trained
  - But follow up with the fruitful
  - Spend most of your time with a small amount of people
  - Pour deeply into a few, then then in turn pour deeply in a few, etc...
- Lady in China story - Hainan island and the transformation there

#### Video 26: Final Three Thirds Group practice

- Will practice one more three thirds groups sessions - get in your groups - rotate the leadership responsibilities to a different person - look at Acts 2:42-47
- Look back at Matthew 6:5-15

#### Video 27: Review and plan

- Accountability tools:
  - Spiritual exercises, Wesley's questions, prayer of confession, etc...use one of them once a month or so to do a checkup on your spiritual life
  - 3/3rds groups - used both for Christians and non-Christians - meet weekly
    - These groups help people begin to interpret scripture
    - Different tracks for different types of groups
      - Start track - obedience points are written
      - Strengthen series -
    - Should be reproducing
    - You are in one and help to launch one in a different home
  - Share testimony; gospel; train others to do the same
  - Prayer wheel; prayer walking
  - persons of peace
  - CHAT groups
  - Leadership cells used to equip believers or disciple new believers
- These tools can help you to make disciples who reproduce
- Use form "commitments for the next 3 months"
- Pray and ask God what you should do for the next 3 months to apply what you have learned in this training
- Fill out your 3 month plan worksheet
- Set up appointments to meet by phone or in person with your CHAT partner to report progress after weeks 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 12 after training.
- Can have Him follow up with you if you want him to.

#### Video 28: Sharing these principles

- How will you share this with other believers that you know?
- Don't even think about churches or institutions
  - instead look for people within the organizations and train them
  - Don't put new wine into old wine skin; patches on garments
  - Churches and institutions: Don't expect these people to change, as they signed up for the existing status quo.
- Dissatisfaction with the status quo + knowledge of a better way + knowledge of how to take 1st steps must be > inertia
  - How do you help people see the value in these things without offending them?
  - The larger and older an organization or person is, that harder it is to change the set patterns (inertia). It is easier to train younger people
- Brain in a box example:

- Do we believe it is possible? Do we have limits on what we think can happen? We need to expand our box...there is nothing too big and nothing too small.
- How can you help people experience things to help them grow in these new areas to expand their box?
- Jigsaw puzzle story: can get 1500 piece puzzle for a dollar each. His mom goes through them quickly though. So he gives her the puzzle without the picture so it takes longer. One day when she was retiring, he bought her a bunch of city skyline at night puzzles....and then mixed the puzzle pieces together and it took his mom years to finish
  - Having a picture is very important - get a clear understanding of what the Lord is calling you to so you can do it more effectively
  - Rarely does God call someone to a significant ministry with a "lone ranger" call. We usually work together and are unified on the call and way.

#### Video 29: Price to Pay

- If you live out the things you have learned and try to make a difference in the world, you can expect trials to come and attacks will come from Satan.
- Singapore team example
- He has known many people who have suffered and even lost their lives.
- Example of his family in China: His son kept on falling, especially around glass, because something was holding his foot. So they prayed against it. A dog was also trying to attack him and was somehow knocked down so the dog didn't hurt him. His wife also had pain and was paralysed while she was pregnant. Not getting much ministry done. After a while they had to go back to the U.S. for surgery on his wife. When then came back to China, they were viewed differently. They were viewed as one of the locals, as they had gone through problems just like the locals.
- Our very survival and breath is dependent on his grace...broke down his pride
- God redeemed those attacks - don't lose hope; it's worth the price

#### Video 30: Groups Debrief

- Take a little while and do a group debrief together - get in a circle
  - Have each person share what they found most challenging from the training
  - After this, have each person share what they found the most exciting or encouraging from the training
  - One last time, go around the circle. This time speak about each person. Allow whoever feels led to contribute to talk about things they have come to appreciate about that person. After a few moments, move to the next person in the circle.