



## **[pocket] Disciple: A tool to multiply movements of disciples making disciples...**

### **FAQ's**

#### **Is Pocket Disciple for pre-believers, new believers or existing Christians?**

Yes, yes, and yes! PD is great for:

- Introducing pre-believers to Jesus
- Giving new believers a discipleship experience that is reproducible
- Giving existing believers a tool to disciple others

#### **How should I start using Pocket Disciple?**

Pocket Disciple is not designed to just hand out to strangers. It's designed to help you form and multiply discipling relationships. To start going through PD with a person or a group, you might ask them something like this:

*"I've got this cool booklet that guides people through seven experiences with Jesus. You simply meet a few times for 30 minutes over coffee to read a couple stories and interact together. Would you like to try it out with me?"*

If using in a group, it's beneficial for each person to receive their own copy of PD so people can read through it together. This gives them space to write notes and start to share what they've experienced with others.

#### **I'm using Pocket Disciple to train a group of people in our ministry to make disciples. Any recommendations?**

Here's what I recommend:

- 1) Practice doing one or two of the experiences together before you send people out to use PD. That way they have a "feel" for how PD works and how to facilitate an interactive discussion with people.
- 2) Encourage them to make a list of potential people they want to lead through PD.
- 3) Follow up with people to track how they are doing. When people step out to make disciples, they will probably experience a variety of emotions, from exhilaration, to discouragement. Keep track of people and encourage them to be faithful to complete the seven experiences with others. It also helps to celebrate testimonies of how God is moving. This will motivate everyone to continue making disciples.
- 4) Emphasize multiplication. Remind people that the goal is to make disciples who make disciples. Our prayer is that every one who goes

through the seven experiences of PD will then replicate the experience with others fairly quickly. By the third or fourth generation, you will really start to see the power of multiplying movements of disciple making.

**When is someone ready to use Pocket Disciple? Should we be concerned about new believers leading others through Pocket Disciple?**

Anyone who is willing to follow Jesus is ready to share him with others. Someone who facilitates a group does not need to be a recognized “leader” – particularly if you emphasize disciple-making relationships among pre-believers. God often uses some of the most unlikely people to spark movements of the gospel. Encourage everyone to obey Jesus by both participating personally in the seven experiences of PD and leading others through those same experiences. Remember, we want more people obeying Jesus! We have a lifetime to go deeper in Christ and work out growth in character. PD is a way to get *the basics of following Jesus* into the hands of everyone.

**Do people need to read every scripture for each experience?**

Each group dynamic will be different. You can select certain scriptures for each experience or discuss all of them. Follow PD as a guide and use it in a way that works best for you.

**Can I do the experiences of PD in a different order than they are presented in the booklet?**

Absolutely. The order of the experiences in PD is designed to be a good template to follow, but it’s not mandatory. One group decided to start with Experience #6, “Gather.” A Muslim background woman participated. Great discussion followed. They then decided to do Experience #1, “Change” that same night. This woman became a follower of Jesus and part of the community.

**Any other thoughts that would help us utilize Pocket Disciple effectively?**

- 1) Emphasize interaction and discussion. The Scriptures and the prompt questions give new people the opportunity to encounter Jesus and God’s word for themselves. When they interact in a group setting, it instills in people the pattern that following Jesus happens in the context of relationships and authentic sharing with others. When they learn to follow Jesus in this way, they also learn a way to disciple others that is reproducible.
- 2) Remember to ask the two questions at the beginning and end of each experience:
  - “Who did you tell about the things you experienced in the last section? How did it go?”*
  - “Who do you know who needs to hear what you learned from God in this section?”*

This instills a pattern of evangelism and obedience to Jesus. People they share with are likely to be the next group of people they lead through Pocket Disciple. By emphasizing these two questions, you'll be training others to multiply!

**What happens after a group goes through Pocket Disciple? What's next?**

During the last experience, group participants will be asked to pray and discuss what they feel God wants to do with their group next. Some groups will decide to continue meeting for prayer, interactive discussions of scripture, and fellowship. The goal is that each participant also starts forming other groups to lead through the experiences of Pocket Disciple. This way, every person is part of a close community and starting new groups with others.

For a more in-depth experience in growing in character and developing a Biblical worldview, the larger [12-chapter Disciple book](#) is a good follow up.

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