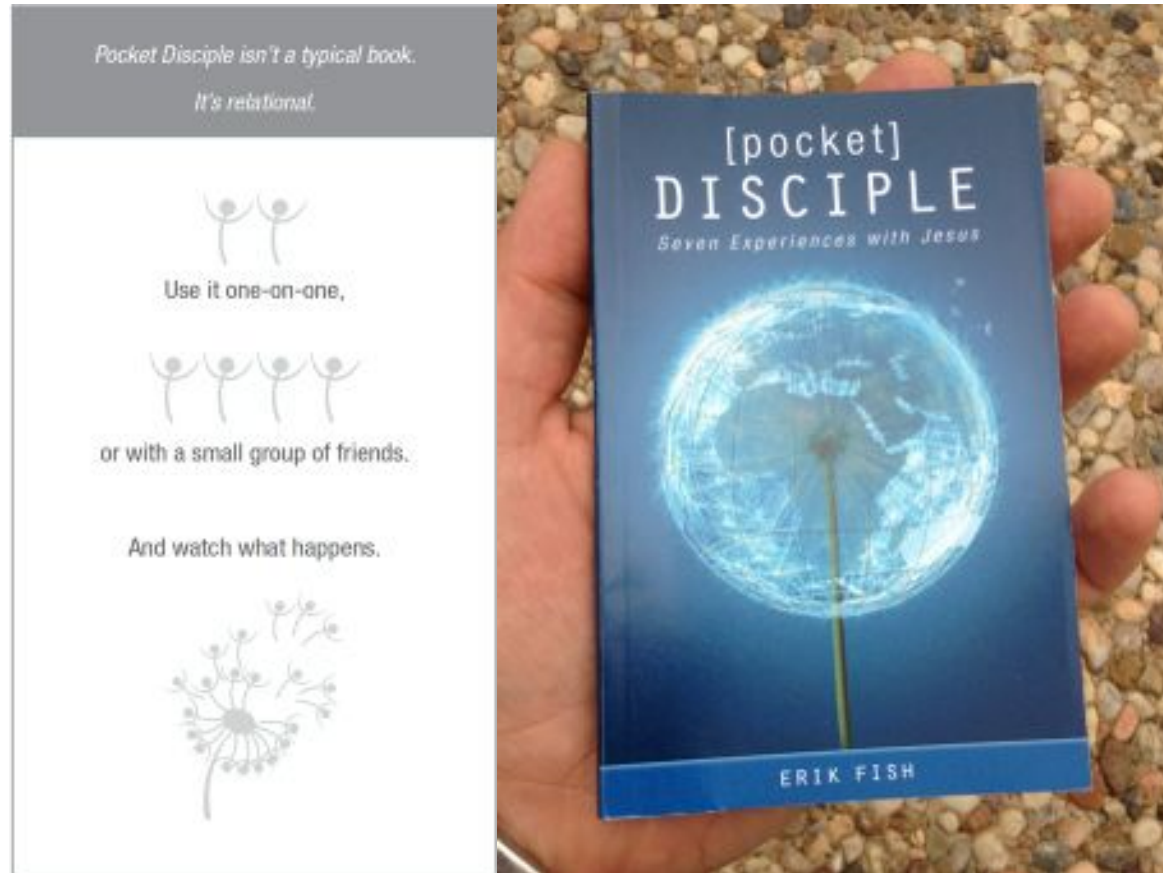


## “Hi, I’m [pocket] Disciple.”



[pocket] *Disciple* will help you multiply disciples. It's easy to use. (And it literally fits in your pocket.) It's great for following up new believers, as well as introducing pre-believers to Jesus. Anyone can use [pocket] *Disciple* to make disciples by guiding them through seven experiences with Jesus together. It's a tool to spark multiplication!

# 7 Experiences together

[pocket] Disciple builds on interaction. People discuss scriptures focused on seven experiences with Jesus. These are an adaptation of Dr. George Patterson's teaching on "The Basic Commands of Jesus." I've contextualized these into seven experiences:



**FIRST EXPERIENCE [change]**

*"The kingdom of God is near! Change how you think and believe this good news." – Jesus, Mark 1:14*

**GOAL**  
Open yourself to the kind of change Jesus spoke of.



**SECOND EXPERIENCE [water]**

*"Here's water. Why can't I be baptized?" – Acts 8:36 (The Message)*

**GOAL**  
Discover what baptism is all about.



**THIRD EXPERIENCE [fire]**

*"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." – Luke 3:16*

**GOAL**  
Recognize and receive the Holy Spirit.



**FOURTH EXPERIENCE [tell]**

*"Go home to your own people. Tell them your story...." – Jesus, Mark 5 (The Message)*

**GOAL**  
Tell your spiritual story in meaningful ways to others.



**FIFTH EXPERIENCE [love]**

*"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." – Jesus, John 13:34-35*

**GOAL**  
Experience God's love and express love to others.



**SIXTH EXPERIENCE [gather]**

*"For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." – Jesus, Matthew 18:20*

**GOAL**  
Remember Jesus with others over a meal.

**FOLLOW-UP**  
Who did you tell about the things you experienced in the last section? How did it go?



**SEVENTH EXPERIENCE [go]**

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." – Jesus, Matthew 28:19*

**GOAL**  
Commit the Great Commission to memory.

# 7 Experiences together

An excerpt from the first few pages...

## **WHAT IS *POCKET DISCIPLE*?**

*Pocket Disciple* is a simple, experiential guide for growing relationships centered on following Jesus together. As you go through these experiences, you will learn a reproducible way to encounter Jesus while gathering in groups that follow him together.

## **HOW TO USE *POCKET DISCIPLE***

*Pocket Disciple* is a tool—a tool to facilitate experiences. Hang out with some friends. Grab a drink or some food. Read through each chapter and talk about it together. It will be fun and help you grow your relationship with God and each other. After you're finished, grab some more people who could benefit from this kind of experience.

Great things can happen as you gather with others and share the insights God gives you. Interacting with others creates a spiritual momentum that can transform entire communities and beyond.

You can go through *Pocket Disciple* in as little as a few hours. Or you can go through it in a series of short meetings over seven days. Use it in a way that works best for you.

## **WHY USE THE BIBLE?**

The Bible is a very creative and powerful book. Over thousands of years, God inspired different people to write down events, stories, songs, prophetic visions, and wise advice. The collected writings in the Bible are often referred to as God's Word or the Scriptures. Throughout Scripture, we see the thoughts and character of a God who loves you and desires a close relationship with you. At the center of God's Word, is the story of the One sent to personify his love perfectly—Jesus. The following experiences will lead you on a journey with Jesus, using sections of God's Word as a guide.

## 7 Experiences together



### FIRST EXPERIENCE [change]

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#### GOAL

Open yourself to the kind of change Jesus spoke of.

#### A NEW KIND OF LIFE

Have you ever been in the midst of a confusing or challenging situation, when suddenly, your perspective totally changes—when suddenly, you clearly see what action you should take?

Jesus spoke a lot about change. When it comes to our lives, each of us can benefit from a fresh perspective in how we relate to God and the world around us. Whether you've been religious your whole life, or whether you've never really given much thought to spiritual matters, Jesus says anyone can experience a new kind of life through Him.

So, how can we experience the kind of change Jesus spoke of? What is this "Good News" of God's Kingdom all about?

Let's start with a story about Jesus and his encounter with someone who was spiritually curious. Read and discuss together as you open your heart to experiencing Jesus in a new and meaningful way.

#### READ AND DISCUSS

Underline any phrases that catch your attention.

There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you."

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

"What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?"

Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the

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To use the book, you simply read through the scriptures on each page aloud, then facilitate discussion from the prompts:

### **DISCUSS**

- *What words or phrases caught your attention?*
- *How did Jesus speak about change in this story?*
- *What Good News do you see?*

Each chapter ends with an opportunity to personally respond to that experience with Jesus (aka obey Jesus).

### **MAKE IT PERSONAL**

As simple as it sounds, this new beginning starts by changing your way of thinking (repenting) and believing the Good News of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Personally. Wholeheartedly. Unashamedly. Jesus is the one who works the change in us—we simply trust him to do it. You can experience it, no matter who you are or what you've done.

### **DISCUSS**

- *Do you want to open yourself to the kind of change Jesus spoke of?*
- *Are you willing to repent and believe the Good News of Jesus?*

## 7 Experiences together

Each chapter is about six short pages and takes around 30 minutes to go through. There are questions at the beginning and end of each experience that prompt people to consider who they know who needs to hear about Jesus. This encourages an “evangelism” mindset and encourages obedience to Jesus. By the end of seven experiences, you have laid a pattern for reproducing disciples who make other disciples!

### Excerpt from Experience #7 “Go”:

#### MAKE IT PERSONAL

Throughout *Pocket Disciple*, you’ve shared a series of experiences with at least one other person. You’ve focused on getting to know Jesus and responding to his words together. As you’ve grown in your relationship with Jesus, you’ve learned a simple and powerful way to go make other disciples.

#### GIVE IT AWAY

Sharing with others what you’ve received from God is the greatest blessing.

*What areas of your city have a need and openness to making new disciples?*

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*Who do you know that would benefit from going through the seven experiences of *Pocket Disciple*?*

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**From Erik:** *I’ve made disciples among the unchurched for almost 20 years. I created [pocket] Disciple to simplify the process of disciple making and help more people multiply disciples! Questions? email me: [efish@scpx.org](mailto:efish@scpx.org)*

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