

COME TOGETHER

WHAT IF?

Imagine if Jesus chose to use a modern university context to train leaders . . .

For tomorrow, I want you to read the next eight chapters of Ezekiel, study the background information and be ready for a content quiz. ANY QUESTIONS?



TOOLBOX

- THINK
- OBSERVE
- CLOSE-UP
- WRITE
- DISCUSS
- FEELINGS
- BRAINSTORM
- REFERENCE
- PASSAGE
- ARTICLE
- BIG IDEA
- CROSSROAD

CASE-IN-POINT

A Campus Crusade staff member wrote about the following incident:

In 1991 our church formed a partnership with two churches in Prague, Czech Republic. Part of the partnership plan was to train people from our church in evangelism and discipleship and send them over in pairs to teach and train the Czechs. What sounded like a great plan turned into a disaster. As the “trainers” taught classes and met with the “trainees,” it became merely a transfer of content. While the concepts were important, the Czechs had to adjust to a different set of teachers every month. I was in the last group of “trainers” and was supposed to finish the content. Sensing the disaster that had taken place, I asked Daniel, one of the students, what changes he thought we should make in our partnership. His response was classic: “I think we just need someone to come over here and disciple us like Jesus disciplined His men.”

DISCUSS

What was good about this effort?
What was missing?

Having called his men, Jesus made it a practice to be with them. This was the essence of His training program—just letting His disciples follow Him. . . . In His presence they could learn all that they needed to know.

—Robert Coleman,
The Master Plan of Evangelism

Let's explore one
disciple's experience . . .



UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

Andrew is the first disciple named in the Gospels (John 1:40). The brother of the outspoken disciple, Peter, Andrew has three defining moments as a disciple:

➤ ANDREW

JOHN 1:35-4:42

As a disciple of
John the Baptist

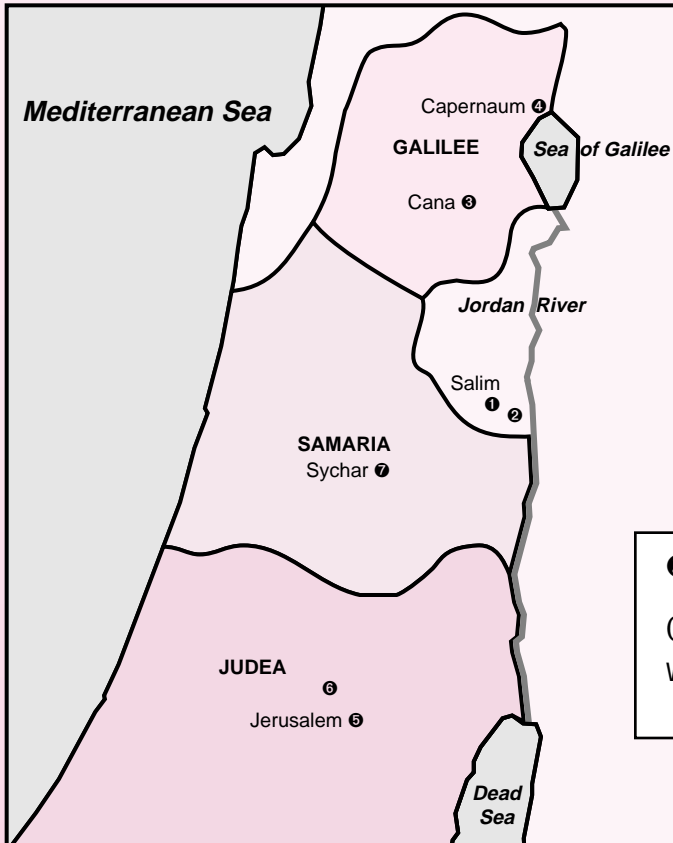
John 1:35-42
HE MEETS JESUS

As a fisherman

Mark 1:16-18
HE FOLLOWS JESUS

As a disciple
of Jesus

Mark 3:13-19
HE'S CHOSEN BY JESUS TO
BE AN APOSTLE



❶ 1:35-42

Hang out for an
afternoon with
Jesus

❷ 1:43

Road trip to
Galilee with
Jesus

❸ 2:1

Catch a wedding
with Jesus

❹ 2:12

Weekend with
Jesus and His
family

❺ 2:13-17

Do the Passover
in Jerusalem
with Jesus

❻ 4:3-42

Hike back
through Samaria
with Jesus

❼ 3:22 & 4:1,2

Try out some
countryside
ministry with
Jesus



WITH HIM

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Mark 3:14-18

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SUMMARIZE

What is the key principle?

"WITH YOU"



DISCUSS

How can we cultivate a quality relationship with those we disciple?



ANALYZE

Which is more important—quality time together or quantity time together? Why?

Putting the principles into practice . . .



CRITICAL THINKING

What limitations in disciple making will we always have that Jesus didn't because of who He was and the culture in which He lived? What can we do to minimize the effect of these limitations?



CRITICAL THINKING

How can we maintain a Christ-like relationship with those we are helping to grow without misusing the "relationship" as a ministry tool?



CASE STUDY

Vanessa's small group was frustrated. They had been meeting together for six or seven weeks, and two of the women weren't coming consistently. The others finally expressed what everyone was feeling. It was too rigid, too stiff—too much like a program or even a class. Vanessa had worked at preparing interesting Bible studies. It wasn't the lack of good content or even good discussion. But still, something just didn't feel right.

In light of the principles you've studied today, what would you do if you were Vanessa? What actions would you take? What difference do you expect these actions would make?

When will (we) learn this lesson? Preaching to the masses, although necessary, will never suffice in the work of preparing leaders for evangelism. Nor can occasional prayer meetings and training classes for Christian workers do this job. Building men is not that easy. It requires constant personal attention, much like a father gives to his children. . . . The example of Jesus would teach us that it can only be done by persons staying right with those they seek to lead.

—Robert Coleman



PLAN

Who am I seeking to help grow as a disciple?

How can I initiate informal/relational times together which will really help them grow?

What formal/planned settings can I use to help create an environment of growth?

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Read "**Association,**" Chapter 2 in *Master Plan for Evangelism*, by Robert Coleman (Spire Books).