

## **Practical Disciple Making Ideas:** (By: Alan Andrews)

1. Major on being an encourager. As you listen, ask yourself what you can encourage them about (Hebrews 10:24-25).
2. Realize that you are entering into a relationship. Your relationship together will be foundational to all you hope to do (Proverbs 17:17).
3. Make sure you are well prepared. Get organized before you spend time with another. Go over the passages and illustrations you hope to share, making sure you are familiar with them. Know the context of the verses you use.
4. Set the pace. You can't take someone farther than you have gone yourself. You can't build solidly into someone else what is weak or unfamiliar to your own life (Philippians 4:9).
5. Modeling is the key to reproducing your life. More things are caught than taught. Be transparent with those you are helping. Share your weaknesses and struggles as well as your strengths and victories (1 Timothy 3:10-11).
6. Don't take anything for granted. Don't assume that he knows it. Teach him.
7. Repeat all things. Repeat all things. Make no apologies for going over familiar ground. The basics are basic; keep hitting the basics (Philippians 3:1).
8. Don't dump the truck (i.e., tell her everything you know). Teach her only what she needs to know now. The basics can be taught on 101, 201, 301, and 401 levels. Teach to her level. SIB-KISS—See it big, Keep it simple and significant. Any person can complicate the truth (Isaiah 28:9-10).
9. Take him with you as much as possible. Many lasting impressions are made during discussions in the car or during recreation together (Mark 3:14).
10. Use illustrations. Try to create a picture for all the concepts you want to impart. Draw the illustration and give it to her. One picture is worth a thousand words (Mark 4:26, 30-31).
11. Treat him like an equal. Don't talk down to him. Share with him as a friend. Always be enthusiastic about what you are sharing.
12. Show her how as well as teach her. We often tell instead of show.
13. Fit your plans to the person, not the person to the plans. Be flexible. Meet his needs as well as build into his life. Don't spend all your time "putting out fires." Think structured building into another's life, but beware of the assembly line mentality (1 Corinthians 3:9-10).
14. Always focus on Christ and relate all you do together to knowing Him or making Him known. Point him to Jesus (Hebrews 12:2).
15. Start and end your sessions on time. Punctuality is showing how much you value someone else's time.
16. Spend a good amount of time praying together. This will help her catch your heart. If you meet in a restaurant or other public place, extended prayer time can happen in the car.

17. Keep sharing the vision of discipling. Get him addicted to it! Be a disciple—make disciple makers. Help him think—spiritual multiplication (2 Timothy 2:2).
18. Keep a written record of what you cover each session. Review this follow-up diary each time before you meet to refresh your mind about previous time together.
19. Communicate an attitude of acceptance and love. Be her fan and get on her team.
20. Pray and get in the Word together whenever you meet. These should be staples of your time.

### **Create a Climate that Fosters Growth** (By: LeRoy Eims)

1. He must know that you believe in him, that you have confidence in him.
2. She must at all times feel free to discuss what is on her mind. If she goofed, help her to learn things that will keep her from making mistakes like it in the future.
3. He must know you are available.
4. She must know that she is the key to your success. If she never passes it on, your relationship has been unfruitful.
5. Tell him stories of your own experiences, successes and failures, *especially your failures*. This gives freedom to fail and confidence that he can learn to do what you are doing.
6. Hang out with her. Don't be afraid that doing so will cause her to not respect you. Respect is not based on maintaining a position but on your walk with God.
7. Push him wisely. He will rise or fall to the level of your expectations. Challenge him, but be quick to give grace if he doesn't reach the goal.
8. Keep informed about what she is doing (give them direction).
9. Give him jobs which extend him beyond what he knows. Responsibility is one of the greatest developers of men.
10. Never think "we can't afford the time and energy to develop her talent."
11. If you give a him a job, let him know it's his and that you won't pull the string and take it from him if something comes up.
12. If she lacks confidence, set up a situation and ask, "What would you do?" When she learns she can make decisions, she grows and begins to assume more responsibility.
13. Review his progress—give him assurance.
14. Have her write the top 3 things she wants to learn about and the top three things she wants to grow in. Help her. If she has a blind spot, talk about it and help her develop.