The vision for making disciples

Below is the completed Vision Diagram. You will walk through it one step at a time.

Goal: The World - 7 Billion

Step 1: Defining the importance of discipleship.

Ask: What’s your purpose in life?

Explain: On the top of a sheet of paper, write out “What is your purpose in life?” After they have responded, write down their answer and have them read Matthew 28:19-20. Write out the reference underneath the question. Share with them that this verse is what you base your life purpose on the Lord’s final commandment.

Ask: What does Christ command us to do in v. 19?
**Explain:** Write down “Make disciples of all nations”. Point out and underline our mandate is to “make disciples of all nations.” Draw a world in the middle of the page to define our goal of making disciples from the 7 billion people in the world. In order to reach the whole world we need a disciple to become a disciple maker.

**Ask:** What is your definition of a Disciple?

**Explain:** List out the characteristics they give for a disciple underneath the D in the circle. One suggestion to share of other characteristics of a disciple is found in an acronym F.A.I.T.H. (Faithful, Available, Initiative, Teachable, Heart for God and others). A disciple is a follower of Christ and also a learner with vision to pass onto others what they have learned. They are in the word, praying on a regular basis and involved in fellowship and witnessing.

**Ask:** Where do we find a Disciple?

**Explain:** In order to “make disciples of all nations” we must first share the gospel – Evangelism. Read over Romans 10:14 together to show them that in order for people to believe they must first hear the gospel, new Disciple (new Christian).

*Draw the ND in a circle, write out Evangelize and Romans 10:14.*

**Ask:** What’s the difference between a new disciple and a mature disciple?

**Explain:** The difference will help them to understand that becoming a disciple is a progression of growth. This growth process establishes the new disciple in their faith and walk with Christ. Read over Col 2:6-7. Restate the definition of disciple - One firmly established in the word, prayer, fellowship, and evangelism, but still continues to grow in each area out of obedience to Christ. Help them understand that a disciple is not only knowledgeable about these areas they listed out, but is established in them as well. A new disciple may have knowledge, but is not well established. The Wheel illustrates that we each mature spiritually
in these different areas of our lives as we grow and conform us more like Christ. Explain each spoke of the wheel as you point them out.

Write out **Establish** and **Col 2:6-7**.

**Draw** out The Wheel underneath or beside the Vision Diagram. The verses references are there for to use if you want them, not needed.

**Draw** out what your wheel would look like now and ask them do the same.

**Ask**: Looking at your wheel, what are the areas you could grow in?

**Explain**: In order to grow into becoming more established as a disciple we must have someone teaching and equipping us. If we are not growing in these four general areas of discipleship then our wheel becomes lopsided. From this, those we are disciplining will look the same.

**Ask** Who can help establish those into Disciples?

**Explain**: A Disciple Maker helps others grow into becoming a disciple. A Disciple Maker is not only firmly established in the same 4 areas that a disciple is, but he also has the skills and training to help a convert
become established as a disciple and then disciple maker. Read over 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Let them know that you are available to help them grow in the Wheel by taking one area at a time over the course of a month meeting once a week.

*Draw a DM in a circle, write out Equip, and 2 Timothy 3:16-17.*

**Ask:** Why does Christ want us to make mature disciples and not just new disciples?

**Explain:** We see from Matthew 28:18-20 that God mandates us to “make disciples of all nations”. Those who are disciples are ones established to equip others in becoming a Disciple Maker. If we only raised up new disciples without helping them grow, they would not be established to equip others in becoming a mature disciple or disciple maker. This would also not fulfill God’s Mandate.

**Step 2** The Method that God gave us on how to become a Disciple Maker

**Explain:** God not only shows us what a disciple looks like, he also gives us a model to follow on how to become an affective Disciple Maker. Paul is a great example of an affective Disciple Marker. Read over 2 Timothy 2:2. Paul is the author of this book.

*Write out below your Vision Diagram the verse reference 2 Timothy 2:2.*

**Ask:** Who listened to Paul’s teachings? (Timothy)
   - Who does Paul tell Timothy to entrust what he knows? (Faithful Men)
   - Who will these faithful men be able to teach? (Others)

**Explain:** As you are going through these questions, be sure to point out that Paul instructed Timothy to pass on what he knows to faithful men and equip the faithful men to teach others.

*Write out Paul, Timothy, faithful men, and others with arrows leading to each one to show the process of discipleship being passed down.*
We are going to look at two different examples on how Making Disciples can be done. After looking at these methods, we want to see which one is more affective; Addition or Multiplication

**Addition:** Draw this out underneath the verse reference of 2 Timothy.

1,000 Converts/per yr X 33 years = 33,000 People

*Explain:* If one person shared the gospel and had 1,000 converts per year, after 33 years they would have converted 33,000 people to Christ. This is addition method because this person added new converts for the kingdom each day.

**Multiplication:** Draw this illustration underneath the Addition method.

*Explain:* Draw out stick figures one at a time explaining that since discipleship is a slow process you may only produce one new disciple into a growing disciple a year. But if you continue to establish them in their faith and teach them to equip and establish others, in 34 years 8.5 Billion disciples will be raised up if the multiplication process continues. Using this method, one person could reach the whole world in their lifetime if people continue the process of making disciples.

*Ask:* Which method, do you feel is more affective? If the Multiplication method is biblical and works, why are there still lost people in the world?

*Explain:* The cost of investing in one person each year and raising them up to do the same is high. Also, finding faithful men is KEY. With discipleship, you want to find faithful men that understand God’s purpose for their lives. To even begin this process, we must first start with sharing our faith with the lost. We must extend ourselves back into the world, gather those into
his kingdom, and pick those faithful believers to equip others. Making disciples is a continuous process. Christ was the perfect example to us on what a Disciple Maker looks like. He shared his love with many and chose 12 faithful disciples behind him to raise up others after only 3 years of training them.

Write out Extend and John 20:21.

Let them know that to be an ongoing disciple maker is your life purpose. Help them understand that you are not talking about being in full-time ministry, but that making disciples is your life purpose regardless of your vocation.

Ask: Looking over who a Disciple is and the disciple making process, where would you put yourself right now? (give them the pen and let them draw a mark) Where do you want to be? Is this something you are interested in becoming? What price will it cost you or others to become an ongoing Disciple Maker? What can take someone out of this process of making disciples?

Explain: Write down their responses of the cost. Make sure to list those they might not give (ex. time, relationships, job, schedule, boy/girlfriend). Relationships are something that will pull you out of making disciples or encourage you. If this is what you want your life purpose to be about, you will have to consider the cost and change some things in your life. Share with them something that it has cost you thus far. (Scripture you can share about the cost of discipleship is Luke 14:25-33)

Recap that before a person becomes a Disciple Maker, they must be a Disciple.

Ask: Do you think you could use some help becoming an established Disciple?

Explain: Remind them that you would love to help them grow in this process. If this is what they really want to do, let them know you are available and share about other opportunities on how to grow: small group
bible studies, getting together for training with you or someone else, one on one, retreats, etc. Make yourself available to be a resource to help them start making this their life purpose.

If they would like for you to meet with them, make sure to set up an appointment before you leave.