



WHAT NOW??

The good news! Someone from your group has been reading the scriptures, hearing what God is saying to them, being obedient to his commandments, and then sharing those truths and action steps with others. And as a result, they have shared the Gospel with a friend/family-member/neighbor/co-worker and that person said yes! They repented and believed in Jesus as their Lord & Savior – hallelujah!

But now what??

This is the beautifully messy part of discipleship. In ministry, you are always saying goodbye to people, and sometimes, you are even the one to say goodbye. This is true of how Jesus disciplined his followers, and it is still true to this day.

And here's one more bit of good news – the mark of a successful disciple is being a disciple-maker of disciple-makers.

Paul instructs Timothy in this way, "...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:2) That's four generations of disciples in just one sentence! Paul, Timothy, and then "faithful men" who will also teach others.

Our hope at First McKinney is to see what we like to call *spiritual grandchildren*.

Paul refers to Timothy as his "true child in the faith (1 Timothy 1:2) and also as his "beloved and faithful child in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:17).

So, why can't we hope to see *grandchildren* in the faith as well?

As a D-Group Leader and a Disciple-Maker, you should take great joy when you see one of your spiritual children multiply and replicate to produce *spiritual grandchildren*.

When someone in your group is ready, or has been tool that the Lord used for his Spirit to awaken someone to the truth of the Gospel, simply let them go. Let them go and be the disciple-maker that the Lord has called them to be! Help them start and launch a group that will in-turn someday launch out other disciple-making groups.

When this happens, it will be contagious both for your group, and also those in your Christian community. We all rejoice and long to see those around us join the family of God, and sending others out to do the very thing Jesus called us to (Matthew 28:18-20) is complete joy (1 John 1:4)