

MATERIALS

Story card image
Margin docs
Green, Red, and
Yellow markers
Jars takeaway
Discussion guides



PRAY IN ADVANCE

Spend some time praying that all of the group members would start this training process with an excitement to grow in the area of sharing the Gospel. Pray that they would develop a heart to walk alongside people as they come to know Jesus and learn to follow Him.



OVERVIEW

We use the analogy of a jar being filled with rocks and pebbles, representing our lives being filled with priorities both large and small. We learn that our crammed calendars ironically leave us feeling empty. Worse, they keep us too busy to really live out our God-given purpose: to have a relationship with Jesus and to guide others to do the same. We often let smaller, urgent things (the pebbles) crowd out what truly matters (the big rocks). In order to see God do the unexpected and miraculous in our lives, we'll need to **make room**.

INTRO (3 minutes)

Welcome everyone to the first training and cast vision for disciple making.

"Today is the beginning of a process that could change the trajectory of someone else's life forever. That might sound over-stated or exaggerated, but we truly believe that God is going to use our efforts to reach the lost people that we love."

Introduce the structure of the trainings.

"The sequence of these trainings is that we will spend ten weeks together as a large group, and then split off into smaller accountability groups for a 6-12 month period of time. The idea behind this process is that the principles we will learn here will only have a long term effect if they are practiced over a long period of time."

DISCUSSION (12 minutes)

Introduce the first discussion time.

"Every Jesus follower has some sort of hang ups or hesitations about going and making disciples. We want to begin this process by honestly admitting our fears about this process so that we can take steps

towards overcoming them together. Take about five minutes to introduce yourselves to one another and then discuss the following question..."



DISCUSS

What makes you most nervous when it comes to the idea of becoming a disciple maker?

VIDEO 1 (6.5 minutes)

DISCUSSION (12 minutes)

Display the "Story Card" image on the screen.



DISCUSS

"What story does your calendar tell? Choose an image from the screen that best describes your story. Tell your group why you chose that image."

VIDEO 2 (1 minute)

COMPLETE STEP 1 (3 minutes)

Have individuals use the Margin document to complete Step 1: Fill in the Big Rocks first.

VIDEO 3 (1 minute)

COMPLETE STEP 2 (3 minutes)

Have individuals use the Margin document to complete Step 2: Identify the Small Pebbles.

VIDEO 4 (1.5 minutes)

COMPLETE STEP 3 (3 minutes)

Have individuals use the Margin document to complete Step 3: Divide into Categories.

VIDEO 5 (1 minutes)

COMPLETE STEP 4 (12 minutes)

Have groups pray together and then discuss their action plan as they use the Margin document to complete Step 4: Write Action Steps.

OUTRO (5 minutes)

Introduce the takeaway (jar) and remind people to fight for margin.

Give each person an empty jar.

"Each training has a specific takeaway. Your first one is an empty jar. The jar is empty to challenge you to fill your jar with what really matters. Prioritize making disciples and we promise that you will not regret it."

Make sure people have scheduled their group meeting time.

"Before you leave, make sure to find a time and location for your next group meeting. A great way to make sure you can communicate with one another after you leave this room is to start a group text right now so that you have each other's phone numbers."

Hand out group discussion guides during this time.

Pray to close your time together.

TOTAL TIME (64 minutes)