



A LOOK AHEAD TO MISSION LEADER'S GUIDE

VISION AND KEY CONTENT

The goal of this resource is to prepare disciples for the High call.

- Recall the Church's teaching on the necessity of mission.
- Encourage the disciple by showing them the scope of the mission in Acts
- Help the disciple see their own journey in discipleship through the lens of the Missionary Discipleship Roadmap.
- Share the Leadership Examen with the disciple as a discernment tool

OPTIONAL SECTION

COMMISSIONED DISCIPLESHIP EXPECTATIONS

Note to the Leader: This section can be shared before the "Take Action" section here or as part of the High Call conversation in the following session.

After Growing Discipleship, you'll be invited to consider Commissioned Discipleship. If you choose to accept that invitation, you will continue to grow in faith but also take more active steps to be on mission for Christ. We want everyone to be aware of what commitments Commissioned Discipleship involves. While each campus adapts these slightly, the core elements include:

- Attending weekly Discipleship Groups
- Attending monthly Upper Rooms
- Leading a Bible study
- Discipling others
- Consistent prayer (15-30 minutes daily) and sacramental life
- Upholding moral authority and the pursuit of virtue (Big 3)
- Upholding the teachings of the Church

Discuss: What do you think about these commitments? What excites you? What concerns do you have, if any?



A LOOK AHEAD TO MISSION DISCUSSION GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

The call to mission flows directly from our baptism and growing love for Christ. Pope St. Paul VI wrote, "It is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to the Kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn" (EN 24). The question for us is not if but how Christ is calling us to live out His call to "make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19).

For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

Luke 14:28

Discuss: Before we start, how do you think about mission? What do you think mission looks like on our campus?

ACTS

Our mission in FOCUS is to imitate Christ, who invested deeply in a few (the twelve) and taught them to evangelize just as He did. Christ's disciples changed the world as they, in turn, made more disciples, and then their disciples made disciples also. We call this process the Little Way of Evangelization or Spiritual Multiplication. By imitating Christ, we, too, can help reach the world with the Gospel and ensure that every person is known, loved, and cared for in the process.

ACTS is a tool we use in FOCUS to help us visualize God's work across our campuses.

Note to the Leader: Take a moment to pull up the "Discipleship" tab in ACTS. Explain who is involved in mission on your campus and how Christ's work is growing across your campus. Your goal is NOT to explain how to use ACTS but to show a picture of mission on campus.

Discuss: What would it look like if every disciple on campus actively attempted to make other disciples for Christ? What would it look like if you actively attempted to make disciples for Christ?



If you would like to see an example of this process, feel free to watch this video from SEEK2017 (11:48-17:48).

THE MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP ROADMAP

The Missionary Discipleship Roadmap (or MDR) is a tool that shows the process of growing as a missionary disciple. Based on Scripture and Church teaching, it outlines the typical path of a disciple's maturing in Christ, from initial encounter all the way to intentionally living mission. It is not designed to place anyone in a box or suggest that spiritual growth is perfectly linear. Instead, it provides guideposts that help us see where we've been, where we are, and where Christ might be leading us next.



*Missionary Discipleship
Roadmap*

Note to the leader: Take a moment and review the MDR. Explain the key stages, especially the win and the build sections, as well as any other key places you want to highlight.

Discuss: As you look at this roadmap, can you identify any points in your own discipleship process? (For example, "when you were first invited to a Bible study?" or "when did someone start investing in you for the first time?") Were there any parts of your journey that didn't follow this path completely?

If you are in Growing Discipleship, you are likely living within the "Build" phase, where a disciple grows in the basic Christian habits of prayer, fellowship, sacramental life, and the apostles teaching (Acts 2:42). To reach this point, there likely was a moment or a series of moments when your heart turned toward Christ in openness and pursuit.

Discuss: Was there ever a turning point in your life or a series of decisions that led you to follow Christ more intentionally? If so, what did that look like?

Note to the leader: Review the Send section of the MDR again. Point out the key steps involved in moving from one stage to another.

Discuss: Where would you place yourself right now on the MDR? What do you think it would take for you to get to the latter stages of the MDR, to making disciples who are also making disciples?

TAKE ACTION

Take time this week to pray through the resources and commitments we discussed today. Bring any questions to your next discipleship conversation. Reflect on [Examining Preparedness for Christian Leadership](#) in preparation for the upcoming session. Next time, we will discuss the High Call: an invitation to mission in FOCUS and to living the Little Way of Evangelization as Jesus did. Until then, feel free to reach out to your discipler with any questions or thoughts you may have.



*Examining Preparedness
for Christian Leadership*