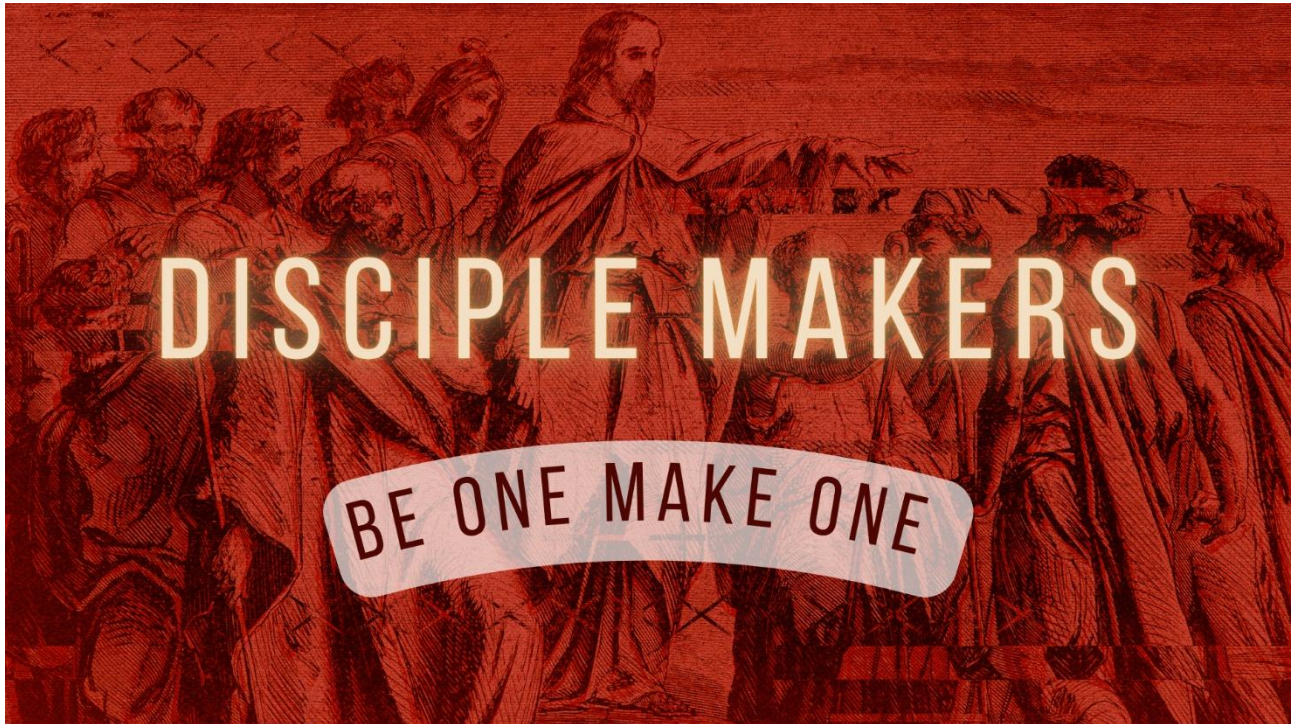




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**2 WEEKS OF SERMON-BASED  
SMALL GROUP STUDIES**

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**Week 1:** Prayer, Proximity and the Person of Peace

**Week 2:** Exposure to Truth & Imitation

## Prayer, Proximity & the Person of Peace

**Big Idea:** *God is already at work in the lives of people around us. Our role is to prayerfully position ourselves close enough to notice and respond.*

### Key Scriptures

- Luke 10:1–9 (Person of Peace)
- Colossians 4:2–6
- Matthew 9:35–38

### Icebreaker Questions

1. Who is someone outside of church life you naturally interact with most weeks?
2. When have you experienced an unexpected conversation that turned out to be more meaningful than you expected?

### In the Scriptures

1. In Luke 10:1–9, what instructions does Jesus give the disciples that emphasise dependence on God rather than self-sufficiency?
2. What do you learn about God's heart for people from Matthew 9:35–38?

Can you identify people you interact with who remind you of helpless sheep without a shepherd?

3. According to Colossians 4:2–6, how are prayer and everyday relationships meant to work together in witness?

### **Life Application Questions**

1. PROXIMITY Where might God be inviting you to slow down and become more present with people you already interact with?

What is one simple step you can take this week to be more available to God's work in others?

2. PERSON OF PEACE Who could be a potential "person of peace" God has already placed around you? Who is somebody 'outside the church' who likes you, listens to you and serves you?

3. PRAYER This week, commit to asking God to bring you and show you people of peace.

Pray as Jesus commanded in Matthew 9, "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Sermon notes/ prayer points

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## Exposure to Truth & Imitation

**Big Idea:** People are formed by what they are exposed to and who they imitate. Discipleship is caught as much as it is taught.

### Key Scriptures

- John 1:35–39
- Matthew 4:19
- 1 Corinthians 11:1
- Deuteronomy 6:4–9

### Icebreaker Questions

1. What everyday habits or rhythms have influenced you most over time—for better or worse?
2. Who has shaped your faith more by how they lived than by what they taught?

### In the Scriptures

1. In John 1:35–39, what do you notice about how Jesus invites people into relationship with Him?
2. What do you think Jesus means by “Follow me” in Matthew 4:19, and what does that imply about how disciples learn?

3. How does Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians 11:1 shape our understanding of modelling faith?

### **Life Application Questions**

1. Read Deuteronomy 6:4–9. God instructs his people (us) to embed his commandments into our private home life, and to make them visible wherever we are.

In what way is your everyday faith most obvious to others right now?

2. Who might God be inviting you to say, "Come and see" to, in this season?

3. *People are formed by what they are exposed to and who they imitate. Discipleship is caught as much as it is taught.*

What is one small, intentional practice you could invite someone else to share with you this week, with faith formation in mind?

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