

Tracking Fruit of Disciple–Making (personally or your group/team)

Jesus: *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* (John 15:5)

"I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me." (Acts 26:18)

Disciple-Making Groups: Disciple-making can take place in three kinds of groups. These groups can be small:

1. A discussion group about Jesus, the Bible or the 'big questions' of life composed of seekers can be called a Gathering Group. This discussion group ideally represents members of an existing social circle.
2. When one or more become believers and continue to meet as part of the rest of the group, the discussion group can be described as a Mini-Group. This is not a new group, but one that is being transformed as individual members turn to Christ.
3. When three or more of the members have become believers, the discussion group can be called a Believer Group. The primary growth goal of the Believer Group is not to add new members, but to start new Bible discussion groups.

Tracking Fruit of Disciple–Making Groups: As disciple-making groups start new discussion groups, fruit can be tracked in spiritual "generations":

Generation 1

You can draw circles for each Bible discussion group that you are discipling, arranging them in a row. These circles represent the first generation of Bible discussion groups (G-1).

Describe the circles you draw by writing the initials of the people who are part of each Bible discussion group inside of their corresponding circle, and underline the initials of each group's natural leader.

Do not include yourself as a group member or leader.

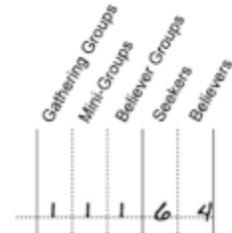
Record the number of seekers and believers in each group at the bottom of their circle. For example, if a group has three seekers and one believer, write "3S, 1B" at the bottom of their circle.

Summarize this generation of circles by totaling the number of different groups (Gathering, Mini and Believer Groups), the number of seekers and the number of believers to the right of the row of circles.

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Generation 2

Draw circles for each Bible discussion group that members of the first generation are facilitating or discipling. Arrange these in a second row, which represents the second generation of Bible discussion groups (G-2).

Connect the circles in the first row to the circles in the second row by drawing a line from each “parent” circle to their “children” circles. Every circle in the second row should be connected to one of the circles in the first row.

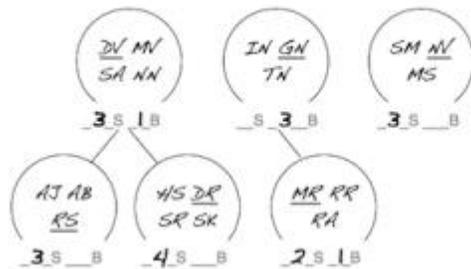
Describe the circles in the second generation in the same way you described the circles in the first generation.

Summarize this generation of circles just as you summarized the first generation of circles.

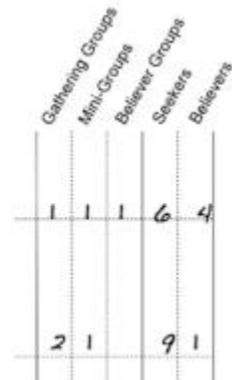
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Generations 3+

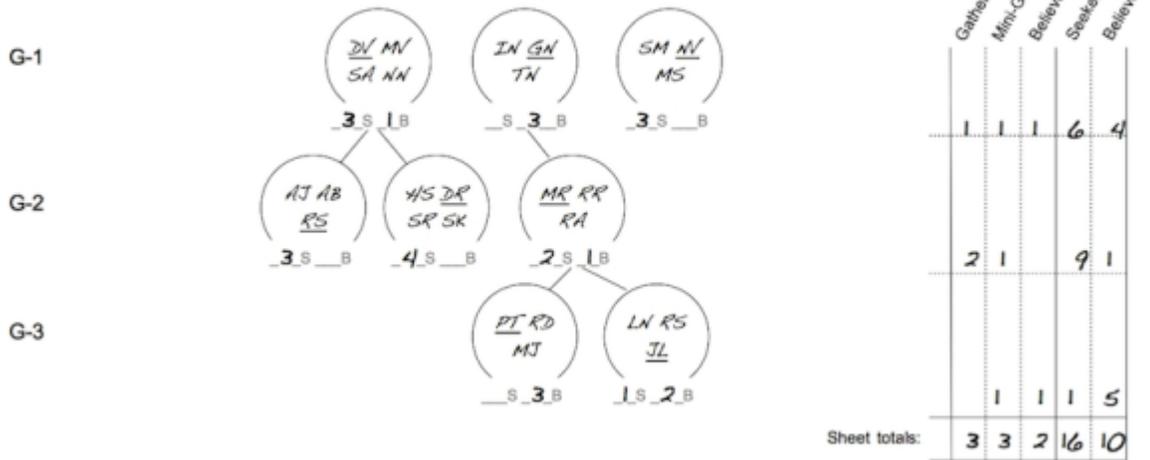
Continue to **draw**, **connect**, **describe** and **summarize** each new generation of Bible discussion groups that you know about.

You can then calculate the total number of different groups, the total number of seekers and the total number of believers in this emerging movement.

Make sure to record the date and to draw a new chart every three months in order to see how God is working over time.

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Your turn:

Draw your own fruit chart or fill in a template available from www.murraymoerman.com/2mission/disciple/disciple-making-multi-generation-fruit-chart.pdf

1. What is encouraging about your fruit chart?
2. How does seeing your fruit chart challenge you?

How will you adjust practices or priorities to become even more fruitful?

Sources:

An Indonesian missionary
 Kirk Anderson, nurturing disciple-making movements in Bulgaria
www.MurrayMoerman.com and www.gcpn.info
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