



Beginning A Year of Discipleship

Dear Gospel Tool Group facilitators,

We couldn't be more excited and expectant for how God will work this year as you grow disciples of Jesus Christ! You will be helping to nurture a culture of discipleship in your congregation or sphere of influence.

A culture of discipleship is an environment where it is normal, and even expected, that followers of Jesus Christ grow to develop a single-minded passion to learn from Jesus and to become like Him in all things. (1 John 2:6) As this happens, your congregation will increasingly impact the community as Christ intends. You will find your church coming alive in new and perhaps unexpected ways, as the life of Christ begins to manifest itself more and more fully among you.

All followers of Jesus can benefit from intentional discipleship training. As Gospel Tool Group (GT-Group) facilitators you will walk alongside both new believers and people who have attended church for years. These believers will grow into disciples who make disciples. Using the Gospel Tool, you will place a focus on a personal daily relationship with the Lord through His Word and prayer, encouragement and accountability to obey, and training to share the good news of Jesus with others.

Our vision is that, by the end of the year, you and your GT-Group participants will each know and obey God more fully, and be eager to help develop and multiply disciples. We have been praying that you will experience revival and a great spiritual awakening in your church as you deepen your understanding of the King and his Kingdom.

For an in depth look at the tools you will be using on this journey, please check out "How to Use This Manual" in the Gospel Tool Bible Study Manual. These are: **The Visual Gospel**, **The Gospel Tool**, **40 Bible Study Lessons**, **Self-Assessment Tool**, **General Discipleship Conversation Guide**, and **Discussion Guides** (found in the Discussion Guide manual).

The content in this handbook will empower you to lead your GT-Group as you study the Gospel Tool Bible Study curriculum together. It will give a clear sense of what is required to lead the by-weekly Discussion Groups, and also how to support group members in their growth throughout this discipleship journey.

May the Lord work in all of us what is pleasing to Him!

Journeying with you as mentors,
Trevor and Mark