

Abiding in Christ the key to fruitfulness

Step 21

Start Here

Who is the best gardener that you know? Why are they so fruitful? If you were given charge of a garden, what would be the biggest risks to it flourishing?

Discuss

Throughout Scripture, the metaphor of plants and agriculture are used for our spiritual lives. In what ways can this metaphor help us understand the process of growth and fruitfulness as we journey with Christ?

Explore the Word

Towards the end of his journey on earth with his disciples, Jesus used the metaphor of a vine for a fruitful life in him. Read John 15:1-17 together.

- According to this passage, what is the key to a fruitful life? Why?
- What does it mean to abide?
- How do we actually abide in Christ? What does that look like in daily life?
- What else strikes you in this passage?

Main Idea

"Abide" means "to stay, live in, and continue in." Abiding is different to visiting. Jesus wanted his disciples to understand that life in him is not a series of events, or religious duties, or a set of beliefs to understand. Rather he called his disciples to a life of continuous intimacy with him where his life and power flows into and through our lives resulting in greater love, joy, peace and other fruit. We take hold of this by practicing staying in, living in and continuing in him and he in us, being connected to him in an ever-present way.

Discuss

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Practice Together Now

Looking back at the steps again, what one area do you need to strengthen or cultivate?

<u>This link</u> gives a summary of all the "Practice Together Now" section of each step. Find the one you want to strengthen and walk through the practice again together now.

- Use the link to review the "Practice Together Now" sections. Choose one to practice daily.
- Ask a pastor or another mature believer (someone other than your cojourneyer) how they pursue abiding in Christ.



God's Word

store it in your heart Step 22

Start Here

During your journey with God, you have heard and read many verses from the Bible. What is one of your favorite verses? Why?

Can you share more than one verse?

Discuss

Top class musicians practice so much that playing their instrument is second nature to them, helping them perform in front of thousands of people. Athletes practice their sport so much that they develop 'muscle memory', which helps them compete effectively, even under great pressure.

What is something that is difficult for other people, but which you have done so much that it has become second nature to you?

Main Idea

The more we store God's Word in our hearts, the more fruitful our journey becomes.

At first, studying and focusing on God's Word can be challenging. There is much we don't easily understand. But the more we meditate on it and allow our minds and hearts to be filled with it, the more strength, insight and guidance we receive.

Explore the Word

Read the following passages. For each one, note and discuss the benefits and blessings of knowing God's Word.

Discuss how each of these blessings would impact your life.

- 1. Psalm 37:31
- 2. Psalm 1
- 3. Psalm 119:105

Practice Together Now



One important way of filling our minds and storing God's word in our hearts is memorization.

When we memorize a verse, we can meditate on it, absorb it into our beings, and bring it to mind quickly when it matters.

So, let's start memorizing key verses to help us on our journey.

There are countless wonderful verses in the Scriptures which help us in different seasons of life. God can also speak through us to others when we share a verse.

Use the rest of the time to memorize Scripture together.

- Choose a verse.
 - $_{\circ}\,$ Use the list below or any verse that is special to you.
- Memorize the verse.
 - Spend a few minutes memorizing it, then share it from memory with each other.
- Meditate on the verse you have chosen.
 - Take two minutes to think about every word in the verse.
 - Put the emphasis on different words every time you say the verse.
 - For example, Psalm 105:4 "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always." (NIV)
 - Then: "Look to the Lord and his *strength*; seek his face always."
 - Then: "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always."
- Share with each other what blessed and encouraged you as you meditated on the verse.
- Write the verse down so that you can review it daily.
 - Perhaps put it on a reminder that will pop up daily on a phone or other device.

If you have time, you can do this together with more than one verse.

- Repeat the verse you memorized daily.
- Share it with others explaining why you love it. Call them or text it to them, or share the verse on social media.
- Use the verse you memorize to speak the Word of God into relevant situations you encounter throughout the week. For example, when having to make an important decision, repeat and pray through Psalm 105:4.
- As you spend time with God, choose three more verses to memorize, and repeat the process above. Here are a few suggestions to get you started:
 - 2 Timothy 1:7
 - Psalms 56:3
 - Romans 10:9
 - Romans 3:23-24
 - Luke 9:23
 - Matthew 11:28
 - Philippians 4:4



- Proverbs 3:5
 Psalms 119:105

Step 22



A Sure Hope he's coming back Step 23

Start Here

Imagine your child is performing a five-minute piano solo with the national orchestra in front of 10,000 people. They are very nervous, terrified of making a mistake in front of the crowd. Imagine the emotions you would feel when the concert begins. With each phrase your child plays, you hope they hit the right notes. You are not able to enjoy it because your heart is beating, your palms are sweating. The final note is played and the performance is perfect. Your child gets a standing ovation.

Imagine watching your favorite football team playing in the final of the World Cup. You're desperate for them to win. But they are losing 1-0 at halftime. As the second half nears the end, your team is still struggling. You watch anxiously, and with every pass and kick, you hope for a breakthrough.

There are only two minutes left, and the opposition fans are already celebrating. You feel dejected.

Then out of nowhere, your team manages to score two goals in one minute. You and your fans celebrate as your team lifts the cup.

- When you watch the recorded footage of the football match or recital, how would your emotions be different from when you were watching live? Why?
- Do these stories remind you of an experience from your own life?
- How does your experience change when you know from the beginning that there will be a positive end?

Explore the Word

Read Revelation 21:1-5. This passage gives a glimpse into what the end of our story is as the people of God.

- Where will God's home be in eternity? How does that make you feel?
- What will there no longer be in heaven? How does this give you hope?
- What do you look forward to being made new?

This wonderful description in Revelation will come when Jesus returns and establishes his kingdom. His return is promised to us throughout the scriptures. Read these examples:

- Acts 1:11
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
- Revelation 22:12-13



Main Idea

As we journey in this world, we face many uncertainties, loss, and pain. When we're in the middle of the story, the pressure can feel overwhelming. However, since we know without a doubt that Jesus will return and make all things new, we can live with hope whatever our circumstances. This truth changes how we walk through life. The difficulties of this life do not have the last say. We know the end of our story: Jesus wins and we will reign with him forever.

As believers we long for his return and we want to be ready for that great day.

Discuss

Read Romans 8:18

- How does knowing Christ will return help us handle uncertainties and suffering?
- How can we be ready for his return?

Practice Together Now

We learn to live with hope when we bring the return of Christ to mind in the midst of the burdens of this world. Practice these three steps.

- 1. List some of the current uncertainties or even impossible situations that cause people anxiety in our world today.
 - Choose to thank God for the sure victory in Jesus, and that one day there will be no more tears or pain.
- 2. What area of your own life is causing you anxiety? How might Jesus' return encourage you in this area now? Where do you currently need the hope of God wiping away your tears and pain?
 - Pray together that in the midst of these situations you will experience the hope of all things being made new.
- 3. The early church lived with the expectation of Christ's return and prayed for it.
 - Join now in this simple but powerful prayer from Revelation 22:20, "Come, Lord Jesus."

- As you watch or hear news of suffering and trouble in our world, make it a practice to pray, "Come, Lord Jesus."
- Use Romans 15:13 to pray into the areas you each identified as needing hope.
- Verses to meditate on
 - John 16:22



- Romans 8:18-24
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- Revelation 1:7

Step 23



The Armour of God

you can stand firm

Step 24

Start Here

Which verse or verses from the Bible have been most encouraging to you over the last few weeks?

Describe a situation in which you were strengthened by a specific truth from the Bible?

Discuss

We live in joyful expectation of eternity with Christ. However, until that day, we still live in a broken world where the devil seeks to cause us to fall.

- What different ways does the devil attack us on our journey?
- In what areas do you feel most vulnerable?

Main Idea

While it is true that we have an enemy, the good news is that God has provided protection so that we can each stand against the schemes of the devil. Though we are weak, he is strong.

The enemy does not have greater power than God. 1 John 4:4 teaches us that the one who is in us is greater than the one who is in the world. Romans 8:37-39 teaches us that nothing can separate us from the love of God, including all the powers of evil.

We are not alone in the battle. God has provided an armour for us to stand against the enemy in our journey of faith.

Explore the Word

Read Ephesians 6:10-18 Note in this passage, the Lord's strength is what brings us victory.

- Which word do you see repeated several times? Why do you think it is repeated?
- Verse 12 teaches us that our battle is not with people (flesh and blood), but rather the spiritual forces of this dark world. Why is this important to be aware of when we feel under attack?
- How do you think each of the six pieces of the armour of God helps you stand against the enemy?



Practice Together Now

To remain standing in the face of attacks of the devil throughout our lives, we need to learn repeatedly and continuously to clothe ourselves in the armour God has given us.

- 1. Share one difficulty you are facing in which you need God's strength to stand.
- 2. Practice putting on the armour of God in prayer. Use the outline below and relate it to your situation.
 - Lord, today I put on the belt of truth. Please continue to give me insight and understanding. I invite you to replace any lies I have believed with your truth.
 - Lord, today I put on the breastplate of righteousness. Protect my heart from sin. Thank you that I have been cleansed by Jesus and can live righteously.
 - Lord, today I make my feet ready to go where you want me to go. I reject fear and declare that I am a carrier of your peace as I walk through life.
 - Lord, today I put on the helmet of salvation. I remind myself of my identity in you. I am a beloved child of God. Nothing can separate me from your love.
 - Lord, today I take up the shield of faith. As attacks come my way, I stand against them in the sure knowledge that you are victorious. You are able. You are good.
 - Lord, today I take hold of the sword of the Spirit. Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. I love it. I trust it. I choose to obey it.
- 3. Is there anyone who is causing you trouble or difficulty in a particular situation you're facing now? If so, pray for this person. Confess to the Lord that they are not your enemy, and ask God to bless them and work in their lives.

- Memorize the six pieces of armour.
- Pray daily to put on the full armour of God, piece by piece, using the prayer above.
- As you face the difficult situation this week:
 - Pray a daily blessing on the person that feels like an obstacle.
 - In the moment, cry out to God to strengthen you, particularly where your armour feels weak.
 - Call one another this week to pray together and encourage one another to stand.
- Take fifteen extra minutes one day this week to meditate on Hebrews 12:1-2, and look to Jesus who is our ultimate example of standing strong.



Sharing Jesus ways to witness Step 25

Start Here

Do you remember the six pieces of the armour of God? How did the armour of God protect you over the last few days?

Discuss

In our journey we can face discouragement and opposition when it comes to sharing Jesus. But the armour of God strengthens us to keep going. Even Paul asks for prayer that he can boldly keep sharing Jesus (Ephesians 6:18-20).

- When you've shared your faith, have you had to deal with people rejecting you? If so, how have you handled that?
- What have you learned about telling others?
- Who are you continuing to pray for?

Explore the Word

There are many different kinds of opportunities for us to share the Gospel. Even in hostile environments, God opens new doors.

We are called to be ready to share the hope of Jesus. (1 Peter 3:15)

Let's look at three passages that show how different opportunities opened for the Gospel to spread:

- Acts 3:1-8
- Acts 8:1-8
- Acts 8:26-40

For each passage carefully consider:

- What was the trigger point for each new opportunity to share the Gospel?
- In each story, what did the evangelists need to do to make the most of the opportunity?
- Summarize five things we can imitate as we witness.

What other stories from the Bible can you think of that show different ways the Gospel spread?



main idea

Opportunities to share Jesus are all around us and we want to grow in our ability to see and take hold of them.

Here are different ways we can share Jesus:

- 1. **Tell someone you already know.** Can you think of someone right now who needs to hear about Jesus?
- 2. Share with the new people God brings into your life. Is there someone new in your life that God wants you to share the Gospel with?
- 3. **Pray for specific needs.** Can you think of someone who needs a miracle or an answer to prayer?
- 4. Serve others. Do you know anyone that you can help in a practical way to show the love of Jesus?
- 5. Give people the Word of God. Who can you give a Bible to as a gift?
- 6. **Use social media.** Can you share or post a verse, testimony or video that can help people learn about Jesus?

Practice Together Now

- Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-2.
- Thank God for the fact that your witness is not in vain.
- Pray for boldness to keep sharing.
- Make a list of all the people that have come to mind during this session.
- Pray for each individually, asking the Lord to reveal his love and concern for each of these people.
- Ask the Lord to show you how he wants you to witness. Share what thoughts come to mind with each other.
- Choose at least one person from the list. Make a concrete plan how to share the Gospel with them. If possible, witness to them together.

Put it into Practice Daily

- Do it! Share the Gospel with someone.
- Pray daily for people on your list.
- Ask God to give you new opportunities and divine appointments to share the Gospel.



The Great Commission

we all have a part

Step 26

Start Here

- Can you remember how Step 6 described a disciple?
- Give an example of one way you have followed Jesus this week.

Discuss

- As you have been learning to follow Jesus, what changes in your life have you or others noticed?
- In what ways are you participating in serving his kingdom?

Explore the Word

Matthew 28:16-20 records some of Jesus' final words to his disciples, known as 'the Great Commission.' He communicates clearly his priorities for his disciples and the work he has given them to do.

Read Matthew 28:16-20

- How much authority does Jesus have? Why is this important?
- What is the specific assignment Jesus gives his followers?
- What does Jesus promise at the end and why is that important to you?
- As a disciple yourself, how can you play your role in this?

Read Acts 1:8

 Where does the power come from to follow the command of the Great Commission?

Main Idea

We are all called to be disciples and we are all called to make disciples. This means we ourselves must continue to learn to follow Jesus and participate in his mission till the end of our lives. It also means we should help others to do the same.

Making disciples is the job of every believer, it is not just for pastors and teachers. The challenge is most of us feel like we are not gualified. Perhaps we feel like we have more growing to do ourselves. The first disciples felt the same way. Even as Jesus spoke to them, they were not all strong in faith. Some of them even had doubts! (Matthew 28:17)



But Jesus promised to be with us and empower us as we go about doing the work he's called us to do. Making disciples simply begins by sharing what we've learned with someone else so that together we can grow as apprentices of Jesus.

Discuss

Reflect once again on your journey so far:

- What have you shared with someone else about what God has done in your life?
- How can you encourage somebody else to follow Jesus and become more like him?
- In what ways would helping someone else to follow Jesus help you to also grow as a disciple?

Explore the Word

Jesus' call for us to be and make disciples brings us into the heart of God's plan. From the beginning and throughout the Scriptures, God revealed his love for the whole world.

Read Genesis 12:1-3

Who does God want to be blessed through Abram?

God repeats the promise again to Abram in Genesis 18:18; then again to Isaac and Jacob in Genesis 26:4 and 28:14.

What does this show us about God?

Read Isaiah 49:6

How far does God intend his salvation to reach?

Paul repeats the same passage from Isaiah in Acts 13:47.

What does this mean for us as followers of Jesus?

Practice Together Now

What a great promise we have. When we follow Jesus' command to share the Gospel and make disciples, Jesus is with us and will strengthen us through the Holy Spirit.

We can support and encourage others to follow Jesus in many ways. One simple way is to use Safar because it has been designed to enable every believer to encourage another in their discipleship.

Consider how you both can continue to play your part in the great commission by discipling one other person after you finish this journey.



- Think of people you might be able to start Safar with: someone who has come to Christ recently or who may want to grow deeper in their discipleship. List out the names (if no one comes to mind, think of people you want to share Jesus with).
- Spend five minutes praying for these people by name, and ask the Lord to help them grow as disciples.
- Ask God to give you one person that you can help to follow Jesus as a disciple, and thank him that he gives you his strength to do this, and that he has promised to be with you as you do.

- Continue to pray daily for the people you have listed.
- Ask God to prepare you and make a way for you to start a new journey with someone using Safar.
- Talk to your church leaders and have them pray for you as you seek to play your part in the great commission.



Intercession be an agent of change Step 27

Start Here

When have you seen a need and been able to make a difference? When have you seen a need and not been able to help?

Discuss

There are so many needs in our immediate communities and in our world. What need has come to your attention and touched your heart this week?

Explore the Word

Pain, heartache, and trouble are all around us. There are physical needs, emotional turmoil, financial troubles, political upheaval, and the list continues. Sometimes the needs are so great we feel we can do nothing.

But as God's children, we are not helpless in the face of challenges. We have been given a powerful tool that makes a difference: prayer of intercession. Read the verses below.

In these verses, what do we learn about prayer? What kind of needs can we pray for?

- 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- Jeremiah 29:7
- Philippians 1:19-20
- Colossians 4:2-3
- James 5:15-16
- Philippians 1:9-11

Main Idea

Our prayers can make a difference in our world.

Through prayer, we are invited to ask not only for our personal requests. We are also called to prayers of intercession – this is the opportunity to come before God and make requests on behalf of others, even for those we have never met. When we pray, the God of heaven and earth listens to us and responds. Regardless of whether or not you have been a believer for a long time, you can still impact the world around you through prayer.

Sometimes we see the answers to our prayers quickly. Other times we are called to faithfully continue to pray when we cannot perceive any movement or change at all. When we intercede, God himself hears our prayer and responds. How he



answers will not always be on our time-table or according to our preferences, but he will always respond according to his goodness. Often our prayers are at work in ways we cannot see, so our job is to pray, and then keep on praying as we are all encouraged in Ephesians 6:18-20.

Practice Together Now

Write down one need you are aware of in each category.

- Your family
- Friends
- Your local church
- The city you are living in
- Your nation and its leaders
- The world

You can use the Lord's prayer as your pattern to intercede. Begin by acknowledging God is good and able. Ask for his kingdom and his good and perfect will to come into these situations. Ask that God would provide for specific needs, whether emotional, physical, financial, or spiritual. Ask that God would protect and deliver from evil. Return to worship.

Spend two minutes praying together over each need you noted. Ask God if there are any practical steps you can take to help meet that need.

You are an agent of change when you pray. Be faithful in prayer and watch God work.

- Create a prayer journal. Write down each item for which you are praying. Some you will want to pray for daily, others you might pray for on a rotation throughout the week. Pray, and then keep on praying!
- Write down the answers to prayer! As you recognize God moving, note beside the request how you've seen God answer. Then share this encouragement with someone.
- Ask your church leaders what they would like prayer for this week and include those requests in your daily prayer.



Idols battle for our heart Step 28

Start Here

Can you share:

- Something you love to do or and wish you could do more of. Why do you enjoy it so much? What desire or need does it fulfill in you?
- Something you love to do that you know you should do less of? Why are you drawn to it still?

Discuss

Every human being has legitimate needs and desires. Can you list some that are common to all?

People have always sought to find ways to meet their needs and fulfill their desires. What do people do when they can't meet those needs? In ancient times, idols were gods that people tried to please, prayed to, or trusted to provide a particular need – protection, peace, power, provision, fertility, joy. Today, idols can be anything that we ultimately look to and trust to provide for us.

- What kinds of idols do we have in our world today?
- In what ways can even good things become idols for us?

Main Idea

Every human has real needs such as safety, security, provision, work, belonging, joy and meaning. Naturally, we try to meet these needs and it is right for us to do so.

The question is where or to whom are we looking to ultimately meet our real and legitimate needs?

Sometimes we seek to satisfy our hearts with things that are clearly destructive to us.

Other times, we can look to good things. But even a good thing can become an idol if we ultimately turn to it for hope, joy and meaning instead of to God.

Idols can creep in and take God's place in our hearts, but they can never ultimately meet our needs. Instead they prevent us from looking to and trusting the only one who can meet all our needs.

Explore the Word



Read the following verses: Psalm 135:15-18

- Why can't idols help us?
- How do idols shape our character and lifestyle?

Psalm 81:6-12

- Why do we sometimes look to other things even after God has rescued us?
- Why does God want us to worship no other god?
- What does he promise to do for us?

Discuss

- What are the needs you are currently focused on?
- What are some healthy ways and some unhealthy ways to meet these needs?

Read 1 John 5:21

• This verse was written to Christians. Why did John need to tell them this?

Practice Together Now

One way to know if you have an idol in your life is to consider this question: If this thing is taken away from me, would I feel hopeless and unable to face tomorrow? When we lose something important in life, it is not a sin to be sad. But if not having that thing makes us lose hope and meaning in life, then we know that we have an idol in our heart.

Have you said or heard people say things like "Without this, I cannot be happy or fulfilled"? When things like this are said, what does it reveal about where the person finds hope and meaning in life?

Look at this list carefully.

- Family
- Children
- Marriage
- Sex
- Physical beauty
- Achievement
- Safety
- Pleasure
- Money
- Adventure
- Work and career
- Education and abilities
- Moral record
- Respect, honor, and status



- Ministry
- Something else?

Thank God for the good things in your life that you love. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you if something is becoming an idol in your life. Share with each other what the Lord has revealed to you. Confess and ask the Lord to forgive you.

Declare that you will now trust the Lord only to ultimately meet your desires or needs.

Put it into Practice Daily

- Any time you sense a longing or need is not being met, declare that you ultimately trust God to satisfy you.
- Thank God for the things you enjoy throughout this week, recognizing that he is the one who meets your needs.
- In your daily walk with God, ask him to show you if any part of your heart is not completely his.

Step 28



Love pursue it above all else Step 29

Start Here

- Who is one of the most loving people you know? What is it about them that makes you say this?
- What are the real signs that make you know you're loved by someone?

Discuss

- Often a mother's love is cited as the greatest love. What is it about a mother's love that is unique?
- Why is such robust and relentless love so attractive to us and inspiring?

Explore the Word

Jesus talked about love on multiple occasions. What he taught pushed the boundaries of our understanding of what love is, and with his death on the cross, he demonstrated ultimate sacrificial love that we are called to emulate. Read the following verses:

- Matthew 22:36-40
- John 13:34-35
- Luke 6:32-36

Discuss the following questions:

- Why do you think love is the greatest commandment?
- What is the greatest evidence that we are disciples of Jesus? Why?
- Who are we called to love? How does Jesus want us to express that love?

Main Idea

The greatest evidence that we are Jesus' disciples is that we love one another. Love is the sign of maturity and spiritual growth - that we are becoming more and more like Jesus. As it says in Luke, it's when we love like him, we show that we are children of God.

Therefore, our goal should be, above all else, to pursue love.

Explore the Word



Read 1 Corinthians 13

- In verses 1-3, what attributes or abilities does Paul say are meaningless without love?
- Which of these attributes or abilities do you naturally value most?
- Why is it true that without love, they are not profitable?

Read this list taken from verses 4-7 slowly and consider that Jesus is the perfect example of this love towards us

- Love is patient
- Love is kind
- Love does not envy
- Love does not boast
- Love is not proud
- Love does not dishonor others
- Loved is not self-seeking
- Love is not easily angered
- Love keeps no record of wrongs
- Love does not delight in evil
- Love rejoices in the truth
- Love always protects
- Love always trusts
- Love always hopes
- Love always perseveres
- What are you most thankful for as a recipient of this kind of love from Jesus?
- We are able to love others because Jesus has first loved us (1 John 4:19). Take time to evaluate yourself according to this list. Which areas do you need to become more like Jesus in his love?

Practice Together Now

Is there one person you are finding difficult to love now?

- According to the list above, how are you failing to show love to them?
- How can you choose to love them?
- What immediate good can do to them without expecting anything in return?
- Write a prayer which expresses both your thanks to Jesus for the different characteristics of his love towards you, and invite him to make you more like him in that area.
 - For example, "Thank you Lord for your patience with me when I repeatedly fail you. Help me to be patient with _____."

Put it into Practice Daily

• Memorize 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.



- Meditate daily on one aspect of Jesus' love towards you. At the beginning of each day, consider a practical way you can do good and show love to somebody you normally find it difficult to love.
- Read the following verses: 1 John 4:7-21
- Come to the next step ready to celebrate, reaching the end of this journey. Prepare some thoughts to express your appreciation of one another.

Step 29



Safar celebration and commission Step 30

Start Here

In moments of transition, it is important to look back as well as look forward – to celebrate what God has done and to joyfully anticipate what he has ahead. At this point in your journey, you have faithfully walked together with Jesus over the last several months.

Take a moment to say a few things you have specifically appreciated about one another in this season. Take time to recall particular moments and shared memories that will always be special.

Discuss

Celebrate

It's important to take time to celebrate what the Lord has done in your lives in this journey together.

Without looking at the steps, how many themes can you recall?

Which ones have been particularly meaningful to you?

Can you each list 10 specific things you can celebrate and thank God for?

Spend time thanking God for his blessings through this journey.

Main Idea

Commission

But God has more for you! He has blessed you, and wants you to join him in being a blessing. Last time we looked at the final words of Jesus, the Great Commission. That commission includes you!

You don't need to conquer the world, you can start by investing in one other person.

Safar

One way to begin discipling another is through Safar. This is a simple roadmap



that provides you with topics, discussion questions, prayer prompts, and short teaching videos. Safar helps you to take what has been shared with you and share it with someone else.

You don't have to be a teacher, you are simply a Hamsafar. You are just helping someone else grow, and as you do it, you will continue to grow as well.

Practice Together Now

Last time you prayed for a few people. Whose name is the Lord bringing to mind?

What are some considerations in starting?

- Consider where you will meet.
- Consider the commitment it will take.
- Pray that God will use both of you to make disciples.
- Start Safar with someone else.

Step 30