

A Suggested Guide for the Zero Meeting

Why Should We Do Partners?

1. It's Biblical (show diagram #1)

A) Jesus trained his disciples - sometimes in large groups, sometimes in small groups and sometimes one on one, as shown in the following examples:

- His three closest disciples: Peter, James and John (Mark 14:33, Matthew 17:1-2)
- The 12 Apostles (Mark 3:14)
- The 72 disciples (Luke 10:1)

B) Jesus tells us to make disciples of all nations in The Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20)

C) Paul also modeled discipleship as we see with him passing off the ministry to Timothy

- 2 Timothy 2:2 - "and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

2. There are Advantages to Meeting One on One

- Chairs are face to face vs. side by side.
- It allows for a more intimate discussion and probing conversation, more conviction and sharing of lives.
- It promotes personal accountability and specific application.
- A relationship will develop - Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

3. The Advantage of Multiplication Over Addition - (show diagram #2)

- A focused effort on creating trained reproducers -- in time, a method of spiritual reproduction that is far more productive than even the most effective classroom teacher.
- Compare also quality to quantity. For example, you could observe the outcome of a large Christian crusade meeting. Often a large number of commitments to Christ are reported, yet in the long-term, lives remain unchanged. People may walk away thinking they are a Christian because they said a prayer or felt a feeling.

What are the Expectations?

1. Personal expectations for your partner:

- To have a personal, consistent, quality time with God.
- To attend the Compass Bible Church weekend service regularly.
- To complete chapter questions and prepare to discuss "With your Partner" Q's in the margins before the weekly discipleship meeting.
- To memorize scripture (recite assigned verses).
- To meet weekly with leader.
- To pray together and for each other.
- To share the gospel (chapter nine assignment).
- To apply each chapter in an ongoing tangible form.
- To train others through Partners when finished.

2. Your partner needs to be F.A.T.:

- F - Faithful (In their personal Christian walk, in discipling others, and in completing assignments on time.)
- A - Available (Prioritizing their time for homework / being available to take others through Partners.)

- T – Teachable (Humbly listening, receiving criticism or advice, and listening to authority.)

Additional goals of the Zero Meeting

1. Make sure the partner has a good Bible (ESV is preferable). The main Bible used should not be a paraphrased version.
2. Decide when and where you will meet and a reasonable goal to complete the 10 chapters:
 - Day
 - Time
 - Place
 - Completion Date
3. Assign Chapter One
 - All questions and “With Your Partner” Q’s in the margins (not all will be discussed in the meetings but partner should be prepared).
 - Discuss whether or not a "Deeper Study" question will be worked on.
 - Memory verse.
 - A written testimony for the next meeting.
 - Choose three people to pray for who need to hear the gospel. Pray for an opportunity to share the "Umbrella Illustration" with at least one before completing Partners.
4. Use the time left for non-threatening questions to get to know each other.