



Discipleship Huddles

What is a discipleship huddle?

A huddle is a small group of up to six people with a catalyst person (leader). This catalyst leads up to five friends or acquaintances to come on the journey of discovering discipleship.

The catalyst is someone identified by the corps leadership as someone who is learning to **discern and do** and has the ability and sensitivity to lead others. The friends who go on the journey are those who accept the invitation of the catalyst.

Why discipleship huddles?

Huddles of disciples are a context that assists people to learn the rhythm of discipleship. There is obviously a lot of knowledge to gather for a disciple and this is done over a lifetime of learning. But there is a need to learn as soon as possible, that there is a rhythm to discipleship. This rhythm is vital if the disciple is to remain missionary minded throughout their lives as well as lifelong learners.

In a huddle, a disciple is helped to discern what God is saying to them (by His Word and through His Spirit) and then to put what they learn in practice. This is called **discern and do**. With this in place the disciple goes on learning as they go on obeying in their missionary minded life.

This is why discipleship huddles are valuable.

Who could be in a discipleship huddle?

Anyone can be in a huddle. Whether you are a new follower of Jesus or someone who has been a follower of Jesus for a lifetime. For a new follower or the mature believer, it is a matter of invitation. No-one can be coerced into this journey. They must be given an invitation and encouraged along the way. Once they become proficient in **discern and do** they can go on to other groups and courses that are valuable for their lifelong learning journey.

What do you do when you meet as a huddle?

First, you share stories; then you look at a Gospel passage together.

Then the catalyst prays for the group and asks each person what they discerned what God is saying to them. Next, the catalyst asks each person what they will do in the coming week in response to what they believed God was saying to them.

Each person prays to conclude and crafted prayers are made available to help those who don't feel confident in praying.

When the group meets on the next occasion, the catalyst asks each one about how it went through the week - celebrating with thanksgiving for those who obeyed and encouraging those who didn't to have another go.