

## My Next Steps

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First Third

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15 Min *How are you?*

15 Min *Evaluation: What has become of the goals from the last meeting?*

10 Min *Vision*

### The father's heart

The heart of our Heavenly Father is to reach every person with the good news. Jesus invested most of His time training twelve disciples, and at the end of His ministry He sent them out to do the same. He expected every one of them to be a witness and a disciple maker. In His high-priestly prayer, Jesus said "I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do" (John 17:4, ESV).

**?** **Why did Jesus say He completed God's work, as He had not yet gone to the cross?**  
(Clue: In this prayer, Jesus mentions His disciples over 40 times.)

Jesus was referring to the fact that He had equipped the twelve disciples to continue His work. He knew they would pass it on to the next spiritual generation, who would then pass it on to others. This was His plan from the beginning! Paul understood this plan, for we see in 2 Timothy 2:2 His desire to pass on the message by multiplying disciples. The Father's heart is to reach all people by multiplying disciples, and he wants to use you in this!

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Second Third

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10 Min *Worship*

10 Min *Learning from the Book of Acts. Share with each other: What did you learn from Acts 25-28? What is the Holy Spirit teaching you? Use your filled out worksheets for the Book of Acts.*

*Hand out the worksheet "Acts Summary". Everybody can use it later on his own to sum up what they learned through studying Acts.*

20 Min *New lessons: Now give each participant this worksheet. Also give everyone a complete set of materials for the Start Training so that you can familiarize yourselves with them together.*

### Training new believers

You have now experienced what discipleship training can look like. We practiced sharing what God has done. If you haven't led anyone to faith yet, sooner or later it will happen if you continue to share the gospel to others in an understandable way. Never give up!

When someone decides to follow Jesus, be prepared to start training them immediately. Jesus also sent you out to make disciples – a "trainer" who trains others to live according to the example of Jesus!

However, don't use the Reboot Training to train new believers; use the "Start Training" to teach them the basics of a life with God. The Start Training is designed for people who newly came to faith and have little or no Christian background. You will see that it is very similar to the Reboot Training, as it follows the same three-thirds process that you have experienced in the last weeks.

The difference lies in the lessons you teach. The Start Training is a training on the essentials and is designed to help people get off to a good start on their journey with Jesus. Today we will look at the introduction and the ten Start lessons at a glance. Familiarize yourself with this material so that you are ready to train new followers of Jesus!

*Take time to familiarize yourselves with the Start Training resources.*

Train everyone you can train!

- If the person is a believer from an established church background, use Reboot.
- If the person is a new believer, use the Start Training.
- If the person is not a believer, share the Gospel! Or start reading the Bible together with them (use the bookmark “Bible Reading Hints” from the Start Training)

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*Third Third*

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15 Min *Everyone has time to pray and fill out the worksheet “My Next Steps”.*

15 Min *Make a plan for how you will continue meeting together. Discuss your next steps and about how you want to plant new groups / churches.*

10 Min *Pray for each other.*