

# WALK WITH ME

SIMPLE PRINCIPLES TO EVERYDAY DISCIPLE MAKING

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## START WALKING

- Bill's friend Ed was a major influence in the early stages of his life in Christ. Who are some friends that influenced your life in Christ?
- What did you discover from the “walking” examples in the Bible about the importance of relationships in helping people grow as disciples?
- What does the picture of a “walk” communicate about discipling others?
- How would you describe your level of confidence in making disciples—inviting people to walk with you? Would you consider yourself eager but a beginner, limited experience, or a seasoned discipler?
- What helps me to know that “walking”—making disciples—is for everyone?
- How can an understanding that walking is progressive help in discipling others?
- What does the author mean by a “micro” approach to discipling others?
- What motivates you to invite others to “walk with me as I walk with Jesus”?
- What challenges do I face about inviting people to “walk with me as I walk with Jesus”?

## PRINCIPLE #1: WE WALK HEART-TO-HEART

- What did you discover about the meaning of “heart”?
- Why should heart-to-heart start with our love for God?
- What is there about our Lord that draws you to love Him?
- What can happen if we fail to develop our heart for God—to invest in our first love?
- What are some “love habits” that help you invest in your first love? What does it mean to “treasure people”?
- What happens if discipling is not practiced “heart to heart”?
- Bill talks about the importance of TLC—transparency, listening, caring—in loving people. What are some ways that you can practice transparency in loving others?
- Which of the listening skills on page 50 do you practice? Which one could use some improvement?
- What are some ways that people have cared for you?
- Who in your circle of influence could use a little care right now? How can you apply the caring principles in this book toward this person?

## PRINCIPLE #2: WE WALK SIMPLE.

- The author describes a sign in a pharmacy as one indication that life is becoming less simple and more complex. What other examples from daily life would you give about our loss of simplicity?
- How would you describe the nature of simplicity?
- Why is simplicity essential in discipling?
- What are some indicators that we've made discipling complex rather than simple?
- How does starting small by discipling a few reflect a commitment to simplicity?
- How does an illustration such as The Wheel help simplify discipling?
- Why is selecting a few an act of simplicity?
- What did you discover about the importance of selection in inviting people to walk with you?
- How can the principle of simplicity affect how you help others grow in Christ?
- What is one simple action step you can take to practice simplicity?

## PRINCIPLE #3: WALK SLOW.

- What do you think it means to “walk with a slow God”?
- How is our culture wired for speed?
- How does speed affect our lives?
- How have you experienced the Lord working in “slow” ways in your life?
- How is excellence a mark of slowness?
- What does the author mean by “love accordingly”? How is this a practice of slowness?
- What’s the difference between seeing to observe and “soul sight”?
- How have you experienced waiting for God’s timing?
- What is the meaning of kairos time and how is this principle important in inviting people to walk with us?
- What can happen in walking alongside others if we fail to practice the principle of slowness?
- What is one simple action step you can take to practice slowness as you invite people to walk with you as you walk with Jesus?

## PRINCIPLE #4: WE WALK DEEP.

- What makes a deep life different from a shallow life?
- What did you learn about building convictions from the author's illustration of flossing?
- Which of these steps—heart, head, hands, helps, habits—was most meaningful to you?
- The author notes several ways to inspire people. Which way of inspiration is most helpful to you?
- Asking questions is critical to building convictions. On a scale of 1–10, with 10 the highest, how would you rate your ability to ask good questions?
- What happens if we fail to ask questions as we walk with others?
- How is accountability critical in building convictions?
- How can we misuse the principle of accountability?
- What did you discover about the importance of affirmation in going deep with people?
- What can happen if we fail to build convictions in people's lives as we invite them to walk with us?
- What is one simple action step you can take to practice going deep as you invite people to walk with you as you walk with Jesus?

## PRINCIPLE #5: WE WALK ON MISSION.

- How was your understanding of living on mission affirmed or challenged in this chapter?
- What are some reasons why people may not choose to live on God's mission?
- How would you describe the concept of "macro" mission?
- How would you describe the concept of "micro" mission?
- What are some "dark places" you inhabit? What are some ways you can "shine Christ's light in dark places"?
- Why is loving in place so important for living on mission?
- On page 135, the author gives several examples for how to love people in a place. Which one has been most helpful to you? Which one is the biggest challenge for you?
- What did you discover about the importance of taking people one step at a time—moving people from interest to insight to conviction?
- How did you experience this process in your life?
- On a scale of 1–10, with 10 the highest, how comfortable do you feel telling your story to another?
- How would you describe your church—is it a garden center or a conservatory?
- What is one simple action step you can take to live on mission?