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Disciples are Made – Not Born . . .



One of the things that energize me in the work that I get to do is Discipleship as commanded in Matthew 28: 18-20! Last month, we completed the third 13-Week Discipleship class. Each time we've said, "This is the best group!" So we say it again, this was The Best group. There were 5 small groups and one was all Pastors which I got to facilitate! It was a joy to meet with these men each week to encourage and equip them in making disciples in their respective congregations.

Pastor Schells is the Associate Pastor of *Pleasant Green Baptist Church*. He and seven members attended the class. They were so excited about the things they were learning that they invited Marc and I to come and share with the Pastor. When we met with **Pastor Matthews** and his wife **Debbie**, (who also attended the class) we learned that they were involved with Cru when they were in college. The mission of their church was "Win, Build, Send". They were already on a good trajectory and the class gave them lift to launch discipleship for their entire church. They ordered 100 copies of the Real Life Discipleship Training Manual in faith, believing that the members of the church would get on board.



Marc, Milton, Pastor Schells, Debbie & Pastor Matthews

Marc and I were invited to share with the congregation during their Wednesday Night service for two weeks to strengthen the case for discipleship. In order to equip their members, they decided to expand their Sunday School time and teach from discipleship manual. The first week of the launch, 117 members showed up for Sunday School – the "largest turn out ever!" according to one of their members who attended our training.

Family Update

All of our young adults are doing the job search again! **Zach** has an interview with a company where he might finally use his English degree. Since he and **Toni** will move back to the south side April 1st, she is looking for a job that will be closer to their new apartment. Sales and quotas are just not in **Sarah's** wheelhouse! She is also on the job hunt while she continues in her current position in Minneapolis! As we completed the 13-week Discipleship class, about 10 more women wanted to be trained. Cynthia meets with them on Thursday mornings. I continue to meet with men on Saturday mornings. Disciples are being made and we are excited to be a small part of what God is doing.

Thank YOU for your partnership in the gospel.

Milton & Cynthia

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