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THE VEHICLE:

However essential the Road Map may be, it still needs a Vehicle. The Vehicle can be a book study from the Bible, other books, or podcasts. The key is a focused conversation using materials you know are helpful at their stage of growth.

Whatever vehicle you and your discipling friend choose for the journey, make sure it interests both of you and points to discovering more about the nature of God, the Father, the centrality of Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit, and how both of you fit into God's great plan for his people.

On your journey, your vehicle will help both of you know God better as well as help refine your discipling friend's search for MEANING, PURPOSE, CALLING, and MISSION as you help your friend construct their STORY and find IDENTITY. Start by reviewing the two-page Road Map. This is your map pointing your selected Vehicle to fascinating sights. You will come back to it many times on your journey. You will start at STORY and eventually get to MISSION. Just remember, let their growth be demand-driven.

The Road Map shows the progression from STORY to MISSION. The Vehicle serves as the source of spiritual growth. You serve as a tour guide along the way. There are several dimensions to each stage of the journey, highlighting, for example, questions your disciple will ask themselves, aha! moments to discover, assessment tools to gain clarity and spiritual IDENTITY, and to help them find motivation. Guaranteed! Integrating your conversation with the topical material of your vehicle and the questions coming out of The Road Map, both of you will grow.

Before you meet, review your options. There are many excellent places to start using your Vehicle. You may want to ask a pastor for recommendations. The key is to be sensitive to your friend's interests and needs. An excellent place to start is by studying who God is--His nature, PURPOSE, and plan. The book of John is an excellent start. The book of Colossians is an excellent explanation of who Jesus is as Christ and Lord. The book of Romans is dense but an excellent study of who we are in relationship to God. Here are some suggestions:

Resources for:

The Unengaged.

- *The Case for a Creator, The Case for Faith, The Case for Christ*, Lee Strobel
- *The New Evidence That Demands A Verdict, Evidence for Christianity*, Josh McDowell
- The book of John
- *The Reason for God*, Tim Keller
- *Simply Christian*, Tom Wright
- *The Reason Why*, Mark Mittelberg

The New Believer.

- The books of John, Romans, and Psalms
- The ESV Study Bible or NLT or NIV Life Application Study Bible
- An online or hard copy Bible reading plan.
- *New Believer's Guide to Effective Christian Living*, Greg Laurie
- *The New How to Study Your Bible*, Kay Arthur, and Pete De Lacy
- *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, Gordon Fee

The Growing Believer.

- The book of Colossians, Romans, the Gospels, Proverbs
- An online or hard copy Bible reading plan.
- *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis
- *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer
- *Experiencing God*, Henry, and Richard Blackaby
- *In the Name of Jesus*, and *The Genesee Diary*, Henry Nouwen
- *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster

The Mature Believer.

- *Falling Upward*, Richard Rohr
- *The Divine Conspiracy, Renovation of the Heart and The Spirit of the Disciplines*, Dallas Willard
- *Mansions of the Heart*, R. Thomas Ashbrook
- *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*, Peter Scazzero

Foundation is critical, and then exploration feeds motivation. After establishing a foundation, the books by C.S. Lewis, Dallas Willard, and Eugene Peterson are excellent vehicles as well.

Discipleship Dynamics: A uniquely helpful resource deserves special attention. It is Discipleship Dynamics. Through an assessment, a disciple sees their growth profile in five dimensions with thirty-five outcomes. The Five Dimensions:

1. **Spiritual Formation:** Loving God with all our being.
2. **Personal Wholeness:** Being emotionally healthy.
3. **Healthy Relationships:** Loving our neighbors as ourselves.
4. **Vocational Clarity:** Having a clear sense of personal PURPOSE.
5. **Economics and Work:** Understanding our service to God at home, work, and community.

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