

An Overview of TTI USA

Imagine what God could do throughout your region if you didn't just make disciples but if you **multiplied disciple makers who multiplied disciple makers...**

Imagine if you could take someone **from lost to leading**—from brand new follower of Christ to fully equipped church planter in approximately two years.

Imagine if you could be a **spiritual great-grandparent** for a disciple making and church planting movement in your region.

You can do it, and we'd love to help!

MISSION AND VISION

The Timothy Initiative (TTI) is an **international disciple making and church planting movement** that is training and multiplying disciple makers and church planters across the world. Our goal is to equip ordinary people to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to be involved in an extraordinary mission!

The primary way we do this is through our **reproducible, obedience-based, accountability-driven, training process** that equips people with the beliefs, skills, and values to **multiply disciple makers, leaders, and churches to the 4th generation.**

We believe that every believer is a disciple, every disciple is called to be a disciple maker, every disciple's home is a potential church, every church can be a training center, and every healthy church should be planting new churches to remain healthy.

THREE KEY SHIFTS

We are looking for pastors, church planters, and ministry leaders who are willing and ready to be trained and mobilized to lead the charge in disciple making. We want to help train, equip, and coach individuals and teams to make three key shifts as they move toward launching and leading disciple making and church planting movements.

SHIFT ONE – FROM ROLE TO GOAL

It is essential for pastors to shift from exclusively operating in the role of shepherding—to lead, guide, protect, and provide for the flock—to actually **accomplishing the goal of shepherding, which is multiplying flocks.** We want to help pastors equip people to be who God has made them to be as disciples and do what God has called them to do as disciple makers. We believe this will lead to

multiplication if we're intentional in pursuing that goal.

SHIFT TWO – FROM PASTOR/TEACHER TO MENTOR/MODELER

We want to help pastors move beyond preaching and teaching to engaging hands-on training with people like Jesus modeled with His disciples. **In effective disciple making, things are both taught in a Training Center and caught in the field.** Beyond shepherding and teaching, pastors need to mentor disciple makers in the field and model disciple making skills with their people in a Training Center.

SHIFT THREE – FROM KNOWLEDGE TO OBEDIENCE

We want to help pastors tether knowledge to obedience. The Christian life was never meant to be inactive. Christ-followers should be constantly growing in both knowledge and practice. **TTI believes learning and doing go together.** This is why we take an obedience-based approach to disciple making where every disciple maker is held accountable to put into practice what they learn.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROCESS > CONTENT

While there is a wide variety of great content available on making disciples and discipleship, it often doesn't lead to multiplication, because it isn't **structured around a reproducible process that can be passed on to future generations.** We have refined a reproducible process which invests in putting things into practice and seeing multiple generations raised up through the training process.

OBEDIENCE > KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge is the foundation, but obedience is the goal. Knowledge without practice produces pride and dryness. Practice without increased knowledge leaves one weak in the faith. Knowledge and practice not imparted to the next generation dies with the generation where it began. **This is why all of the training materials produced by TTI are not merely for educational purposes; every disciple maker is expected to put into practice what they learn from the content and trains others to do the same.**

BELIEFS, SKILLS, PRACTICES, HABITS, AND VALUES

Rather than focus on just one of these five areas, TTI's training process addresses all five in an interconnected approach that recognizes the progression of sanctification in the life of every believer. We establish a foundation of **beliefs**, then help people develop the **skills** to apply their beliefs to their daily life. We then surround those being trained in an intentional community where they are encouraged, coached, and held accountable to use their skills until they becomes **practices.**

Eventually, those practices become second nature and take root as new **habits**. As anyone who has ever tried to start or stop a habit understands, these habits inform everything about us and thus, become our **values**.

THE THREE LOOKS

Every time we gather, we **Look Back, Look Up, Look Forward**, and conclude with **“I Will” Statements**. Looking Back reviews each person’s “I Will” Statement and provides an opportunity for encouragement, celebration, coaching, and accountability. Looking Up trains people through the key beliefs, skills, and values for disciple making. Looking Forward gives everyone a chance to reflect and commit to putting what they’ve learned into practice over the next week.

EVERYTHING WE DO MUST BE CLEARLY AND EASILY REPRODUCIBLE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Education, intuition, and experience are not easily reproducible. When pastors rely on these things in their ministry it tends to erode disciple making efforts to future generations. TTI ensures that everything we do is clearly and easily reproducible for future generations because **our success is measured through the success of our disciples and the generations beyond**.

THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN DISCIPLING and DISCIPLE MAKER

TTI makes a distinction between “discipling” and “disciple maker.” Discipling is defined as helping existing believers grow in their faith, with an emphasis on biblical knowledge, spiritual disciplines, engaging in serving others, and leading/encouraging others within the body of Christ. Disciple makers are those who are involved in discipling but are also engaged in intentional evangelism, bringing lost people to Christ, and leading them in relationships that result in the reproduction of new disciple makers. **Based on these definitions, this training is specifically designed for disciple makers.**

WHEN DISCIPLES ARE MULTIPLIED, CHURCHES ARE PLANTED

Throughout the book of Acts, wherever disciples went, the Gospel was spread and churches were planted. You might have never considered yourself to be a “Church Planter”, but ultimately healthy church planting happens as the natural outcome of gospel fruit. Planting Micro churches becomes the immediate answer to the question: “What do we do with all of these people we are seeing come to Christ?” We plant micro churches. **Each Micro Church is an intentional gathering of disciples that happens outside the walls of a traditional or official church building. The ultimate purpose of these gatherings is to make disciple making disciples.**

TRAINING PROCESS

We have an entire two-year training process that can develop someone from a new believer into a fully trained, mobilized, and equipped disciple-making church planter.

Disciples Making Disciples - Level 1 (Approx. 5 Months): Equips people with the foundations for disciple making.

- Living the Spirit-Filled Life
- Sharing their Story
- Sharing God's Story
- Assurance and Identity in Christ
- Living a Healthy Prayer Life
- Reading, Studying, and Obeying the Bible
- Daily Time with God
- Leading a Discovery Bible Study
- Understanding God as our Heavenly Father
- Being an Active Participant in a Local Body of Believers

Disciples Making Disciples - Level 2 (Approx. 4 Months): Equips people to develop reproducing disciple makers and launch Micro Churches.

- Understanding Our Role in Church Planting
- Planting Churches that Multiply
- The Four Fields of Church Planting
- Starting a Reproducible Disciple Making Process
- Establishing Micro Churches
- Living a Mentoring Lifestyle
- Evaluation and Accountability in Disciple Making

Leadership Development Track (Approx. 15 Months): Equips people with deeper development of character, theology, knowledge, and skills in life and leadership through TTI's 10-book set.

Book 1: Discovering the Bible

Book 2: Communicating the Bible

Book 3: The Book of Acts and Church Planting Movement

Book 4: Old Testament 1

Book 5: Old Testament 2

Book 6: New Testament Gospels

Book 7: The Heart of the Disciple Making Church Planter

Book 8: New Testament Gospel Letters

Book 9: Major Bible Doctrines

Book 10: Apologetics, Church History, and Spiritual Warfare

TRAINING COHORTS

We see the most fruitful results come from leaders that join our TTI Training Cohorts. Our cohorts immerse you in a learning community with other leaders who are on this journey with you as you receive coaching, training, and mentoring from TTI Trainers. **Each of our trainers are practitioners who have successfully launched and led Training Centers in their own churches and cities.**

In addition to equipping you with the beliefs, skills, and values to make disciple makers and plant micro churches, your TTI Trainer will: **Meet with you regularly to pray for and encourage you. Hold you accountable as you make disciples and train others. Help you strategize for short and long-term objectives. Provide on-site coaching and support in your church and city.**

The typical process we follow for those who want to join a TTI Training Cohort is:

Step 1: Attend a TTI Vision Cast

Step 2: Engage next steps in a personalized follow up call with a USA leader.

Step 3: Attend the first two-day Training of Trainers Event

Step 4: Commit to join Training Cohort

Here is a general overview of the costs and commitments associated with Cohort participation:

- **Cohort Training Fee:** \$300 per month for two years (\$7200 in total)
- **Time Commitment:** Two-year training process that includes quarterly in-person trainings and between 29-30 Zoom Calls spaced throughout the two year training.
- **Training Expectations:** Every Cohort Member is expected to launch a Training Center and identify a group of students who want to be trained.
- **Travel Commitment:** Cohort Member responsible for covering the cost of travel to quarterly in-person trainings
- **Reporting Expectations:** At every in-person training, Cohort members submit a metrics sheet that details important measurables like salvations, baptisms, and the number of churches planted. Cohort members are also expected to share stories of life change with pictures of new believers.

LET'S CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

You might have further thoughts, questions, and clarifications that you'd like to talk through. Beyond the initial details given above, we would love to connect you to one of our many TTI Leaders to help you process through the possibilities further. Please send us an email at ttiusa@ttionline.org