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# MARCS DISCIPLEMAKING ASSESSMENT

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**Gauging Disciplemaking Spiritual Growth:** Using the MARCS acronym, participants will gauge their own spiritual growth as well as determine where they are as a disciplemaker.

**Group Connectivity:** The process is designed around relational connection and discussion. It should be used to help individuals gauge their spiritual growth as well as build rapport amongst participants.

**Time:** Plan 60 minutes to work through the process.

**Required Items:** Provide tear sheets and markers for each participant or provide MARCS handout for each member

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## 1. MISSIONAL

Think about two individuals who have lived missionally in your life. These people have developed a relationship with you as they have extended the Gospel to you. Write down their names in the two boxes to the left. Think about two people who are disengaged from the church whom you are living missionally toward. You are engaging in a relationship with them as you communicate the Gospel in your words and actions. Write their names in the two boxes to the right. Don't feel pressured to fill a box. It is okay to leave a box blank, if you don't have someone in mind.

*As the facilitator, be sure to have the names of the people you'd put in these spaces. Be ready to share one of the names and a story of why you put it there.*

## **2. ACCOUNTABLE**

Think about three people to whom you are being accountable to on a regular basis: for your marriage or relationships, your spiritual walk with Christ, and your thought life and time when you are alone. Write down one name of each person you are accountable to in each box.

*As the facilitator, give personal examples, and be ready to help participants think about their accountability network.*

### **PAUSE TO PROCESS**

Have participants identify a person in the room they do not know well (or at all). Ask them to share the names from the first two exercises and why they chose them. Keep a close watch. When most of the room has completed the assignment, move on to the next step.

## **3. REPRODUCIBLE**

Think about three individuals into whom you have poured your life and ministry. It can be children, leaders, or whomever God brings to mind. In each box, write down a name. You're looking for the people who carry your spiritual DNA the most.

*As the facilitator, be sure to have the name of one of your people and a story to share.*

#### 4. COMMUNAL

Think of three ways your small group or Sunday School class has impacted your life. Write each way on one of the lines provided. Focus on the ways biblical community has influenced your life.

*As the facilitator, be prepared to share how biblical community has had an impact on your life.*

#### PAUSE TO PROCESS

Have participants identify a different person in the room they do not know well (or at all). Ask them to share their **Reproducible** and **Communal** answers. Make sure participants are explaining why they chose what they did. Keep a close watch. When most of the room has completed the assignment, move on to the next step.

#### 5. SCRIPTURAL

Think of at least three Bible passages of personal significance to you as a believer. You are looking for passages that have impacted the way you live. Write the reference for each passage on the lines provided.

OPTIONAL: Then think about how many Bible verses you have memorized. This number can be a close guess, write it in the circle.

*As the facilitator, be prepared to share some personally significant passages*

*as well as a memory verse or two. Be careful to avoid legalism here. The goal is not to make people feel guilty but to challenge to get in the Word.*

## **QUESTIONS**

In groups of 5-6, answer the following questions and discuss your answers around your table. Finish your discussion by sharing and praying for the prayer requests each person at your table mentioned.

*Based on your setting, have participants discuss their answers with each other around tables of 5-6 people. If tables are unavailable have people break into groups of 6 or less.*

1. Which of the MARCS do you personally need to work on the most?
2. What actions will you take to work on your answer to question 1?
3. What is your biggest prayer request right now?

NOTE: If this is your D-Group, write down which of the MARCS each person needs to work on. This will let you know which of the MARCS you need to be proactive about in leading your group.