

## What to do when finished D-Group

Our prayer is that being a part of a Discipleship Group has truly been a time of accelerated spiritual growth.

As your Discipleship Group comes to an end, the question of “What do we do now?” comes up. Below are some thoughts on the answer to that question.

1. Discipleship groups have the goal of multiplication of disciples of Jesus. This flows out of some of Jesus’ last words found in Matthew 28:18-20 (you memorized those verses as a part of your Discipleship Group:)). Naturally then, the answer to “What do we do now?” is to multiply disciples by beginning your own D-Group. You can check out the “Discipler Packet” on [firstmedina.org/discipleship](http://firstmedina.org/discipleship) for help with that.
2. The time between finishing the D-Group you are a part of and getting your D-Group started will vary in time. That can be hard, especially spiritually, as you have been used to having a plan and people to report to in a way for at least the last year. When that is no longer in the picture, it will take some time to adjust so start thinking through this earlier rather than later. At least 5 weeks prior to the end of the D-Group you are a part of, be thinking through a plan for how to keep the elements of Discipleship Groups a part of your life even after it has come to a close. The idea of taking a breather after a D-Group is finished is understandable, however, just beware that, that “breather” can become longer than you initially planned and can end up having a further reach than what you planned real quick.
  - There are all kinds of Bible reading plans out there. A website that lists a bunch of options is <https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/>. A simple one that we use as a family is to start in Matthew and read a chapter a day. You can add SOAP journaling to that or just think through SOAP as you read each chapter.
  - On the scripture memorization side of things, check out [firstmedina.org/discipleship](http://firstmedina.org/discipleship) for a list of verses that can be memorized at your own pace. You can also go back through and work on memorization of the verses from the time in your Discipleship Group.
  - Transparency with other believers is something every Christian needs whether they are in a D-Group or not so seek out someone from your church that can be that person for you. A big part of seeking that person out is asking God to bring you that person. That could also be a group of people. You could even talk to your Discipleship Group leader about getting everyone from your D-Group together occasionally to keep up with each other and to continue to spur each other on in spiritual growth.
3. If you are not already serving in your local church and serving your community/neighborhood on a regular basis, get on that.

These are some thoughts to help answer that question, “What do we do now that Discipleship Group is coming to an end”? What is listed above are NOT things we have to question whether God wants us involved in or not. These things are clearly laid out in His Word, we just have to decide whether we will be obedient or not.