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DAWSON TROTMAN



Life-to-Life Discipleship

The Navigator ministry started in 1933 with a man named Dawson Trotman. One day, Dawson was drowning in a lake and pleaded with God for help. He promised to serve God if he was saved. Thankfully, he was, and he kept his promise. He devoted his life to Christ and trusted in the promises of God. One such promise was Isaiah 43:4 "Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life."

The Navigators began with a single sailor who was faithful, available, took initiative, was teachable, and was hungry to know God. Dawson spent a lot of time teaching this sailor, and at the appropriate time Dawson helped that sailor teach someone else who then taught someone else. By the end of World War II, the Navigator ministry had reached every ship in the American fleet all over the world. It all began with a simple idea: "Men, where's your man? Women, where's your woman?"

Who are the individuals God is leading you to? Utilize this tool to support your efforts in assisting others. Inquire: Where is your person currently, and what is their desired destination? How can you aid them on their journey? Here's how it works:

1. **Discipleship Groups:** Find a faithful person and teach them how to be obedient all that Jesus has commanded. (*Personal Spiritual Formation.*)
2. **Missional Communities:** Cast the vision of being an ambassador for Christ and teach them how to live it out. (*Others-centered Spiritual Formation.*)
3. **Outreach Events:** Through apprenticeship teach and pass on the art of building intentional relationships.
4. **Discovery Groups:** Through apprenticeship teach and pass on the art of spiritual conversations, sharing a personal testimony, sharing the Gospel, and reading the Bible with someone.

