

LAMPLIGHTERS INTERNATIONAL – DISCIPLE-MAKER TIP #4

TITLE: "SEEING YOURSELF AS A BUS DRIVER"

A friend of mine became the pastor of a church that had been led for many years by the same man. Shortly after he took over the new pastorate, some people left the church. Disheartened, my friend sought the counsel and encouragement of a Bible college professor. The professor encouraged him to see himself as a bus driver who was transporting believers on a journey toward spiritual maturity. The professor said that as a pastor he would be making “stops” along the way and some people (believers) would be getting on and off to catch other buses to continue their journeys. Occasionally, someone would get on the wrong bus and get mad at the driver. Rather than taking offense, the bus driver (the pastor in the analogy) must simply assure the irate passenger that he will gladly let the person off at the next stop.

As a Bible Study leader, you are a spiritual bus driver. You are helping believers on their spiritual journey. Please let people off your spiritual bus graciously and always be looking to pick up new riders. **Remember, if you only let people off and don't pick up other riders (Bible Study participants) you will soon be driving an empty bus!** You will need to slow down to let someone get on (getting them up to speed on how the study is done), but you must stay on schedule (finish the lesson each week) so all the riders get to their destinations on time.

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