



## [Eight Principles for Life-on-Life Leadership](#)

By Cheryl Baker and Tony Stoltzfus

★★★★ (4 stars)

Reviewed by [Russ Rainey](#)

Buy this book if you:

- Want to use coaching to disciple leaders to disciple others
- Need content and structure for a group coaching/discipleship context

The authors of [Eight Principles for Life on Life Leadership](#) have targeted one of the greatest needs of the Church today—discipleship in the context of relationships, not programs. This workbook is for the person who takes relational discipleship seriously but lacks the structure and content to do it effectively.

The book's foundation is Robert Coleman's classic [The Master Plan of Evangelism](#) and it builds on that firm base by adding to it the discipleship expertise of Cheryl Baker (Director of Leadership Development at Perimeter Church) and the leadership coaching expertise of Tony Stoltzfus (author of [Leadership Coaching](#) and a highly respected coach and coach trainer). What this means for the reader is that you can trust this content and this process to be a "home run".

Imagine yourself pulling together a hungry group of believers who want to go deep in faith and fellowship and learn how to take others there as well. That would be a true first century Christian experience. But, how do you make that happen? Baker and Stoltzfus guide you through an impressive eight step process that is a blend of Coleman's content (how to build leaders who evangelize and disciple others), clear outcomes for each step of the process (which become change indicators), voluminous well-thought-out exercises for the group and you, its leader, and a structured coaching approach to putting everything learned into practice (goals, options, actions and accountability).

This book has it all: great content, experiential learning, leadership helps, and a coaching approach to change. The only drawback may be that this book has it all – its attention to detail and its comprehensiveness may overwhelm those who desire an "easier" approach to relational discipleship. That said, even if you never used one half of what's in this workbook, the other half would be life-

changing and you would want to keep the book close as one of your favorite resources to use with leaders. I recommend it for anyone interested in relational discipleship and leadership development.

**Summary**

The process this book teaches is not for the faint of heart. It is for those who are willing to sacrifice to make a deep and lasting impact through “life on life” discipleship. It will challenge you and equip you to do the best thing – not just the good things.

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