



Group Leader Guide

Mentoring is a Relational Journey

Article Summary

Bishop Scott Gillum's article "Mentoring is a Relational Journey" explores the transformative impact of intentional mentoring relationships in his ministry. He reflects on his experiences with mentors and emphasizes the value of life-sharing and discipleship through relationships. Gillum urges listeners to appreciate those who have influenced their faith walk and advocates for intentional mentoring over traditional approaches to ministry. The article concludes with a call to embrace a transformational journey toward reflecting the kingdom of God through relational mentoring and personal growth.

Ice Breaker

What's the funniest or most memorable advice you've ever received from a mentor or someone you admire?

Discussion Questions

1. What are the core differences between intentional mentoring relationships and unintentional role models, and how have they impacted your faith journey?

Bishop Gillum mentions how intentional mentors like Sue Mallory, Don Simmons, and Dr. David Ferguson significantly impacted his life and ministry.

Who are some individuals who have served as intentional mentors or unintentional role models in your life? How have they shaped your journey of faith?

2. How can we apply the biblical wisdom of Solomon in Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 to our own lives regarding mentoring and supporting each other?

Gillum emphasizes the importance of having someone who can help and support us through life, drawing from the wisdom of Solomon in Ecclesiastes.

Can you identify areas in your life where you could use mentorship? Consider reaching out to someone who can offer support and guidance in these areas.

3. What is mosaic mentoring, and how could you apply it for your growth and development in your faith?

Bishop Gillum discusses the concept of mosaic mentoring, where many individuals contribute their unique experiences and perspectives to the overall growth of a community.

Reflect on the advice, experiences, and perspectives you have gained from different people. How have these individual contributions shaped your faith journey?

4. How can we adopt Jesus' leadership style, as mentioned in the book 'They Smell Like Sheep'?

Gillum shares his experience reading Lynn Anderson's book, which emphasizes the importance of personal relationships and Jesus' mentoring of the twelve disciples.

Consider your current relationships and leadership roles. How can you apply Jesus' relational approach to mentoring in your everyday interactions with others?

5. What steps can you take to embrace a transformational journey where you become the visible expression of the invisible kingdom of God?

The article concludes with an appeal to be transformed into the image of Christ and seek God's glory as Moses did.

How can you actively practice and engage in a transformational faith journey, individually and within your Christian community?

Prayer 🙏

- Ask God to help us reflect on the individuals who have influenced our lives and the qualities they possessed that proved helpful.
- Pray for the courage and gratitude to send a message of appreciation to those who have invested in our faith walk.
- Seek God's guidance in finding intentional mentors who can help and support us on our journey of faith and ministry.
- Pray for a heart of humility and openness to learn from others, individually or as part of a team, through intentional, collaborative relationships.