

Philosophy of Discipleship

Session 1

Introduction

- What's the purpose of the church?
Most churches are focused on church growth, when we were commissioned to grow people. (Matt.16:18) (Acts 2:47)
- When you have the purpose wrong, then everything else is governed wrong.
Church that focus on growth of the church, use MEN to build MINISTRY
- When you have the purpose right, then everything else is governed right.
Church that focus on growth of the people, use MINISTRY to build MEN
- Gaging the success of Parents, is not determined by the size of your family, but by the quality of your training of your children
DISCIPLESHIP IS SPIRITUAL PARENTING

I. Discipleship is a Biblical Mandate

(Mat 28:19-20) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

- Evangelism is the 1st step of the ministry that bring them to Salvation, which introduces them to Christ as Savior
- Discipleship is the 2nd step of the ministry that bring them to Sanctification which introduces them to Christ as Lord
(2Ti 2:2) And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

A. What is Biblical Discipleship?

Discipleship is not... An Activity, a Program, a Series of Lessons, Education Only
Teaching Only, a Handbook, a Rapid Formula

Discipleship isAn Attitude, a Philosophy, a Way of Life, Edification and
Exhortation, Your Life Being Reproduced In Someone Else, Your Heart
Ministering to the Heart of Someone Else, a long-lasting Relationship

B. Why do we need Discipleship?

(Mat 16:24) Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

(2Co 5:17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

(Eph 4:11-13) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

(Eph 4:14) That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

II. Discipleship is the Biblical Method

A. Discipleship is a Transfer

- Biblical discipleship is NOT the transfer of biblical knowledge from one individual to another, But it is the transfer of spiritual maturity from one believer to another
- One on One Discipleship is often referred to as Life on Life. It is the heart of one person ministering to the heart of someone else. It is reproducing yourself in another Christian, ideally in a Christ-like way.

(Act 11:26) And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

(1Co 4:17) For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

B. Discipleship requires Time

(2Ti 2:2) And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

(2Ti 2:3) Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

C. Discipleship is Teaching

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(Pro 27:17) Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

D. Discipleship is Transparency

(2Ti 3:10-11) But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

(Eph 6:21) But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:

E. Discipleship requires Training

- EVERY MAN A MINISTER
- Churches that don't have biblical discipleship will result in the 80/20 rule or will default to all things landing on the pastor and staff

(Rom 16:21) Timotheus my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you.

(Pro 22:6) Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

- You have never disciple someone, till that someone, discipled someone else!

(2Ti 2:2) And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

(Php 4:9) Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

You retain:

10% of what you read

20% of what you hear

30% of what you see

50% of what you hear and see

70% of what you discuss

80% of what you personally experience

95% of what you teach

III. Discipleship is Biblical Multiplication

- Evangelism is the 1st step of the ministry that bring them to Salvation, which introduces them to Christ as Savior
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- Missions is the 3rd step of the ministry that bring them to a place of being Sent which introduces them to Christ as King

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A. The plan doesn't change no matter the dispensation

DISPENSATION OF INNOCENCE (Gen 1:28) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE (Gen 6:1) And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

DISPENSATION OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT (Gen 9:1) And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

DISPENSATION OF THE PATRIARCHS (Gen 13:16) And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

DISPENSATION OF THE LAW (Mal 2:15) And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

DISPENSATION OF GRACE (2Co 4:3-7) But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this

treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

B. The Church is commanded be about Kingdom living

Evangelism is the 1st step of the ministry that bring them to **Salvation**, which introduces them to Christ as Savior

Discipleship is the 2nd step of the ministry that bring them to **Sanctification** which introduces them to Christ as Lord

Missions is the 3rd step of the ministry that bring them to a place of being **Sent** which introduces them to Christ as King

(Luk 17:20-21) And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

(Joh 3:3) Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

(Gen 1:28) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, ...

(Gen 5:3) And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

(Joh 1:12) But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

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