

Functional Discipleship

Text Matthew 28:18-20

If people are not taught and brought into a r_____ with God and one another, at best, the church, Christianity becomes a casual option.

Often the person who is seemingly the least q_____ is the one whom God will use.

Everyone has a role to play in the Body of Christ. God has created in each person special, unique qualities that when illuminated under His light, fulfill a unique divine p_____.

F_____ discipleship requires that the church recognize a person's gifting and empowerment by God and cooperate with God to see it used in its service. Ref: 1st Cor. 12:12-13; Luke 1:28-30

Everyone has the potential to be a life coach in someone's life.

What really matters is being willing to use what God has gifted you with and life events you have experienced. You may be just the person that God uses to spark an interest in matters of faith in a friend or a neighbor.

We intentionally take normal relationships and make them p_____.

Intentional relationships lead to opportunities to disciple others.

Ministry is life and life is ministry.

Ministry streams from a life lived in Christian service and Christian brotherhood. Likewise, life flows from the source of life, Jesus Christ. Therefore, all we s_____ and d_____ must reflect the person and ministry of Jesus.

9 Baseline Elements of Discipleship.

Element #1 Passion

Element #2 Depth

Discipleship encourages people to dig deeper and go further to press in on the heart of God.

Element #3 Maturity Ref: 1st Corinthians 11:1

How we manage love, hate, affection, rejection, passion, and admiration shows who we really are.

Element #4 Practice

C_____ is as much a part of grace as love and mercy.

It's not that problems never occur in life, but how you handle them that matters.

Element #5 Process

The problem with growing up is the same as the problem as maturing in Christ: we think we see the finish line only to realize as we get closer it's another s_____ l_____. Therefore it's important to get planted and stay in the process.

Element #6 Interaction

People were created to interact with others. God is relational and He created us to be relational as well.

God is one, but He is also three persons existing in unique relationships with one another. We see from His example that relationships are vital to h_____ and g_____.

Element #7 Multifaceted Ref: Luke 2:17

Element #8 Lifelong

Relationships are developed here on earth and will continue in H_____.

As the church, we must do everything we can to connect people and help them develop stable, honorable lives---the kind of lives from which others draw joy and security.

Element #9 Christlikeness