

Discipling to the Inner Life

Lots of talk about fear... I fear succeeding in things that do not matter... (Tend to want to succeed at the easier things, comfortable things)

DL Moody. "It is better to train ten people than to do the work of ten people. But it is harder."...

Disciple-making is Hard... results are incredible

- The word disciple in the Bible comes from the Greek root word **matheo**.
 - From this root we get our English word math or mathematics.
 - **The Lord understood that the best mathematics for the church is DM.**

Topic: Growth on the inside? How grow people on the unseen inside?

- Inner pursuit of holiness...
- Good to be a temple of the Holy Spirit doing spiritual construction on a temple of the Holy Spirit...
- He is inside and He is in all... He is the Holy Spirit

Billy Graham - Every human being is under construction from conception to death. ...

God's choice is to use "Spiritual contractors" to guide the process... "tour guides" not travel agents

Assumptions:

- ❖ obedience based,
- ❖ life on life investment,
- ❖ micro groups,
- ❖ FAT disciples

Action Items:

1. Time (not a 6 week thing)
2. Tools (ABC's) most take time and can't be rushed
3. Twist (combo)

Tools:

- **Accountability**
- **Bible**
- **Curriculum**
- **Disciplines**
- **Example**
- **Friendship**
- **Gospel**
- **Holy Spirit**

Twist

- ❖ **Accountability + Bible** (Twist: **Shared Suffering** (reveals trustworthiness) / misery loves company and is grabbing for life buoy, Builds trust in grace and growth; Bible Memory, bullets in your clip, journal)
- ❖ **Curriculum + Disciplines** (Twist: **Mutual Ministry** (recycles pain) – Ordinances – recycling what you are being given, God will never do anything greater through you than what he is doing in you)
- ❖ **Example + Friendship** (Twist: **Life on Life** (Glass house becomes a greenhouse) and/or Common Hobby/Fun)
- ❖ **Gospel + Holy Spirit** (Twist: **Evangelistic Experience**, Mission Trips)

Closing: Marshall Swift's Discipling... Evangelistic Video, Sunday morning ministry, music with daughters

Two KEY VERSE... 1 Thess. 2:8 **Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.**

1 Corinthians 4:15-16, **“Ten thousand people may teach you about Christ, but I am your only father. You became my children when I told you about Christ Jesus, “Wherefore I beseech you, be followers (**mimetes, mim-ay-tace**’; an imitator) of me.”**