Attribute 4: Helping others grow spiritually through life-on-life discipleship

▸Scripture References

Matthew 28:19-20

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

Luke 6:40

The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

Colossians 1:28-29

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

A businessman, who I describe as a Marketplace Ambassador, reached out to me almost two decades ago during a very dark period in my life. The impact of his actions has been transformational. At a time when I trusted no one he took the time to build a relationship of trust based on genuine care. We began a process that I have come to know as life-on-life discipleship. During this process we used a study called Operation Timothy that planted a seed in my life that would change me for eternity. Simply put, this process led me to Christ and started me on my journey of spiritual growth.

During this remarkable journey:

- I experienced a surrendered life
- I learned to be led by the Holy Spirit
- I became committed to developing a biblical worldview which informs my values and governs my behavior.

Discipleship to Jesus Christ is a process that was born the moment Jesus selected His first followers. As He walked along the Sea of Galilee inviting men to "follow me and I will make you fishers of men," he was actively engaged in discipleship. They spent time together, laughed, cried, and learned timeless truths together from the ordinary occurrences of daily life as well as from instruction. They did life together.

Discipleship must have been extremely important to Jesus, because it was the last thing He discussed with his closest friends before He ascended into heaven. We call it the Great Commission. The heart of Matt. 28:18-20 is that we are to be in the process of making disciples wherever we are, whatever we do.

I have seen discipleship defined as the intentional process of teaching and encouraging a person to be an obedient, passionate, intimate, loving disciple of Christ. I've also heard it described as helping another grow spiritually in the context of relationship that leads to the discipleship of others. Both are true and God has given me the privilege of passing on to others what was passed on to me. And now, I am experiencing the joy of seeing them pass it on to others. We call it spiritual reproduction or multiplication.

Life-on-life discipleship is God's plan A for multiplying spiritual reproducers. There is no plan B.

WHAT IDEA(S) DID THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGHLIGHT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION?

READ: Matt 28:19-20: 2 Timothy 2:2; Eph4:11-12; Proverbs 27:17; Luke 6:40

WHICH VERSES DID THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGHLIGHT FOR FURTHER REFLECTION?

Group Exploration

THINK OF SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE WHO MODELS LIFE-ON-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP. WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?

DESCRIBE YOUR OWN PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN LIFE-ON-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP.

IF IT IS GOD'S PLAN AND CALL FOR ALL BELIEVERS TO BE MAKING DISCIPLES WHY DO YOU THINK THERE ARE SO FEW CHRISTIANS ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS? HOW CAN YOU HELP THEM OVERCOME BARRIERS?

Personal Application

WHAT WILL YOU DO STARTING TODAY TO HELP OTHERS GROW SPIRITUALLY THROUGH LIFE-ON-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP?

WHAT HELP OR ENCOURAGEMENT DO YOU NEED TO BE MEANINGFULLY ENGAGED? WHERE WILL YOU GET THAT HELP?

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