

Discipleship: A Prerequisite for True Unity

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Cute Kid Songs in Church

- ✿ *The Wiseman Built His House Upon a Rock*
- ✿ *This Little Light of Mine*
- ✿ *Deep and Wide*

11. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12. for the
equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the
edifying of the body of Christ, 13. till we all come to the
unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God,
to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature the fullness
of Christ; 14. that we should no longer be children, tossed
to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine,
by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful
plotting, 15. but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up
in all things into Him who is the head—Christ...

Ephesians 4:11-15 (NKJV)

What is Discipleship?

- ✦ *Notice “Discipline” comes from the same root word.*
- ✦ *“Christian” - 3 times in the NT; “Disciple” - 261 times
(What is the difference between the 2 terms?)*
- ✦ *What has worked in the past to make true disciples?
(Ex. - Sunday school)*
- ✦ *What has NOT worked so well? (Ex. - Shepherding)*

Why is Discipleship so important?

- ✦ *John 8:31-32 - “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*
- ✦ *No one is above falling!*
- ✦ *Discipleship combats the effects of “Cancel Culture” and “Progressive Christianity.”*
- ✦ *Very important for youth in a culture that is teaching them so many anti-Christ lies/propoganda*

“Progressive Christianity is an approach to the Christian faith that is influenced by post-liberalism and postmodernism... leans toward panentheism rather than supernatural theism; emphasizes the social/communal aspects of salvation instead of merely the personal; stresses social justice as integral to Christian discipleship; takes the Bible seriously but not necessarily literally, embracing a more interpretive, metaphorical understanding; emphasizes orthopraxy instead of orthodoxy (right actions over right beliefs); embraces reason...instead of blind allegiance to rigid doctrines and dogmas; does not consider homosexuality to be sinful; and does not claim that Christianity is the only valid or viable way to connect to God...” by Roger Wolsey in his book entitled *Kissing Fish: Christianity for People Who Don't Like Christianity*.

Beware!

“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables.” 2 Timothy 4:2-4 (NKJV)

*“Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.”
Matthew 24:11 (NKJV)*

How do we implement discipleship in the Church?

- ✿ *Bathe it in prayer.*
- ✿ *KNOW your people.*
- ✿ *Include others.*
- ✿ *Make sure YOU are mentored.*
- ✿ *Include mentor/discipleship program for the ministry team.*
- ✿ *Have a mentor program for people in the church/ministry that can be adapted according to where they are spiritually.*

Legacy Ministries Training Opportunities

- ✦ *Tuesday Trainings in person and on zoom at 7-8:30PM Eastern:*
 - ✦ *1st Tuesday - Inner Healing Prayer Training*
 - ✦ *2nd Tuesday - Kingdom Speakers*
 - ✦ *3rd Tuesday - Whole Life Today*
 - ✦ *4th Tuesday - Kingdom Speakers*

Mentor Me Moments

Mentees are prayerfully assigned a trained mentor to meet with once a week for 8 weeks. The sessions can be in person, on the phone, or on video conferencing according to the needs and schedules of the individuals. The 2 month program is designed to include opportunities to:

- 1. Get to know one another.*
- 2. Explore topics according to the needs of the mentee.*
- 3. Develop a deeper understanding of God's Word for both individuals.*
- 4. Encourage one another in the Christian Faith.*

Process Time!

- ✿ *What are you currently doing to implement discipleship in your church or ministry?*
- ✿ *What is lacking in equipping believers in your church or ministry?*
- ✿ *Take some time to pray about this and write down what God is stirring in your heart about developing discipleship in your personal faith walk and in the lives of the people whom you lead.*