

Five False Beliefs That Stop You from Being Fruitful

Jesus teaches that disciples will become like their teachers. They will change. Why aren't we seeing this in the church today? Carl Wilson contends that "the main cause of the church's failure is that she (unknowingly and unwittingly) has been trapped by certain historical developments and is no longer effectively building disciples as Jesus intended." This workshop will consider five beliefs that keep Christians from engaging in multiplying discipleship and suggest practical ways to have a more powerful impact on the world.

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1. Pastors are solely responsible for discipling their congregations by preaching and teaching God's Word.
2. Inviting people to worship services or outreach events is the best way to introduce them to Christ.
3. People grow best when they are offered a full range of programs for their spiritual growth and development.
4. Multiplying discipleship is labor-intensive and takes too long.
5. Jesus' method of ministry will not work in the modern world.