

## **Gospel-Shaped Plans**

There is a clear Bible picture of helping others develop in the calling and gifting that God has given them. We see it in the ministry of Jesus and the disciples, and Paul and his helpers. We need to see how we fit into this picture, both as someone who will benefit from mentoring, and a leader who is called to mentor others.

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### **Introduction**

#### **I. Luke 24 On the Road to Emmaus**

- A. Disciples walking away from Jerusalem – discouraged.
- B. Jesus begins by seeking information – but before long He is teaching.
- C. They invite Him to accept their hospitality.
- D. A flash of recognition, and He is gone. Verse 32

#### **II. Isaiah 6:1-3 Burning Hearts**

- A. Multiple winged seraphs - seraphim by definition - the burning ones
- B. Intimacy and Revelation

#### **III. What is the Problem?**

- A. What keeps believers from experiencing the burning heart in relationship to God?
- B. How is your spiritual life? What do we mean by that?
- C. Can we define precisely what our struggle is?
- D. Reason for repeated failure in spiritual formation

Quote: One writer has said: “People would not dream of tackling mathematics by starting to count on their fingers and toes or putting the science of physics together from their own observations.” Rather, we try to make our spiritual pilgrimage entirely on our own.

**IV. John 15:1-17 Vine and Branches**

- A. Abide/Remain used over and over.
- B. Ephesians 4:11-12 Prepare God's people for works of service.

**V. So How Do We Love, Disciple and Lead Others to Spiritual Maturity?**

- A. Ole-Magnus Olafsrud (past Norwegian National Director of Navigators) –  
“Along-sidering”
- B. Paul – I Thes. 2:7 mother (gentle, caring, sharing life, loving them,
  - V.11 father (encouraging, comforting and urging to live lives worthy of God, V.14 brother (imitators)
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- C. Paul – I Cor. 4:15-17 Not many fathers – so Paul sent Timothy – Paul doubled his influence

**VI. Primary and Essential – Bible Study**

- A. Most important – without it, there is no foundation.
- B. Is the person truly saved ? Ask questions about their conversion experience
- C. Three Step Method
- D. Other Types of Bible Study

**VII. Develop a Relationship That is Intimate**

- A. Listen empathetically.
- B. Conviction of Sin, authenticity from both mentor and mentee.
- C. No Question is Off the Table
- D. Confidentiality
- E. Encourage Trust

## **VIII. Know Your Resources**

- A. Return to Scripture for each situation.
- B. The Word of God and Wisdom
- C. Pray Together – Revisit at next meeting.

## **Conclusion**