

## **Key Principles for Disciple-Making in a Post-Pandemic World**

Disciple-making leaders face new realities because of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. How can we continue to produce resilient followers of Christ regardless of the circumstances? In this session, we will reflect on the marks that have been left and the lessons that have been learned in this difficult time and identify key principles for disciple-making in a post-pandemic world.

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### **I. The Need to Resource People Beyond the Room**

- A. Engaging beyond gatherings
- B. John 15:1-5 – teaching to abide
- C. Spoon-fed or learning to eat?
- D. Teaching or training?
- E. Preparing for difficulty

### **II. The Need to Change our Pace**

- A. Unsustainable activity?
- B. Enlisting or equipping?
- C. Matthew 11:28-30

### **III. The Need for Companions over Content**

- A. How can we re-develop community?
- B. Technology the servant of ecclesiology
- C. The necessity of relationship

### **IV. The Balance between the Core and the Fringe**

- A. *“Revivals burst from groups that are small in number but strong in God’s presence.”* Mark Sayers

B. Heating the core

C. *“Vital Christianity has been a thin stream that sometimes goes underground, only to emerge again to spread like a river that has been damned to form a reservoir that refreshes and transforms a culture for a generation.”* Richard F. Lovelace

## **V. The Need to Equip Every Disciple**

A. Ephesians 4:11-12

B. Centralised and controlled verses scattered and dispersed

C. Not enlisting but equipping

## **VI. The Nature of a Stronger Strain of Discipleship**

A. The conditions to develop resilience

B. Matthew 13:1-9

C. The seeds that grow have a disproportionate impact

### **Suggested Readings:**

[Deep Roots of Resilient Disciples, Rick Hill](#)

[Faith for Exiles Book & Resources](#)

[Beautiful Resistance, Jon Tyson](#)