**What is the Difference Between a Program vs.**

**a Relational Approach to Making Disciples?**

The church likes to do programs. Jesus grew disciples in a relational setting. Programs are easier. Programs are group methods of walking people through systems. Once the program is complete they give you a false sense of accomplishment. Relationships are about life investment in a few. They take longer. They are messier. But they actually provide the soil for the seed of transformation by God’s word through mutual interchange. They also have a much greater possibility of creating an organic network of reproduction. We will contrast programs with relationships and see what the relational approach to making disciples will include.

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1. **Introduction: How disciples are grown and shaped is not a mystery. Jesus modeled for us a relational approach, but the church has replaced it with a program mentality.**
2. **How we settled for a program approach to disciple making**
3. Pastors/Ministers do the ministry rather than equipping God’s people for ministry.

1. Programs are characterized by four qualities
2. Information based
3. One or a few preparing for the many
4. Synchronized for mass production
5. Content accountability
6. **Jesus’ Relational Approach**
7. Jesus’ Model: Chose Twelve to be in His inner circle (Luke 6:12-13)
8. He chose prayerfully.
9. He made his choice publicly.
10. What was Jesus attempting to accomplish by focusing on a few?
11. Internalization: Form His manner, method, and mission in them.
12. Multiplication: Expand his leadership base.
13. **The Distinctive Power of Personal Invitation**
14. **How do relationships differ from the program approach?**
15. Transformation vs. Information
16. Mutual Investment vs. One Preparing for the Many
17. Customization vs. Synchronization
18. Life-Change Accountability vs. Content Accountability
19. **An Environment for Relational Disciple Making: The Micro Group**

