

Multiplication: Creating a Culture of Discipleship

Your growth in a church plant depends on the core group of disciples committed to the vision. If you do not win people and start discipleship from the start, the church will stop growing. Our commandment is to make disciples – and disciples form communities and in the communities leaders are raised up. Great church-planting witness life-changing and healthy growth in their smallest unit: small groups or triads. Therefore; all involved in church planting need to reflect and work through how to live out biblical life of a disciple and create a culture of discipleship.

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I. Jesus model of training disciples

A. I will make you fishers of men

1. I will make you – Gods work in people
2. Transformation of identity – from fishermen to fishers of men

B. Discipling every nation on earth from scratch

1. The 3 – Naked accountability and training in private sharing
2. The 12 – Personal accountability and training in personal modeling
3. The 70 – Social accountability and training in teaching and commissioning
4. The multitudes - Training by proclamation and performance
5. Personal experiences from Russia

II. Practicing what you preach

A. Follow me, follow Christ

1. Importance of role models
2. Connecting people to Christ in you the hope of glory.
3. Opening up your life relationally in appropriate ways.

B. Following Christ together

1. Core beliefs – the core group leaders set the standard
2. Core values are not taught but practiced – people will do what you do, not what you say
3. Deciding on core practices in line with your vision

C. Accountability and discipleship

1. Its all about doing the right things and not doing the wrong things
2. The leader needs to be accountable to someone outside the team
3. Everybody needs to be accountable for their discipleship
4. Accountability according to commitment. Find your 3, 12 and 70 (and multitudes...)
5. Make accountability a part of your discipleship culture.

Recommended resources:

<http://www.cmaresources.org/files/LTGcard-RedSample2011.pdf> on Life Transformation groups

Neil Cole - Search and rescue: Becoming a disciple who makes a difference.

Joseph R. Myers – The search to belong: Rethinking Intimacy, Community and small groups
Alan Hirsch – Untamed: Reactivating a missional form of discipleship