

The PLAN: Moving Beyond Theory to Implementation

When Jesus trained the Twelve, he not only called and equipped them, but deployed them in His service to take the gospel to the world. In this session, we will discuss how to build high-impact Christians with a biblical worldview - how to equip individuals to be intentional disciples and authentically deployed into their spheres of influence to make disciples. In particular, we will examine how to select and disciple individuals within the business community who are capable of discipling others to the third and fourth generations. This session will be led by Atlanta businessman Bill Lohnes, who became a Christian in 2002, surrendered his life to Christ, and committed himself to biblical discipleship. After years of study and personal implementation, Bill has developed a network of hundreds of men who are now faithfully serving Christ and impacting their families, church, and community.

Bill Lohnes was raised in the Lutheran Church in the Midwestern area of the United States. In 1972 he married Paula, his college sweetheart, and they began a 30 year career in the Financial Services industry. In 1998, a series of events, including their daughter Holly's witness to them at the foot of their bed, led Bill and Paula to attend a Bible Study in a home. Four years later, after being faithfully mentored by a Christian discipler, John Musselman, Bill surrendered to Jesus as Savior and Lord. In 2002 Bill founded his own investment firm, which is now called Wise Path, LLC, and in 2004 forged the way for their ministry, Narrow Gate EFL, which is dedicated to Investing in Disciples and Equipping Disciple Makers.

Apprentice of Jesus “Leaving a Legacy”

Many who have attempted to implement Discipleship in their church or business have found it to be very complex. Others reduce Discipleship to a sequence of programs that only produce smart sinners. Although there are hundreds of ways to Disciple, there is only one process demonstrated by Jesus in His 3+ years of Ministry. Narrow Gate EFL has developed a very elaborate process that has the ability to equip “High Impact Christians with a Biblical Worldview, Reproducing to the Fourth Generation.” In this session we will provide an implementable strategy that can be Spirit Led, Grace Empowered, and Bring Glory to God.

I. Genesis 1 and 2

- Created in the Image of God

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Genesis 3 – Separation from God

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II. Jesus Had No Plan B

- Scripture
- Multiplication
- Jesus' Plan

III. They Knew What They Were Saying “Yes” To

IV. Jesus' Four-Fold Process

1. Bring Them In
2. Follow Me
3. Train for the Task
4. Send Them Out

V. Matthew 4:19 and II Timothy 3:16 – 17

VI. Four Phases of Discipleship

VII. Apprentice of Jesus

VIII. The Legacy

Suggested Readings:

The Biblical Principles of Discipleship
By Dr. Allan Coppedge

Master Plan of Evangelism
By Robert E. Coleman

Classic Discipleship
By John Musselman

Using the Bible in Groups
By Roberta Hestenes

Growing True Disciples
By George Barna

Follow the Master
By Michael Wilkins

The Invested Life
By Joel C. Rosenberg and Dr. T.E. Koshy