Lifelong Disciple-Making Principles

Over the course of time in ministry, experienced disciple-makers naturally develop a number of tools and principles for ministering effectively to others. In this short talk, Judy Streeter identifies the theological truths, pedagogical principles, and practical strategies that have been most essential to her as a lifelong disciple of Christ.

Judy Streeter and her husband Tom have worked to develop churches that emphasise worship, community, small groups, sound teaching, discipleship, and meaningful engagement with culture. Believing that evangelism and the strength of the church are only as effective as the disciple-making process, she has developed materials to facilitate women in properly nurturing growth in others. Her book, *Disciplemaking: Doing What Christ Commanded*, summarises her understanding and passion in this area. Music occupies a high place in Judy's life in the church and as a teacher and performer. Always ready to travel, she and Tom have led Reformation tours in Europe.

I. Life-on-Life Nurturing

- A. More than a program or a class
- B. Hospitality is key
- C. Participating in real life activities of group members

II. Balance Between Academic and Relational

- A. Organized diet of Theology and Bibliology
 - 1. Creeds
 - 2. Cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith

- 3. Church history
- 4. The Trinity
- 5. Creation and Salvation Mandates
- 6. Common Grace and Saving Grace

B. Relaxed Atmosphere

- 1. Informal conversation
- 2. Depart from routine occasionally
- 3. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Days

III. Equipping the Equippers

A. Eph. 4:11-13

- B. How do we know when someone is adequately equipped?
- C. II Tim. 2:2 principle

Suggested Reading List:

Worldly Saints by Leland Ryken Disciples Are Made Not Born by Walter Henrichsen Disciplemaking: Doing What Christ Commanded by Judy Streeter