

How Do We Help Believers Grow? Developing Mentoring Relationships

What does it look like to go beyond the programme and invest more relationally in the lives of individuals? This session will look at the impact of mentoring and how we can all personally invest in the lives of others. There will be a mix of big picture thinking and practical tips about how to make the most of this opportunity.

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I. Defining Mentoring

A. Walking closely with a less mature Christian by inviting them into our lives and investing in them through regular conversation, guided reading, and prayer

B. Sharing my personal experience

II. Fears, Myths, & Benefits

A. Fears:

1. Need to be a perfect role model
2. Not enough time
3. Not experienced enough

B. Myths:

1. Super-Christians only
2. Only those being mentored benefit
3. Have to share personal information

C. Benefits:

1. Flexible
2. Inter-generational
3. Intentional
4. Personal

III. Mentoring in the Bible

- A. Exodus 18 – Jethro and Moses (*“Moses listened to Jethro and did everything he said.”*)
- B. 2 Kings 2 – Elijah and Elisha
- C. Ruth 1 – Naomi and Ruth
- D. Esther 4 – Mordecai and Esther
- E. Mark 3:13-15 – Jesus investing in a few, being with them & sending them out
- F. 2 Timothy 2:2 – Paul and Timothy

IV. Practical Tips in Getting Started

- A. Identify & invite
- B. Regular routine
- C. Pursue relationship
- D. Choose content
- E. Set the bar high

F. Mix it up

G. Ask good questions

H. Get them to lead

Suggested Readings:

Proximity: www.presbyterianireland.org/proximity

Walk with Me: <https://www.walkwithmejourneys.org/>