

The Discipleship Ministry of the Midtown Baptist Temple - Principles and Goals -

I. Discipleship philosophy by way of principles.

Get this! A Successful Discipleship ministry is built on principles!

1. The Principle of “_____.”

Ultimately everything rises and falls on expectation!

If you have no expectation – you will see no results!

Disciples must have the proper expectation going into our “Directions” study.

The disciple must understand...

- ***That discipleship isn't a _____ . It is _____ ! So they must expect to give everything (their life) to the process!***

Christ Himself set expectations for discipleship. Luke 14:26-33

- ***That they are involved in Spiritual Warfare. So they must expect distractions and hurt.***
Eph 6:10-12

2. Discipleship is not a _____ or _____ but LIFE!

John 10:10b I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

- There is nothing special about our curriculum - all it is – is an organized approach to learning the Word of God! Directions is only ONE of the tools that you use to train up someone to love and follow the Lord. It is a vehicle to achieve the basic goals of discipleship.
- Therefore your goal is to reproduce your life in Christ in the life of your disciple!
- The inverse – If you don't have a walk with Christ – neither will your disciple!

The biblical principle is this! – Every tree _____ after it's own _____!

3. Discipleship is not a workbook of 18 lessons but _____!

- The key requirement! 1 Thess 2:7-13
 - If you do not have the love of Christ for your disciple, you will not invest of your very soul into their life... you will feel that you don't have time to spend with them.
 - You always have time, energy and money for the things that you love!
Love will give you strength to _____!

_____ of the Discipeler:

Key Discipeler Responsibilities

- **Be DEDICATED:** Make the disciple a priority. Have a consistent time & place for meeting
- **Be KNOWLEDGEABLE:** Know the Bible material in the lessons
- **Be RESPONSIBLE:** Make sure you are committed
- **Be PATIENT:** Expect growth, not perfection
- **Be FAITHFUL:** Live what you teach

a. **Go thru a _____ if at all possible unless providentially hindered (sickness or accidents)!**

Let your discipleship meetings be for discipleship.

Remember that discipleship is a commitment to the spiritual growth of another person's life.

Don't let your disciple flunk out because they could not spend time with you! Use the time to teach the material. Follow the given format!

b. **Build your social time together _____ of the discipleship time!**

c. **Your role isn't be _____.**

Keep accountability biblical.

Ex: Dating – you have no say outside the bible on that subject.

Warn them about distractions from the Lord – hold them accountable to live bible, but never usurp the Holy Spirit role of conviction and grief. Let Him do His job!

d. **As long as you see _____ – keep teaching them the bible!**

e. **Be _____ to the structure: give feed back at lesson's 9 and 18.**

f. **Exhibit _____ in your personal _____.**

Never ask the disciple to do something you are not willing to do yourself! Memorize the books of the bible / memory verses / home work, etc...

Keys to Success: We want you to commit to five things if you are going to teach.

1. _____—**be there for the disciple at the agreed time!**

2. _____—**seek to involve the disciple in the process.**

3. _____—**you do your homework too!**

Spend a good half-hour to an hour beforehand going over the doctrinal study, reviewing the homework you had them do, organizing your updates/reports, and deciding how you will lead the meeting.

4. _____—**teach the lessons.**

5. _____—**make sure you have committed your preparation to the Lord in prayer.**

If you did not prepare, praying will probably not do you any good, so don't misuse prayer to cover up for your own laziness and lack of care for the flock.

Key Disciple Responsibilities

- **Be consistent** – coming to church, coming to class, arriving for lessons.
- **Be dedicated** – utilizing memory verses; filling in the workbook each week.
- **Be accountable** – learn the lesson, make the application, and give your discipler the right to ask how you did so
- **Be diligent** – complete the 18 lessons

What Makes a Bad Meeting

1. When you are annoying (get a mint if you need it!)
2. When you let someone else "run the meeting" by monopolizing the time with their issues/problems.
3. When you are boring and speak in a monotone with no rapport or emotion.
4. When you do ALL the talking – get feedback and involvement.
5. When you are tied to the material, or only read the material.
6. When you look up every single verse in a tedious fashion.
7. When you don't add your own stuff to spice-up the material.

II. Philosophy of Four _____ in Discipleship

Turn to...

Eph 4: 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

You are to be a discipler with an agenda – it is given in vs 12- 17...

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

That's...

GOAL 1 – You are to establish the disciple in the _____.

Why?

- It gives them a _____ to live their life by.
- It gives them a the way to grow in Christ, serve Christ, and His church.
- It keeps them from the _____ of the world around them.

How?

First: Where are you? Are you FIRST established in the Word of God!?!

Remember: Every tree produces after it's kind!

In discipleship, the key to success is accountability!

When you meet, let the disciple know that you mean business!

Set expectations from the start! Make sure that they understand that this is a process that only succeeds as they follow in accountability!

- **Have them keep a _____.** *(it is a great D1 aid / tool!)*
 - Reading notes
 - Unanswered questions
 - Sunday services
 - D1 assignments, Memory verses, etc...
 - Prayer journal
- **Hold them accountable to _____ the Word on a daily basis.**
 - Memorize
 - Meditate, reflect, and analyze God's Word.

- **The disciple must get his absolute authority from the _____.**
- The Lord Jesus Christ established his word with his disciples.
John 14:15, 14:24, 15:3, 7, 14; John 17:6-8

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

That's...

GOAL 2 – You are to establish the disciple in the _____ of Believers.

Why?

- It gives them an _____ in the Body of Christ.
- It gives them a place to _____.

How?

First: Where are you with the Fellowship of believers? Are you a PART of the family of God?

Remember: Every tree produces after it's own kind!

- Set with them in church services.
 - Bring them with you to attend class and ministry functions with you!
 - Invite them to spend time with you and other friends outside of the church in social settings.
 - Introduce them to your pastor .
- The disciple must become more than just your _____... He must be your _____.
 - The Lord Jesus Christ established this principle with the twelve: John 13:34-35, 15:12-15

Eph 4:16a From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth,

GOAL 3 – You are to establish the disciple in the _____ of the _____ Church.

Why?

- It provides them with _____.
- It provides them a place to be equipped for ministry!

How?

FIRST: Are you submitted to the structure of the local church?

Remember: Every tree produces after it's own kind!

- Meet with them on a regular basis for teaching the D1 lessons.
 - Encourage them to obedience in baptism.
 - Encourage them to get involved in a ministry fellowship.
 - Have them participate with you in worship and praise!
 - Help them transition into an SOT group.
 - Teach them to tithe. Are they prioritizing the Lord in their resources?
- The disciple must have a _____ to work out God's plan for his life...God's ordained structure is the local church.
 - The Lord Jesus Christ established a body of people to function as ____: John 17:11, 17:18-26

Eph 4:16b according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

GOAL 4 – You are to establish the disciple in _____.

Why?

- It makes them effective.
- It will increase and edify this church body in the love of Christ!
- It includes them in our God given _____.
- It brings them to the place where they can _____ themselves.

HOW?

FIRST: Are you established in ministry?

Remember: Every tree produces after it's own kind!

- Show them how to do personal evangelism by example when you go out.
- Take them with you to a bible study.
- Give them responsibility in ministry activities.
- Encourage them to join SOT.

KEY: Are they growing in a way that will allow them to invest their life and the Word of God in the life of another? Continually invest in them on a level that will enable them to grow to the point that they are able to bring others into the family of God (bear fruit-evangelism) and help them to grow in Christ (fruit remains – discipleship)!

You can then know that you have been obedient to John 15:16!

- Your job is not complete until your disciple has begun an active _____ in the work of Jesus Christ.
- The Lord Jesus Christ produced men who were capable, functioning participants in ministry: John 14:12, 15:1-8, 15:16