

# SIX PRINCIPLES ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS FOR EVERY DISCIPLE

## Kingdom Training Class: Level 4

*Eph 5:2 ... walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

*Heb 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

*Psalm 133:1 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!*

*Eph 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

*Colossians 1:28 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.*

### Principle 5: THE APPLICATION: Discipling Relationships 1

What we've learned so far... there is a logical progression in the teaching...

1. Love like Jesus loved...that's our standard.
  2. Obedience to the one another commandments...absolute specifics.
  3. Understanding matters of faith and matters of opinion...so we can stay unified in the midst of our diversity.
  4. Spiritual conflict resolution...doing it God's way so nothing stops our love.
  5. NOW....a way to live out loving relationships that help both you and another to be all that God wants us to be....Discipling Relationships
- A. FIRST THINGS FIRST...Go To God our # 1 discipling partner (go to God in prayer / to God in his Word...then go to others.)
- **Matt 28:19-20**
  - Make disciples
  - Baptized *them* (those ready to be disciples...ready to make Jesus the Lord of their lives) for forgiveness of sin
  - Teach them to **obey** everything I have commanded...not just teach them everything...teach them to OBEY everything....obedience to the commands is the main issue
  - So every Christian must have Biblical Relationships to become more and more like Jesus
  - **Col 1:28-29**
  - It still starts with God...your ultimate discipler, trainer, teacher, coach, mentor
  - Relationships with humans not most important...never a replacement for God
  - **Luke 5:15-16** Jesus was busy...not too busy for God...we can't be too busy for God
  - BUT...relationships with God's people is part of God's plan for us to mature and to become everything God wants us to be...not the only way to mature but it is an absolute way we must implement to mature in Christ
- B. PEOPLE ARE PART OF GOD'S PLAN
- **2 Timothy 2:2**

- 'entrust' is a financial term
  - It means "to set something aside that is valuable"
  - PAUL → Timothy → Faithful Men → who teach others
  - It's a multiplying effect to help mature the most people possible
  - JESUS → John → Peter, James, John → the 12 → the 72 → the 500 → the multitudes
  - Different layers of relationships
  - Spent most of his time with the few so it could multiply to help the many
  - A concentration on a few is Jesus' plan for Christianity
  - 2 CONVICTIONS
    1. I need discipling in my life
    2. Everyone needs discipling in their lives
- ✓ **A Working Definition:** Friends learning by doing their Christianity together and by having ongoing conversations about their lives. They are guided by the application of God's Word to their lives with the expectation of obedience to God's Word in their lives. Ultimately, they are helping each other become more like Jesus.
- **Eph 4:11-16**

#### C. DISCIPLING TRUTHS

- ❖ Discipling reinforces the ministry of the word...those that are better at something can help others to make progress (marriage, family, purity, bible knowledge, helping the poor and needy, prayer, etc.)
- ❖ Discipling translates biblical truth into practical living...applying the Bible to life situations as they come up
- ❖ Discipling develops character qualities in the lives of Christians...character development involves doing and discipling is all about doing things together.
- ❖ Discipling is not limited...to a classroom, to a set time...can occur any time, any place
- ❖ Discipling is not structured...it's a way of life and a way of thinking
- ❖ Discipling is not a program...it's done in the context of relationships, not written lessons

#### D. CONCLUSION---HOW DO WE LEARN?

- Disciple—greek word is 'mathetes' meaning to learn or to receive instruction
- We are to be learners all our lives
- **Phil 4:9**
- **Proverbs 15:22-23**
- **Proverbs 18:17**
- **Proverbs 20:18**
- **Proverbs 27:17**

### Principle 4: THE APPLICATION: Discipling Relationships 1

*Next is the final lesson in KT this session: Discipling Relationships 2  
Will have for you a take home test*