Table Discussion Guide

Week 5 - Train

Discipleship Principle: Train - Making disciples of other

Scripture Focus: Mark 4:26-34; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 2 Timothy 3:10-11a

Discussion Opener
The practice for this past week was to start to identify your stage of discipleship/apprenticeship to Jesus. Where did you end up? Did you find time to journal your thoughts on this?

Discussion Questions

1. *Proximity*: In 1 Corinthians 11:1, Paul encourages the Corinthian Christians to imitate his walk with Jesus. He knew the Corinthian Christians needed examples, and he was willing to be such an example. He also knew that it was not "Paul" who was a worthy example, but "Paul the follower of Jesus" who was the example. This also sets a limit and a direction on the way we imitate others. "Just as I also imitate Christ" has the idea of "follow me as much as you see me following Jesus."

- How does this apply to how we view the people in our lives that we are learning from?
- How does this apply to our lives today when it comes to training others in the faith?
- Why is proximity so important when it comes to making disciples?

2. *Vulnerability*: In 2 Timothy 3:10-11a we see Paul reminding Timothy of the transparency in their relationship. It is assumed Timothy knew of all the good, bad, and in between of Paul's life.

- Why is transparency so important when it comes to training others in their discipleship to Jesus?
- How does this idea of being honest about your life and discipleship to Jesus challenge you personally?

Practice/Discipline For the Week: Proximity and Vulnerability. This week, think about who you can begin to bring into proximity to your life as you follow Jesus. Once you identify someone, make plans to make that happen. Get coffee with them. Invite them over for dinner. Find a way to connect with them. Ask them their story. And if given the opportunity, share your story with them. Find ways to be open and vulnerable with your life.

"Evangelism is telling people about God's grace, discipleship is helping them to walk in it."