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MAKING DISCIPLES A MENTOR – A REPRODUCING LIFE

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus... And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Tim 2:1,2

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matt. 28:19-20

Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. Therefore I urge you to imitate me. For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church. 1 Cor. 4: 15-17

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:11 HOW CAN WE DEVELOP AS A MENTOR?

1. BUILD STRONG FOUNDATIONS IN OTHERS

So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding. Hebrews 6:1-3

2. DEVELOP A 'LIFE TIME OF LEARNING' CULTURE IN OURSELVES.

grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18

3. DEVELOP A DISCIPLE MAKING WAY OF LIFE

Therefore go and make disciples... Matthew 28:19

WHAT CAN I DO TODAY

1. Invest ourselves in community life

You yourselves know how I lived among you... Acts 20:18

2. Have a next generation basis

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and *greater works than these will he do*, because I am going to the Father.

John 14:12

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Producing fruit seems to be very much a biblical principle... what fruit would you imaging pleases God?

2. Look again at the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:11), what is His identity, how is he validated and affirmed? What about us what is your identity, and how are you validated and affirmed?

3. Why do you think that it in the church today there are many lacking spiritual "fathering" and "mothering"? How does this dysfunction present itself?

4. Take a few minutes to explain what the writer of Hebrews describes as the basics, or spiritual milk. What is the meat of the faith?(Heb 6:1-3)

5. What are the different ways that we can mentor (reproduce spiritual life) others and be mentored ourselves? Who could you do "One 2 One" with?

6. Jesus vision for those coming after him was that they would do even greater things. He had releasing and empowering attitude towards the next generation. How can we mirror that as we get older rather than becoming the "Victor Meldrew" of the local church?