

Reproductive Disciple-making

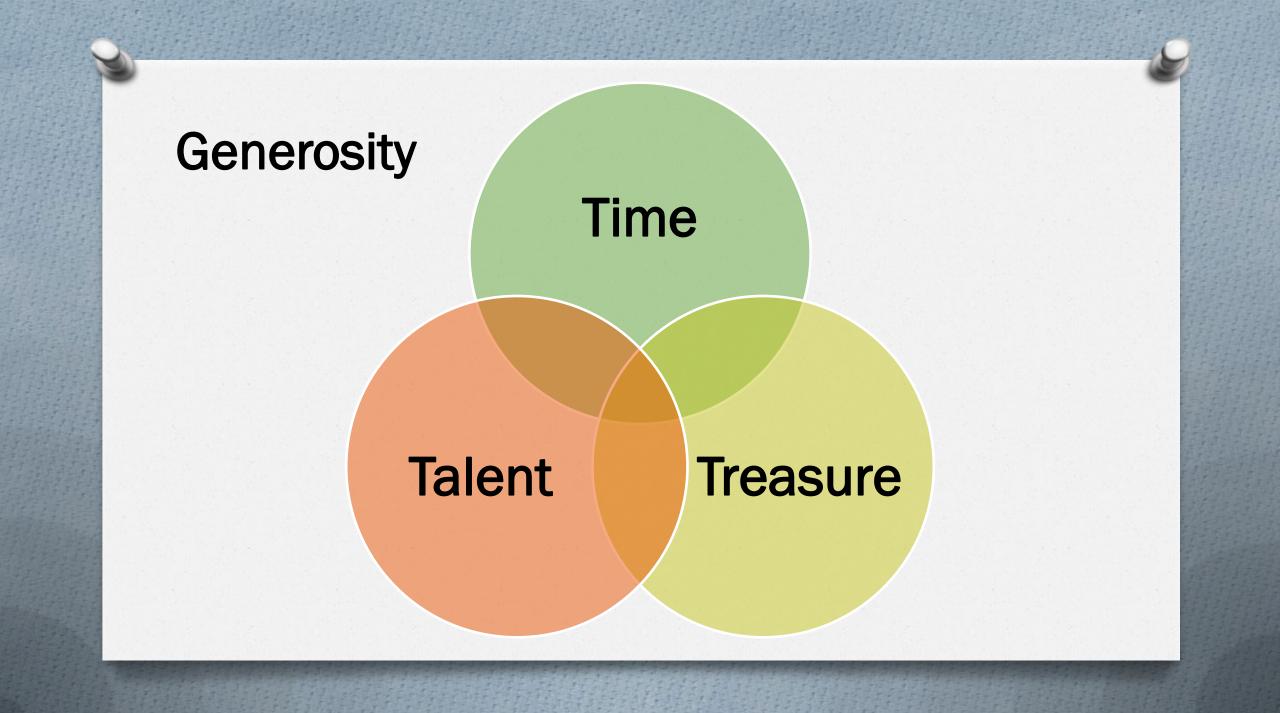
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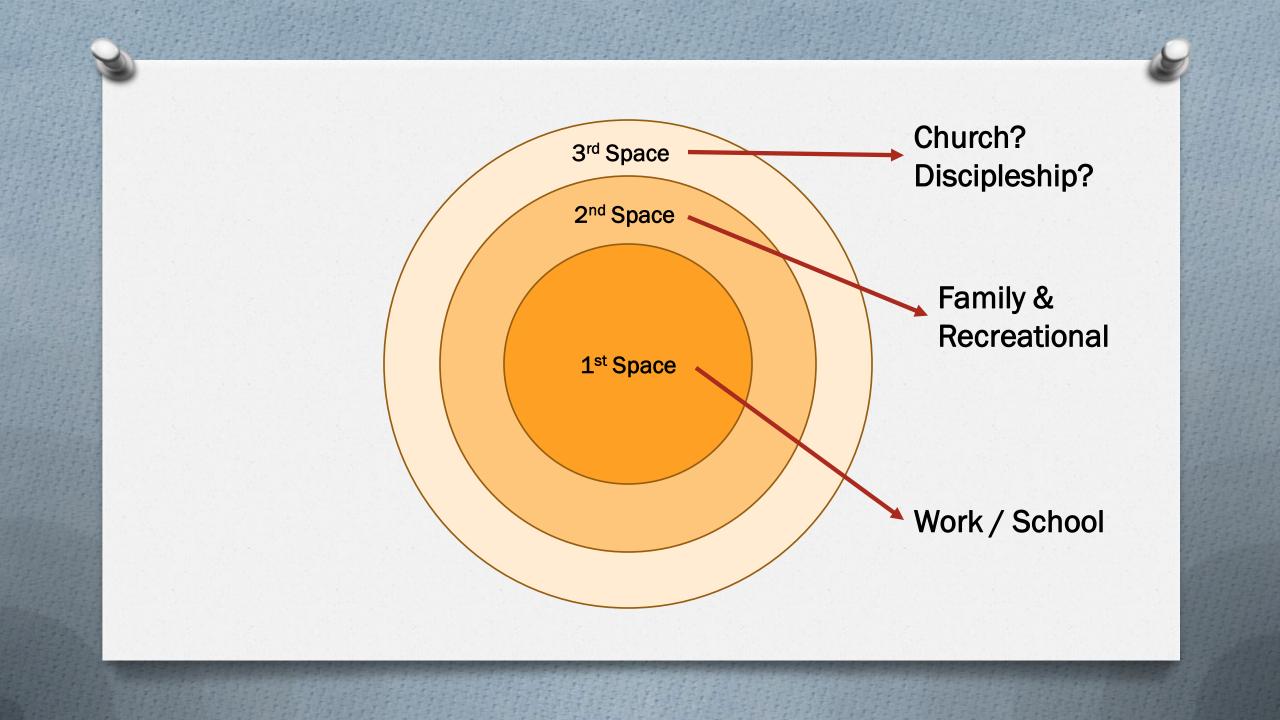


Discussion

What are your (personal) concerns about "disciple-making"?

If you could ask the most important question on "disciple-making", what would it be?





Reverse / back engineering

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Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Acts 2:41-47 NIV

Baptism (v41)

- Godly leaders / elders (v42)
- Devotion to the Bible (v42)
- Fellowship (v42)
- Breaking of bread (v42)
- Prayer (v42)
- Anointing of the Spirit (v43)
- Generosity (v44-45)
- Praise and worship (v46-47)
- Missional (v47)

Discovery Bible Study (DBS) process

Assumptions

- O God speaks and teaches through the Bible (John 6:44-45)
- The Bible is worth engaging (2 Timothy 3:16)
 The Bible is authoritative (2 Timothy 3:16)
 Self-discovery is a stickier method of learning

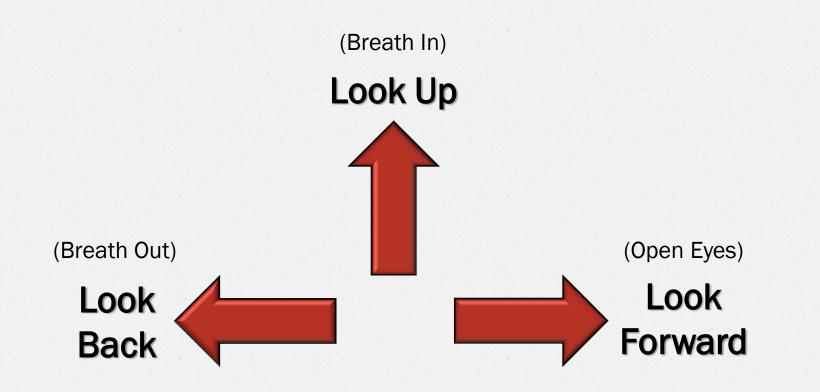
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- Ø Bible engagement is beneficial for the individual and group
- The participant is willing, i.e. good soil / person of peace (Matthew 13:1-23; Matthew 10:11-14)
- To love God is to obey Him, and to obey God is to love Him (John 14-15)

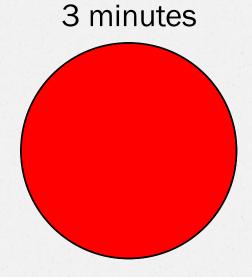
Assumptions

- You can disciple someone formally and informally (Matthew 28:18-20)
- The Great Commission is for all including ordinary Christians (Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelations 5:10)
- Disciples should reproduce disciples (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2)

Discovery Group

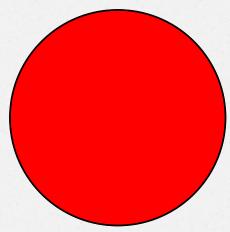


Ask: What are you thankful for? (Worship)



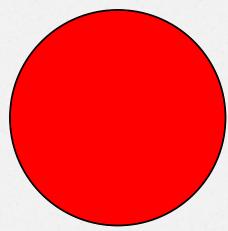
Ask: What are you concerned about and how can we as a group help you in this? (Prayer & Service)

3 minutes



Ask: What needs do your friends have, that we could help with or pray for? (Prayer, Service & Ministry)

3 minutes



- Ask: What did we learn the last time? (Accountability for learning)
- Ask: How did you do regarding what you wrote in the "I will" column? (Accountability for obedience)
- <u>Ask:</u> With whom and how did you share what you learnt the last time? (Accountability for evangelism and reproduction)

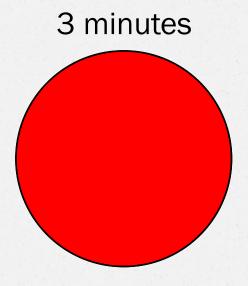
Look Up

- <u>Say:</u> Let's see what the Bible teaches us today. Read the Scripture (Matthew 9:35-38). Let's rewrite/retell this passage. (Scripture)
- Ask: Can someone retell the passage in your own words, as if you are telling a friend who isn't here? (Understanding Scripture, Accountability, Evangelism)
- Ask: Do you agree with this retelling? Is there something he added or left out that he shouldn't have? Where did you find it [what he said] in this passage? (Group correction)

Look Forward

 <u>Ask:</u> If we believe that this passage is from God, what "I will ..." decision will you make? (Obedience)

- <u>Ask:</u> With whom will you share what you learned? (Evangelism and Replication)
- <u>Ask:</u> When do you want to meet again?



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Other thoughts

Do your own individual Bible study

- Ø But don't dismiss group-based Bible engagement
- Read the passage in context, e.g. Creation to Christ, genre, book, chapter
- Ø Begin with a pre-believer's felt needs
- Obedience is most effective in accountability relationships
- Celebrate partial obedience
- Teach self-discovery process, not knowledge

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Next Steps

How can you apply the Discovery Group process in your personal / marketplace / ministry context?

Who can you share this with?