



Discipleship that Grows Me

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Follow up from last week:

What action step did you take from last week's *Worship that Reminds Me* message?

Bottom Line

Discipleship is a process. No stage is more important than another. The question we want to ask ourselves is: Where am I in this process?

Discipleship is the act of bringing people closer and closer to Christ.

Scripture

Ephesians 4, John 1:39, Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Timothy 2:2

Engage

If someone asked you to describe discipleship, what would you say?

What is your past experience with discipleship?

Read Ephesians 4:1-15

Of the qualities listed in verse 2, which did you demonstrate the best today? The worst?

What is God's purpose in giving gifts to His people? Why is it important that each part of "the body" does its work?

What does it mean to speak "the truth in love"? (v.15) How is this different than just speaking the truth?

According to this passage, what is the problem with trying to live the Christian life apart from the church? In what ways do you need others?

On a scale of 1 (apart) to 10 (together), how unified is your church? How are you doing at fulfilling your call to "keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace"? (v.3)

Are you living up to the calling that you have received? (v.1) Work? Home? Relationships? Why or Why not?

Are you more likely to "speak the truth" or "in love" try to keep the peace at any price? To achieve a balance, what do you need to learn?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

What are some legitimate hindrances to our task of making disciples? What are some practical ways that we can overcome these? How can we help each other?

Jesus maintained a very close group of disciples. How does this type of discipleship differ from our experiences?

How was Jesus intentional about beginning disciple-making relationships? What practical steps can we take to seek out someone to disciple and someone to disciple us?