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IS YOUR CHURCH MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES REAL LIFE DISCIPLESHIP EXPLAINS WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN IN THE LIFE OF EVERY CHRISTIAN AND IN EVERY SMALL GROUP SO THAT THE CHURCH BECOMES AN ARMY OF BELIEVERS DEDICATED TO SEEING THE WORLD SAVED WITH THE OVERRIDING GOAL TO TRAIN DISCIPLES WHO KNOW HOW TO MAKE MORE DISCIPLES THIS BOOK OFFERS STRATEGIES TO DISCIPLE MINISTRIES ONE OF AMERICA S FASTEST GROWING CHURCHES IN THIS BOOK YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO CREATE CHURCHES THAT SUCCEED AND GROW HOW TO INTENTIONALLY DISCIPLE BELIEVERS IN EVERY STAGE OF THEIR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT HOW TO FIND AND DEVELOP LEADERS IN YOUR CHURCH THIS BOOK ALSO CONTAINS THESE HELPFUL FEATURES A SUMMARY AND PROFILE OF EACH STAGE OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR DISCIPLE MAKERS SPIRITUAL FRUITS A PRESENTATION OF THE GOSPEL DISCOVER WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT TRUE AND EFFECTIVE DISCIPLESHIP WITH THESE STRATEGIES AND PRACTICES IN THIS GREAT CHURCH RESOURCE WE GROW IN CHRIST AS WE SEEK HIM TOGETHER JESUS OWN PATTERN OF DISCIPLE MAKING WAS TO BE INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH OTHERS AND ALLOW LIFE TO RUB AGAINST LIFE BY GATHERING IN TWOS OR THREES TO STUDY THE BIBLE AND ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER WE MOST CLOSELY FOLLOW JESUS EXAMPLE WITH THE TWELVE DISCIPLES THIS WORKBOOK BY GREG ODGEN IS A TOOL DESIGNED TO HELP YOU FOLLOW THIS PATTERN JESUS DREW FOR US WORKING THROUGH IT WILL DEEPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN TEACHING AND STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH EACH WEEK CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS A CORE TRUTH PRESENTED IN A QUESTION AND ANSWER FORMAT A MEMORY VERSE AND ACCOMPANYING STUDY A FIELD TESTED INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY A READING ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK QUESTIONS TO DRAW OUT KEY PRINCIPLES IN THE READING THIS MATERIAL IS DESIGNED FOR GROUPS OF THREE IT HAS ALSO BEEN USED SUCCESSFULLY AS AN INDIVIDUAL STUDY PROGRAM A ONE ON ONE DISCIPLE TOOL AND SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM THIS EXPANDED AND COMPLETELY UPDATED EDITION INCLUDES A NEW GUIDE FOR LEADERS JESUS HAD A BIG ENOUGH VISION TO THINK SMALL FOCUSING ON A FEW DID NOT LIMIT HIS INFLUENCE RATHER IT EXPANDED IT DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS IS DESIGNED TO HELP US INFLUENCE OTHERS AS JESUS DID BY INVESTING IN A FEW IN ORDER TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS ONE MUST KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE AND THEN BECOME A DISCIPLE FIRST THIS PROJECT WITH FOCUS ON DEVELOPING BOTH THE PICTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP AND THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A DISCIPLE MAKER FOR MEMBERS OF LIFE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF VALPARAISO INDIANA THE PICTURE OF CHRIST FOLLOWING DISCIPLESHIP IN THIS PROJECT IS CALLED A GARDEN WALK THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A CHRIST FOLLOWER AND MAKING MORE DISCIPLES IS CALLED THE PATH OF LIFE THE PROJECT WILL DEVELOP BOTH THE PICTURE AND PROCESS WITH SCRIPTURES AS THE PRIMARY GUIDE WITH SCHOLARLY INTERACTION THROUGHOUT THE PREFACE PROVIDES THE LOCAL CONTEXTUAL CHALLENGES AND REASONS FOR THE PROJECT AND ITS APPROACH THE INTRODUCTION BROADENS THE SCOPE WORLDWIDE TO SHOW HOW DISCIPLEMAKING OF LIFE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST FOLLOWERS TO WALKING TOGETHER WITH GOD AND GO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS PART I INTRODUCES THE PICTURE OF WALKING TOGETHER WITH GOD AS A CHRIST FOLLOWER PART II OFFERS THE DISCIPLESHIP PATH TO USE IN HELPING A PERSON WALK TOGETHER WITH GOD AND BUILD NEW DISCIPLE MAKING DISCIPLES THE CONCLUSION OFFERS SOME FINAL THOUGHTS AND EARLY RESULTS OF COMMUNICATING THIS PICTURE AND IMPLEMENTING THIS PATH AT LIFE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF VALPARAISO INDIANA THIS PROJECT IS BEING DONE WITH A FOCUS ON EACH INDIVIDUAL PERSON THE PICTURE A GARDEN WALK IS INTENDED TO HELP A PERSON SEE THE IDEAL PICTURE OF WALKING TOGETHER WITH GOD THE PROCESS THE PATH OF LIFE IS WRITTEN TO HELP EACH PERSON ASSESS ONE S OWN POSITION ON THE PATH TO DECIDE ON NEXT STEPS THE PICTURE AND THE PATH ARE OFFERED WITH THE HOPE THAT DISCIPLE MAKERS WILL BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO WALK TOGETHER WITH GOD AND BUILD OTHERS UP INTO CHRIST WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH BUILDING YOUR LIFE ON THE BASIC TRUTHS OF CHRISTIANITY IS PACKED FULL OF BIBLE TRUTHS THAT WILL NOURISH NEWBORN AND MATURE CHRISTIANS ALIKE WELCOME A VICTORIOUS LIFE AS YOU READ THIS BOOK THE SECOND IN A TWO BOOK SERIES FILLED WITH WISDOM FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES AND KEEN INSIGHT BUILDING YOUR LIFE ON THE BASIC TRUTHS OF CHRISTIANITY HELPS YOU DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD LEARN HOW TO RELATE TO AND SERVE OTHERS IN THE CHURCH MANAGE MONEY PURPOSEFULLY REACH OUT TO OTHERS AS YOU BUILD ON THE FOUNDATION OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS WORD THE OUTLINE AND REFLECTION QUESTIONS PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR MORE IN DEPTH STUDY AND ENCOURAGE PERSONAL GROWTH THE FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS FROM THE WORD OF GOD ARE PRESENTED WITH MODERN DAY STORIES THAT HELP YOU EASILY UNDERSTAND THE BASICS OF CHRISTIANITY MOST OF THE STRUGGLES AND PROBLEMS CHRISTIANS FACE CAN BE CONQUERED BY KNOWING AND LIVING THE BASIC FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIANITY MAY HIS WORD BECOME LIFE TO YOU TODAY A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP PRESENTS PASSION FOR A GODLY WORLDVIEW SPIRITUAL DISCIPLESHIP MAKES A DISCIPLE TRUTH BIBLICAL ORTHODOXY AND MAKING DISCIPLES WITHIN OUR FAMILIES THE ONE BIG QUESTION HOW DO YOU DISCIPLE ANOTHER MAN IN THOUSANDS OF CHURCHES ACROSS THE WORLD KNOW THERE IS MORE TO FAITH THAN JUST ATTENDING CHURCH THEY KNOW THERE IS THE POTENTIAL TO WALK IN CHRIST S IMAGE LIVE IN CHRIST S IMAGE AND WORK TO SPREAD CHRIST S WORD BUT THE ONE BIG QUESTION THEY ARE ALL ASKING IS HOW THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS COMPELLING THEM TO SEEK THE ANSWER THIS BOOK IS THE GATEWAY TO ANSWERING THAT QUESTION THE AUTHORS SPENT YEARS STRUGGLING TO BUILD A LIFE OF MEANING BEFORE REALIZING THEIR DEPRAVITY AND ASKING THE QUESTIONS WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A GODLY MAN AND HOW CAN I BECOME ONE THE SPIRIT ANSWERED BY SENDING MEN INTO THEIR LIVES TO DISCIPLE THEM NOT WITH DISDAIN OR JUDGMENT BUT WITH THE SAME LEVEL OF ONE ON ONE DEDICATION CHRIST GAVE THEM ALONGSIDE THEM IN LIFE HELPING THEM TO DISCOVER WHAT THE SPIRIT MEANS THE PICTURE DISCIPLES HAVE OF JESUS THE BIBLICAL TRUTHS AND SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES IN A CHALLENGING WORLD FROM THEIR OWN PERSONAL JOURNEYS OUT OF THE ABYSSES THE AUTHORS HAVE WRITTEN THIS BOOK HERE YOU WILL LEARN TO BUILD A ONE ON ONE RELATIONSHIP CREATE A CULTURE OF MEN WHO SUPPORT EACH OTHER LOOK TO CHRIST AND FIND OTHER OBSTACLES ARE BLOCKING YOU TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE SEEING THE GOSPEL ADVANCE THROUGH THE DISCIPLING OF OTHER MEN REAL LIFE DISCIPLESHIP THE ORDINARY MAN S GUIDE TO DISCIPLES MAKING OFFERS A GATEWAY FROM CONFUSION TO CLARITY FROM STRUGGLE TO TRANSFORMATION OVER 100 000 SOLD REFORM THE WAY SMALL GROUPS MAKE DISCIPLES THIS COMPANION TRAINING MANUAL TO REAL LIFE DISCIPLESHIP PROVIDES UNIQUE GUIDANCE AND INSIGHT TO PASTORS CHURCH LEADERS AND THEIR DISCIPLES AS THEY WORK TO CREATE AN EFFECTIVE DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM WITH A THOROUGH RESULTS ORIENTED PROCESS THAT CAN BE APPLIED IN OTHER CONTEXTS AND CULTURES THIS MANUAL EXPLAINS THE NECESSARY COMPONENTS OF DISCIPLE MAKING SO THAT EVERY CHURCH MEMBER CAN PLAY A PART IN REACHING OTHERS FOR CHRIST A GREAT LEADER S RESOURCE IT SHOWS YOU HOW TO CULTIVATE NEW LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE AND EQUIP THEM TO MAKE DISCIPLES THIS MANUAL INCLUDES THESE INTEGRATIVE TOOLS AND ACTIVITIES AND QUESTIONS THAT TEACH AN EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN LIFE PRACTICE TO DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING ON HOW TO IDENTIFY RECRUIT AND DEVELOP GIFTED LEADERS USED WITHIN YOUR CHURCH FELLOWSHIP AN EXPLANATION OF THE ROLE OF PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS IN MAKING DISCIPLES PART OF FOLLOWING JESUS IS REACHING OUT TO OTHERS AND SHARING WHAT WE BELIEVE DEVELOP THE HEART OF A DISCIPLE MAKER IN THE MEMBERS OF YOUR SMALL GROUP AND HELP THEM FOLLOW GOD S CALL TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES FOR DECADES WORLDWIDE DISCIPLESHIP ASSOCIATION WDA FOCUSED ON DISCIPLING COLLEGE STUDENTS OUR STAFF POURED OUR LIVES INTO OTHERS TO HELP THEM APPLY BIBLICAL TRUTH WE RE GRATEFUL MOST OF OUR ALUMNI ARE WALKING WITH CHRIST AND PROVIDING SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN THEIR HOMES AND CHURCHES BUT AFTER GRADUATION THEY SHARE A COMMON LAMENT OUR LOCAL CHURCH DOESN T SEEM TO KNOW HOW TO HELP PEOPLE GROW TO MATURITY CAN YOU HELP WE BEGAN WITH A MATURITY PHILOSOPHY WE KNEW JESUS HAD A PLAN FOR BUILDING MATURE LEADERS HIS GREAT COMMISSION ASSUMED THIS PATTERN OF SOUND TEACHING 2 TIM 1 13 AND THE EARLY CHURCH EMPLOYED IT TO HELP PEOPLE GROW IN CHRIST LIKENS OF COURSE HIS PLAN WOULD APPLY TO THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH TOO USING JESUS APPROACH AS A TEMPLATE WE DESIGNED A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MATURITY IN THE CHURCH THAT INCLUDED A PROGRESSIVE INSTRUCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE FOR GROWTH BUILDING ON THIS PROCESS WE DEVELOPED FOUR ACTUAL PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT MATURITY THIS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED IN LOCAL CHURCHES THROUGH LAY LEADERS NEXT WE PRODUCED A CURRICULUM THAT PROVIDES THE CONTENT AND TRAINING NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS FINALLY WE BUILT PARTNERSHIP PROTOTYPES IN A FEW LOCAL CHURCHES THAT HAVE IMPLEMENTED OUR PROCESS THIS BOOK REPRESENTS AN EXPLANATION AND OVERVIEW OF WHAT WE VE LEARNED SO FAR WE VE REACHED A CRITICAL INTERSECTION CHRISTIANS NEED TO BE TRAINED TO THINK FEEL AND ACT LIKE JESUS LUKE 6 40 GOD COMMANDS THIS FOR THE GLORY OF HIS NAME IN ADDITION OUR CULTURE HAS A DESPERATE NEED FOR MATURE PEOPLE THIS PROJECT IS MUCH LARGER THAN OUR SMALL ORGANIZATION
IT WILL REQUIRE COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION AMONG ALL BELIEVERS ESPECIALLY CHRISTIAN LEADERS THE DECLINING WESTERN CHURCH NEEDS RESTORATION THE CHURCH IN OTHER NATIONS NEEDS TO BE BETTER EQUIPPED IF WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS AND FOLLOW CHRIST S COMMANDS WE MUST WORK TOGETHER WE KNOW MATURITY IS IMPORTANT BUT WE DON T ALWAYS UNDERSTAND THE BEST WAY TO HARNESS THE PROCESSES THAT PRODUCE IT IF YOU RE A CHURCH LEADER WHO FEELS THIS WAY YOU RE NOT ALONE IN THIS BOOK WE LL PRESENT PRACTICAL BIBLICAL APPROACHES FOR PRODUCING MATURE CHURCH GROWTH WE HOPE YOU LL GROW AND JOIN A MOVEMENT THAT LARGES OTHERS TO DO THE SAME EVERYBODY NEEDS TO LEARN IN LIFE THIS BOOK IS AIMED AT CHURCHES WHO REALIZE SOMETHING HAS GONE TERRIBLY WRONG IN THE WESTERN SOCIETIES THAT ONCEembraced biblical CHRISTIANITY THEY SENSE EVEN SUSPECT THAT UNDERLYING ISSUES EXIST WITHIN THE CHURCH THAT CONNECT TO THE CULTURAL DEClAY AND THE SHIFT OF WORLDVIEWS AND THEY RE RIGHT GOD HAS PLACED THE CHURCH ALONG WITH THE FAMILY AT THE CENTER OF THE MATURATION PROCESS BY STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH WE BOLSTER THE FAMILY AND IN TURN OUR SOCIETY HAVE YOU EVER WORRIED IF YOU COULD HELP ANOTHER PERSON BECOME A STRONGER MORE CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN AT SOME POINT IN YOUR OWN CHRISTIAN WALK YOU PROBABLY RECEIVED HELP GUIDANCE INSTRUCTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM ANOTHER BELIEVER IN ORDER TO SEEK CHRIST AND BECOME MORE LIKE HIM HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE FOR THOSE WHO INVESTED THEMSELVES IN US WE BELIEVE THAT YOU PERSONALLY CAN HELP SOMEONE ELSE UNDERSTAND AND LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST THE DISCIPLE LIFE IS WRITTEN TO HELP YOU INVEST YOUR LIFE IN ANOTHER PERSON WHO WANTS TO GROW AS A CHRISTIAN READ IT AND DISCOVER HOW GOD CAN USE YOU IN SOMEONE ELSE S LIFE IN THEIR JOURNEY TOWARD CHRISTLIKENESS IN TODAY S UNCERTAIN WORLD STORMS WILL ARISE THAT TEST YOUR FAITH IN A LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER AT TIMES THE WINDS AND WAVES OF THE WORLD S DECEPTIONS WILL ROLL IN AND SEEK TO ERODE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD WITHOUT A FIRM FOUNDATION IN THE TRUTH OF GOD S WORD YOU MAY BE TEMPTED TO GO OFF COURSE AND REGARDLESS OF THAT GOD S BEST FOR YOU HOWEVER WHEN YOU HEAR JESUS WORDS RECEIVE THEM AND PUT THEM INTO PRACTICE YOU WILL CONSTRUCT A LIFE THE LITORTIONS CANNOT SHAME BECAUSE IT WAS WELL BUILT LUXE 48 THE PURPLE BOOK WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS THAT GOD WANTS YOU TO HEAR ON TOPICS SUCH AS SIN SALVATION SPIRITUAL GIFTS PRAYER WORSHIP GENEROSITY AND EVANGELISM IT WILL SHOW YOU HOW THE BIBLE IS GOD BREATHED AND IS USEFUL FOR TEACHING RETHINKING AND TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS 2 TIMOTHY 3 16 IT WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE FAITH YOU HOLD HAS TRUE POWER TO CHANGE LIVES AND TRANSFORM NATIONS IT WILL GIVE YOU A SOLID FOUNDATION THE ENEMY CANNOT DISMANTLE AND A HEART SHAPED BY KNOWLEDGE OF GOD S WORD D360 NINE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WHOLE LIFE DISCIPLESHIP IS DESIGNED AS A BIBLE STUDY RESOURCE FOR PASTORS MINISTRY LEADERS AND TEACHERS TO USE IN HELPING YOUNG ADULT CHRISTIANS RESPOND TO JESUS GREAT COMMISSION MATTHEW 28 19 20 AND DEVELOP AS FULL ON WHOLE LIFE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST AUTHOR GREG KOENIG KEEPS WHAT HE CALLS CHURCHY LANGUAGE TO A MINIMUM AND CONTENT CAN BE READ AT A FAIRLY BRISK PACE PLENTY OF BIBLICAL CITATIONS ARE INCLUDED FOR READERS WHO ENJOY STOPPING FROM TIME TO TIME TO STUDY EXCHANGE IDEAS OR REFLECT EACH CHAPTER OF D360 CONVERSATION FEATURES A COMPREHENSIVE SECTION TITLED WITH IT AND A FAITH IN ACTION SECTION TITLED GO AND DO ALTHOUGH D360 S DESIGN AND STRUCTURE ARE FINE TUNED FOR USE IN A DISCIPLESHIP RELATIONSHIP IT CAN ALSO SERVE AS A POWERFUL TOOL FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DESIRES TO GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL IN HIS OR HER DEVELOPMENT AS A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST CONVERSATION I E CHAPTER TITLES IN D360 INCLUDE IN THE IMAGE DISCIPLESHIP A LIFE OF RESPONSE TO THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN LEARNING UNDERSTANDING GOD S WORD COMMUNITY GOD YOU AND OTHERS PRAYER YOUR DIRECT ACCESS TO THE GOD WHO LISTENS WORSHIP IT MIGHT NOT BE WHAT YOU THINK IT S MORE STEWARDSHIP IT S NOT ALL ABOUT MONEY DISCIPLE BUILDING AND WITNESS AND EVANGELISM AND WHAT IT ALL COULD LOOK LIKE LEADERS AND READERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION AT D360THEBLOG OR STARTING OVER IS WRITTEN FOR THE PERSON WHO DESIRES TO BUILD A NEW LIFE A BETTER LIFE IF THE WAY YOU HAVE BEEN LIVING IS NOT WORKING YOU VE PICKED UP THE RIGHT BOOK IN THESE PAGES YOU WILL FIND A LIFE PLAN THAT IS TRIED AND TESTED COUNTLESS LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED BY APPLYING ITS PRINCIPLES A NEW TYPE OF LIFE IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU TOO STARTING OVER IS ALSO A RESOURCE FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS BUILD A NEW LIFE IT WILL HELP TO EQUIP YOU AS A MENTOR OR DISCIPLE MAKER TO ADDRESS THE MOST COMMON STUMBLING BLOCKS PEOPLE ENCOUNTER WHEN SEEKING GOD S CALLING AND PERSONAL LEADERSHIP AND PERSPECTIVES CONSIDERED D360 IS PRACTICAL AND PRISMATIC THIS BOOK CAN BE USED FOR INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP DISCIPLESHIP PICK UP MULTIPLE COPIES AND KEEP THEM ON HAND AS A GO TO RESOURCE THAT WAY WHEN GOD BRINGS PEOPLE ACROSS YOUR PATH YOU ARE EQUIPPED AND READY SOMETIMES GOING RADICAL MEANS GETTING TO THE ROOT OF THINGS IT MEANS PULLING SOMETHING UP BY THE ROOTS WHAT IS IT THAT IS KEEPING YOU FROM DOING WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO DO THERE ARE MANY BOOKS ABOUT HOW TO DO CHURCH RIGHT THERE ARE PROGRAMS FOR EVERY IMAGINABLE THING YOU MIGHT WANT TO IMPROVE IN YOUR CHURCH THERE ARE AT LEAST AS MANY MEASURES BY WHICH YOU CAN DETERMINE WHETHER YOUR CHURCH IS SUCCESSFUL DITCH THE BUILDING DITCHES THAT APPROACH AND ASKS YOU TO LOOK AT WHAT GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO AND HOW INGRAINED CHURCH STRUCTURES ARE KEEPING YOU FROM ACTUALLY FOLLOWING THAT CALL NICK MAY DON T CLAIM TO KNOW WHAT YOU RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING OR EVEN WHAT S STOPPING YOU WHAT HE DOES KNOW FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF GROWING UP IN CHURCH WORKING IN A MEGACHURCH AND THEN PASTORING A CHURCH PLANT IS THAT MANY OF YOU ARE PRECISELY AT THAT POINT YOU LIKELY HAVE AT LEAST THE GLIMMERING OF A VISION OF WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO WHEN IT COMES TIME TO START DOING IT HOWEVER YOU FIND YOURSELF IN A STRUGGLE BECAUSE YOU RE INGRAINED STRUGGLE TO LEAVE BEHIND WITH THIS BOOK YOU MAY BE ORDERED OF WORSHIP THEY MAY BE FOUND IN YOUR CHILDREN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WHERE YOU ARE IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE IDEAS TO PREPARE YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO LIVE IN THE 90S 1890S WE OFTEN HEAR THAT GOD HASN T CHANGED THIS IS SUPPOSED TO TELL US THAT WE DON T HAVE TO CHANGE EITHER BUT PEOPLE AND CULTURE DO CHANGE THE CHALLENGES CHANGE WE HAVE TO FIND GOD S WAY OF RESPONDING AND BUILDING GOD S PEOPLE IF YOU WANT TO LIVE OUT YOUR LIFE COMFORTABLY DON T BUY THIS BOOK IF YOU THINK THE CHURCH TODAY IS JUST FINE DON T BUY THIS BOOK BUT IF YOU HEAR THE CALL TO FOLLOW WHEREVER GOD LEADS NO MATTER HOW RADICAL THAT MAKES YOU SEEM THEN BUY AND READ THIS BOOK WE RE NOT TELLING YOU THAT THIS BOOK WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE WE RE HOPING THAT AFTER READING IT YOU WILL BE EMPOWERED TO LET GOD CHANGE YOUR LIFE YOUR MINISTRY YOUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD DISCIPLE BUILDING A BIBLICAL 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Discipleship defined for it is exactly the prescription that is needed for the church to regain much of our lost effectiveness. Discipleship is actually happening as he builds biblical disciples in the context of the inner city. This book is soundly biblical, challenging, and practical. Eric Spence and Trevor Joy seek to show why community is central to the Christian life and how to practice it in the 21st century church. Whether you are a pastor or a volunteer leader, People of God aims to equip and encourage congregations as they build a culture of discipleship in the life of their church. The authors draw on experiences and learnings from their time leading two successful church plants in the inner city.

The most powerful asset a church has is its people. People of God is a challenge to the men and women of the church. It is a call to become a healthy disciple. This ten-week Bible study with discussion questions spells out the how of making disciples through an alongsider approach to life—helping people live for Christ in the here and now. All you have to do is live intentionally, love God, and journey alongside others. Life to discipleship can be intimidating. You might think that someone who makes disciples has to be a teacher, a missionary, or someone who is in the public eye. The authors show that anyone can be a disciple, including those who are not public figures. The key is to understand who God created us to be and to work towards that goal.

The Beatitudes in Matthew’s Gospel

The Beatitudes serve as an introduction to Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount and in doing so lay out Jesus’ agenda for his disciples. The Beatitudes are not a list of things that God requires of us, but rather a list of things that God desires for us. The Beatitudes are a call to live a life of holiness and to be set apart to God. The first gap is the gap between who we were and the person that God created us to be. The second gap is between us and those around us. The third gap is between us and God, and the fourth gap is between us and the world.

The Spirit of Holiness Becomes Part of Us

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The Ten Traits of a Healthy Disciple

The authors explore the ten traits of a healthy disciple. These traits are:

1. Passion for God
2. Love for People
3. Communication with God
4. Learning from God
5. Commitment to God
6. Servant Leadership
7. Teamwork
8. Prayer and Fasting
9. Discipleship
10. Multiplication

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Bookshelf Edition

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OF FOLLOWING JESUS JONATHAN DODSON LEAD PASTOR AUSTIN CITY LIFE AUSTIN TX ERIC HAS A HEALTHY OBSESSION ABOUT STRONG DISCIPLESHIP AND IT
SHOWS IN A GRACEFUL WAY IN THIS GUIDEBOOK FOR MUSCULAR COMMITMENT CAN YOU BE OBSESSED AND STILL HAVE A GRACIOUS SPIRIT ERIC DOES AND SO
DOES THIS BOOK KNOLEWS PRACTICAL ANSWERS TO THE BIBLICAL JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PROFESSIONAL MINISTERS IS TO EQUIP THE NON PROS FOR MINISTRY THEN GET OUT OF THEIR WAY 4 EMPOWER DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES JESUS EXPECTED ALL OF HIS ORIGINAL DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES HE EMPowered THEM KNOWING THEY WOULD MAKE MISTAKES BECAUSE JESUS EXPECTS ALL HIS DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES WE MUST NOT ONLY EQUIP THEM BUT WE MUST ALSO EMPOWER THEM JUST AS THE STRENGTH OF A FOUNDATION WILL DETERMINE THE MAGNITUDE OF WHAT CAN BE BUILT UPON IT THE DEPTH TO WHICH WE SOLIDIFY THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH DETERMINES THE SPIRITUAL STRENGTH OF OUR ENTIRE LIFE SOLID FOUNDATION AIDS AT STIMULATING GROWTH TOWARDS MATURITY IT IS WRITTEN FOR BOTH NEW BELOVERS AND MATURED BELOVERS WHO WANT TO STAND FIRM AND GROW STRONG IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE SOLID FOUNDATION HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN MY GROWTH AS A BELIEVER BECAUSE IT WAS AN EFFECTIVE TOOL IN HELPING ME BUILD THE LIFE THAT GOD HAS PURPOSED FOR ME JENNIFER MEYER VERY INSPIRING AND INSIGHTFUL A BOOK EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD HAVE ARNOLD HOW CAN AN ORDINARY CHURCH BUILD DISCIPLES WHO ARE THEIR WHOLE LIVES AS A GUIDE TO FOLLOWERS OF JESUS DISCIPLES WHOSE FAITH SHAPE THEIR ATTITUDES AS NEIGHBOURS COLLEAGUES AND FAMILY MEMBERS OUR TIME IN CHURCH NEEDS TO EXPAND THE LIFE OF THE BODY OF CHRIST IN OUR COMMUNITY \"IT IS A NARRATIVE STORY OF THE DISCIPLEMAKER HOPE AND SHAPES THE DEEPER RELATIONSHIPS IN OUR LIVES\" HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES \"THIS BOOK IS INTENDED TO HELP US DISCOVER THE PROCESS OF MAKE DISCIPLES IN A WAY THAT IS BOTH EFFECTIVE AND TIME EFFICIENT\" THE INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLEMAKER IS SOMETIMES OBSESSED WITH THE PROCESS OF DISCIPLESHIP AND THE UNDERSTANDING OF JESUS AS THE SHEPHERD LEADING HIS SHEEP THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN PASS TO THE Promised LAND \"THERE IS A MORE DIRECT WAY TO DISCIPLE OTHERS\" THE BIBLE GOD JESUS THE HOLY SPIRIT CREATION SALVATION SANCTIFICATION GOOD AND EVIL THE AFTERLIFE THE CHURCH THE SECOND COMING THIS BOOK WAS PUBLISHED IN 2005 AND HAS GONE ON TO BECOME A GLOBAL BESTSELLER BEFORE DETROIT MICHIGAN HE IS MARRIED TO SARA AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT DISCIPLESHIPDEFINED COM OR MACKAVE COM WELCOME TO THE BUILDING A DISCIPLES CULTURE GUIDE WE DESIGNED THIS GUIDE TO HELP YOU GRASP EXPLORE AND GO DEEPER WITH THE MAJOR CONCEPTS PRESENTED IN BUILDING A DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE THE BOOK WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN 2005 AND HAS GONE ON TO BECOME A GLOBAL BESTSELLER BEFORE DIVING IN WE FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND WHERE AND WHY THIS BOOK WAS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED IT CAME OUT OF FRUSTRATION AND PRESENTATION THAT ACOMPANIED TRYING TO DISCIPLE PEOPLE WHO HAD LITTLE OR NO EDUCATION PEOPLE WHO WOULD TRADITIONALLY NEVER OPEN A BOOK AND READ IT THE FOLLOWING LIFESHAPES WERE DESIGNED TO HELP THOSE WHO HAD THE LEAST ACCESS TO TRAINING YET WANTED TO GROW IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF JESUS AND THE BIBLE THE SIMPLICITY OF THE SHAPES ALLOWED FOR EASY UNDERSTANDING THE LIFESHAPES PREVENTED THE OVERWHELM AND INTIMIDATION THAT CAN ACCOMPANY TEXT CENTRIC METHODS THEY COULD BE SHARED ON A NAPKIN OVER COFFEE OR A BROWN BAG OVER LUNCH IN THIS GUIDE WE HAVE APTED TO MAKE IT AGAIN ACCESSIBLE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD IT CAN BE USED BY ANYONE ANYWHERE AND AT ANY STAGE IN THEIR JOURNEY OF FAITH WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL FIND MANY USES FOR THIS GUIDE SO THAT EVERY DISCIPLE CAN BE EQUIPPED IN BUILDING A DISCIPLES CULTURE IN THEIR HOMES WORKPLACES SCHOOL AND COFFEE SHOPS THIS GUIDE DOES NOT GO THROUGH BUILDING A DISCIPLES CULTURE EXHAUSTIVELY BUT SERVES AS A INTRODUCTION THROUGH THE KEY LIFESHAPES THE MATRIX INVITATION CHALLENGE THE CIRCLE LEARNING FROM LIFE THE TRIANGLE DEEPER RELATIONSHIPS THE SEMI CIRCLE A BALANCED LIFE THE SQUARE MULTIPLYING LIFE THE PENTAGON PERSONAL CALLING THE HEXAGON DEEPER PRAYER.
LEADER BESTSELLING AUTHOR PETER SCAZZERO SHOWS LEADERS HOW TO DEVELOP A DEEP INNER LIFE WITH CHRIST EXAMINING ITS PROFOUND IMPLICATIONS FOR SURVIVING STRESS PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING BUILDING TEAMS CREATING HEALTHY CULTURE INFLUENCING OTHERS AND MUCH MORE THE EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY LEADER CONTAINS CONCISE ASSESSMENTS FOR LEADERS AND TEAMS TO MEASURE THEIR LEADERSHIP HEALTH PRACTICAL PROVEN STRATEGIES THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED OVER A 28 YEAR PERIOD SPENT BOTH IN THE LOCAL CHURCH AND IN EQUIPPING LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD HELPFUL APPLICATIONS OF HOW TO FACE YOUR SHADOW LEAD OUT OF YOUR MARRIAGE OR SINGLETENESS SLOW DOWN AND EMBRACE ENDINGS FOR NEW BEGINNINGS GOING BEYOND SIMPLY OFFERING A QUICK FIX OR NEW TECHNIQUE THE EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY LEADER GETS TO THE CORE BEHIND THE SURFACE ISSUES OF UNIQUELY CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP THIS BOOK IS MORE THAN JUST A BOOK YOU WILL READ IT IS A RESOURCE YOU WILL COME BACK TO OVER AND OVER AGAIN THIS BOOK THE WAY OF LIFE BEING THE FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES HAS AS ITS THEME THE WAY INTO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE THE WAY INTO JESUS CHRIST THE WAY INTO GOD THE WAY OF LIFE IT IS WRITTEN SPECIALY TO HELP YOU TO FIND THE LORD JESUS GIVE YOURSELF TO HIM AND THEN YOU WILL TRULY BEGIN TO LIVE AS YOU BEGIN TO READ WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRESS ON RIGHT TO THE END AND ALSO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS AT THE END OF EACH CHAPTER OUR PRAYER IS THAT BY THE TIME YOU FINISH READING IT YOU WILL HAVE ENTERED INTO A LIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS AND THEN YOU TOO CAN SAY JESUS IS MY SAVIOUR MAY GOD BLESS YOU VERY RICHLY WELCOME TO TENACIOUS DISCIPLESHIP WEBSTER S DICTIONARY DEFINES TENACIOUS AS SOMETHING THAT IS NOT EASILY STOPPED OR PULLED APART ONE WHO IS TENACIOUS IS FIRM AND STRONG AND PERSISTENT THEY CLING TO THEIR PURPOSE WITH STRONG RESOLVE THE TENACIOUS PERSON IS FOCUSED STEADFAST AND HIGHLY DETERMINED A DISCIPLE OF JESUS IS TENACIOUS JESUS EMPowers HIS DISCIPLES TO BE TENACIOUS IN MAKING DISCIPLES A DISCIPLE IS A LEARNER AN OBEdIENT FOLLOWER OF JESUS A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO REMAINS IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY IS TO HELP YOU BECOME A TENACIOUS DISCIPLE A FAITH FILLED ABIDING PERSISTENT AND OBEdIENT FOLLOWER OF JESUS WHO WILL MAKE TENACIOUS DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO MAKES DISCIPLES AND THESE DISCIPLES MAKE MORE DISCIPLES 2 TIMOTHY 2 17 THIS IS OUR MISSION THIS IS WHAT WE DO TENACIOUS DISCIPLESHIP IS THE PROCESS OF MAKING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WHO ABIDE GROW IN GOD S WORD OVERCOME SIN PERSEVERE THROUGH DIFFICULTIES AND STAY ON MISSION WITH JESUS WE WILL APPLY A SIMPLE MODEL BASED ON THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE PETER TO ACCOMPLISH OUR DIVINE PURPOSE AND HIGH CALLING CONNECT KNOW EQUIP AND GO YOU THEN MY CHILD BE STRENGTHENED BY THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS AND WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WITNESSES ENTRUST TO FAITHFUL MEN WHO WILL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO SHARE IN SUFFERING AS A GOOD SOLDIER OF CHRIST JESUS NO SOLDIER GETS ENTANGLED IN CIVILIAN PURSUITS SINCE HIS AIM IS TO PLEASE THE ONE WHO ENLISTED HIM AN ATHLETE IS NOT CROWNED UNLESS HE COMPETES ACCORDING TO THE RULES IT IS THE HARD WORKING FARMER WHO OUGHT TO HAVE THE FIRST SHARE OF THE CROPS THINK ON WHAT I SAY FOR THE LORD WILL GIVE YOU UNDERSTANDING IN EVERYTHING 2 TIMOTHY 2 17 WE WILL EXpLORE THE WAY PETER S LIFE CORRESPONDS WITH THE MARKS OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY IT CONSISTS OF FOUR DISTINCT AND PROGRESSIVE PHASES NEW RELATIONSHIPS IS THE FIrST HERE IS WHERE PEOPLE BEGIN TO CONNECT WITH GOD AND WITH HIS PEOPLE THOSE IN THIS GROUP ARE CALLED OBSERVERS OUR GOD IS A RELATIONAL GOD HE LIVES IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SON AND HOLY SPIRIT GOD WANTS A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS CREATION SECONd WE HAVE A NEW IDENTITY THIS IS WHERE WE BEGIN TO KNOW CHRIST AND IDENTIFY WITH HIS CHURCH THIS GROUP IS REFERRED TO AS PARTICIPANTS OUR SECond AIM IS TO HELP YOU DISCOVER AND KNOW HOW GOD HAS WIRED US IN CHRIST WE HOPE YOU WILL EMBRACE HOW GOD CONTINUES TO UNIQUELY EQUIP YOU TO SERVE HIM THIRD A NEW PURPOSE THIS PHASE IS MARKED BY A DESIRE TO EQUIP YOURSELF AND EQUIP OTHERS IN GOD S WORD THOSE IN THIS GROUP ARE CALLED OWNERS OUR THIRD AIM IS TO SERVE AS A TOOL TO EQUIP YOU FOR THE WORK GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO THIS MEANS INCREASING YOUR KNOWLEDGE UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION OF GOD S WORD FOURTH A NEW MISSION THIS IS WHERE WE GO AND REPRODUCE OUR LIVES THROUGH MAKING DISCIPLES EVERYWHERE MATTHEW 28 18 20 THOSE IN THIS GROUP ARE IDENTIFIED BY THE WORD STEADFAST THEY ARE RESILIENT AND FOCUSED ON BUILDING GOD S KINGDOM OUR FOURTH AIM INVOLVES CHALLENGING YOU TO TAKE GREATER STEPS OF FAITH TO FOLLOW GOD WHEREVER HE LEADS YOU NEXT GOD WANTS YOU TO GO THEN JESUS CAME TO THEM AND SAID ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME THEREFORE 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 AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE MATTHEW 28 18 20 NIV
REAL-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP 2019-01-15

WE GROW IN CHRIST AS WE SEEK HIM TOGETHER JESUS OWN PATTERN OF DISCIPLE MAKING WAS TO BE INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH OTHERS AND ALLOW LIFE TO RUB AGAINST LIFE BY GATHERING IN TUOS OR THREES TO STUDY THE BIBLE AND ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER WE MOST CLOSELY FOLLOW JESUS EXAMPLE WITH THE TWELVE DISCIPLES THIS WORKBOOK BY GREG ODGEN IS A TOOL DESIGNED TO HELP YOU FOLLOW THIS PATTERN JESUS DREW FOR US WORKING THROUGH IT WILL DEEPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN TEACHING AND STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH EACH WEEK CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS A CORE TRUTH PRESENTED IN A QUESTION AND ANSWER FORMAT A MEMORY VERSE AND ACCOMPANYING STUDY A FIELD TESTED INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY A READING ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK QUESTIONS TO DRAW OUT KEY PRINCIPLES IN THE READING THIS MATERIAL IS DESIGNED FOR GROUPS OF THREE IT HAS ALSO BEEN USED SUCCESSFULLY AS AN INDIVIDUAL STUDY PROGRAM A ONE ON ONE DISCIPLING TOOL AND SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM THIS EXPANDED AND COMPLETELY UPDATED EDITION INCLUDES A NEW GUIDE FOR LEADERS JESUS HAD A BIG ENOUGH VISION TO THINK SMALL FOCUSING ON A FEW DID NOT LIMIT HIS INFLUENCE RATHER IT EXPANDED IT DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS IS DESIGNED TO HELP US INFLUENCE OTHERS AS JESUS DID BY INVESTING IN A FEW

THE PATH OF LIFE 2020

IN ORDER TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS ONE MUST KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE AND THEN BECOME A DISCIPLE FIRST THIS PROJECT WITH FOCUS ON DEVELOPING BOTH THE PICTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP AND THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A DISCIPLE MAKER FOR MEMBERS OF LIFE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF VALPARAISO INDIANA THE PICTURE OF CHRIST FOLLOWING DISCIPLESHIP IN THIS PROJECT IS CALLED A GARDEN WALK THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A CHRIST FOLLOWER AND MAKING MORE DISCIPLES IS CALLED THE PATH OF LIFE THE PROJECT WILL DEVELOP BOTH THE PICTURE AND PROCESS WITH SCRIPTURES AS THE PRIMARY GUIDE WITH SCHOLARLY INTERACTION THROUGHOUT THE PREFACE PROVIDES THE LOCAL CONTEXTUAL CHALLENGES AND REASONS FOR THE PROJECT AND ITS APPROACH THE INTRODUCTION BROADENS THE SCOPE WORLDWIDE TO SHOW HOW FOLLOWING THE PATH OF LIFE TOWARD A GARDEN WALK CAN BE HELPFUL TO ANY CHRIST FOLLOWER WHO WANTS TO WALK TOGETHER WITH GOD AND GO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS PART I INTRODUCES THE PICTURE OF WALKING TOGETHER WITH GOD AS A CHRIST FOLLOWER PART II OFFERS THE DISCIPLESHIP PATH TO USE IN HELPING A PERSON WALK TOGETHER WITH GOD AND BUILD NEW DISCIPLE MAKING DISCIPLES THE CONCLUSION OFFERS SOME FINAL THOUGHTS AND EARLY RESULTS OF COMMUNICATING THIS PICTURE AND IMPLEMENTING THIS PATH AT LIFE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF VALPARAISO INDIANA THIS PROJECT IS BEING DONE WITH A FOCUS ON EACH INDIVIDUAL PERSON THE PICTURE A GARDEN WALK IS INTENDED TO HELP A PERSON SEE THE IDEAL PICTURE OF WALKING TOGETHER WITH GOD THE PROCESS THE PATH OF LIFE IS WRITTEN TO HELP EACH PERSON ASSESS ONE S OWN POSITION ON THE PATH TO DECIDE ON NEXT STEPS THE PICTURE AND THE PATH ARE OFFERED WITH THE HOPE THAT DISCIPLE MAKERS WILL BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO WALK TOGETHER WITH GOD AND BUILD OTHERS UP INTO CHRIST WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

BUILDING YOUR LIFE ON THE BASIC TRUTHS OF CHRISTIANITY 2011-07-28

BUILDING YOUR LIFE ON THE BASIC TRUTHS OF CHRISTIANITY IS PACKED FULL OF BIBLE TRUTHS THAT WILL NOURISH NEWBORN AND MATURE CHRISTIANS ALIKE WELCOME A VICTORIOUS LIFE AS YOU READ THIS BOOK THE SECOND IN A TWO BOOK SERIES FILLED WITH WISDOM FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES AND KEEN INSIGHT BUILDING YOUR LIFE ON THE BASIC TRUTHS OF CHRISTIANITY HELPS YOU DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD LEARN HOW TO RELATE TO AND SERVE OTHERS IN THE CHURCH MANAGE MONEY PURPOSEFULLY REACH OUT TO OTHERS AS YOU BUILD ON THE FOUNDATION OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS WORD THE OUTLINE AND REFLECTION QUESTIONS PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR MORE IN DEPTH STUDY AND ENCOURAGE PERSONAL GROWTH THE FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS FROM THE WORD OF GOD ARE PRESENTED WITH MODERN DAY STORIES THAT HELP YOU EASILY UNDERSTAND THE BASICS OF CHRISTIANITY MOST OF THE STRUGGLES AND PROBLEMS CHRISTIANS FACE CAN BE CONQUERED BY KNOWING AND LIVING THE BASIC FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIANITY MAY HIS WORD BECOME LIFE TO YOU TODAY

A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP 2015

A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP PRESENTS PASSION FOR A GODLY WORLDVIEW SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES TRUTH BIBLICAL ORTHODOXY AND MAKING DISCIPLES WITHIN OUR FAMILIES

REAL-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP 2019-07-27

THE ONE BIG QUESTION HOW DO YOU DISCIPLE ANOTHER MAN MEN IN THOUSANDS OF CHURCHES ACROSS THE WORLD KNOW THERE IS MORE TO FAITH THAN JUST ATTENDING CHURCH THEY KNOW THERE IS THE POTENTIAL TO WALK IN CHRIST S IMAGE LIVE IN CHRIST S IMAGE AND WORK TO SPREAD CHRIST S WORD BUT THE ONE BIG QUESTION THEY ARE ALL ASKING IS HOW IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD COMPELLING THEM TO SEEK THE ANSWER THIS BOOK IS THE GATEWAY TO ANSWERING THAT QUESTION THE AUTHORS SPENT YEARS STRUGGLING TO BUILD A LIFE OF MEANING BEFORE REALIZING THEIR DEPRAVITY AND ASKING THE QUESTIONS WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A GODLY MAN AND HOW CAN I BECOME ONE THE SPIRIT ANSWERED BY SENDING MEN INTO THEIR LIVES TO DISCIPLE THEM NOT WITH DISDAIN OR JUDGMENT BUT WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION A GOSPEL CENTERED FOCUS THESE MEN WALKED ALONGSIDE THEM IN THE MESSINESS OF LIFE HELPING THEM TO APPLY BIBLICAL TRUTHS AND SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES IN A CHALLENGING WORLD FROM THEIR OWN PERSONAL JOURNEYS OUT OF THE ABYSS THE AUTHORS HAVE WRITTEN THIS BOOK HERE YOU WILL LEARN TO BUILD A ONE ON ONE RELATIONSHIP CREATE A CULTURE OF MEN WHO SUPPORT EACH OTHER TO LOOK AT CHRIST AND FIND WHAT OBSTACLES ARE BLOCKING YOU TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE SEEING THE GOSPEL ADVANCE THROUGH THE DISCIPLING OF OTHER MEN REAL LIFE DISCIPLESHIP THE ORDINARY MAN S GUIDE TO DISCIPLE MAKING OFFERS A GATEWAY FROM CONFUSION TO CLARITY FROM STRUGGLE TO TRANSFORMATION
Maturity Matters: The Priority and Process for Disciple Building in the Church
2014-02-20

For decades worldwide discipleship association WDA focused on discipling college students our staff poured our lives into others to help them apply biblical truth we're grateful most of our alumni are walking with Christ and providing spiritual leadership in their homes and churches but after graduation they share a common lament our local church doesn't seem to know how to help people grow to maturity can you help we began with a maturity philosophy we knew Jesus had a plan for building mature leaders his great commission assumed this pattern of sound teaching 2 Tim 1.13 and the early church employed it to help people grow in Christ likeness of course his plan would apply to the contemporary church too using Jesus approach as a template we designed a process for producing maturity in the church that included a progressive intentional architecture for growth building on this process we developed practical programs to support maturity these can be implemented in local churches through lay leaders next we produced a progressive curriculum that provides the content and training needed to support the programs finally we built partnership prototypes in a few local churches that have implemented our process this book represents an explanation and overview of what we've learned so far we've reached a critical intersection Christians need to be trained to think and act like Jesus Luke 6:40 God commands this for the glory of his name in addition our culture has a desperate need for mature people this project is much larger than our small organization it will require collaboration and cooperation among all believers especially Christian leaders the declining Western church needs restoration the church in other nations needs to be better equipped if we hope to achieve these goals and follow Christ's commands we must work together we know maturity is important but we don't always understand the best way to harness the processes that produce it if you're a church leader who feels this way you're not alone in this book we'll present practical biblical approaches for producing maturity as you read and study this material you hope you'll grow and join a movement that urges others to do the same everybody needs to grow and mature but this book is aimed at Christians who realize something has gone terribly wrong in the Western societies that once embraced biblical Christianity they sense even suspect that underlying issues exist within the church that connect to the cultural decay and the shift of worldviews and they're right God has placed the church along with the family at the center of the maturation process by strengthening the church we bolster the family and in turn our society

The "Disciple Investing" Life 2017-01-24

Have you ever wondered if you could help another person become a stronger more consistent Christian at some point in your own Christian walk you probably received help, guidance, instruction and encouragement from another believer in order to seek Christ and become more like him how grateful we are for those who invested themselves in us I believe that you personally can help someone else understand and live out his faith in Christ the disciple investing life is written to help you invest your life in another person who wants to grow as a Christian read it and discover how God can use you in someone else's life in their journey toward Christ likeness

The Purple Book, Updated Edition 2017-08-15

In today's uncertain world storms will arise that test your confidence in God without a firm foundation in the truth of God's word you may be tempted to go off course and accept less than God's best for you however when you hear Jesus words receive them and put them into practice you will construct a life the torrents cannot shake because it was well built like 6:48 The Purple book will help you understand foundational truths that God wants you to hear on topics such as sin salvation spiritual gifts prayer worship generosity and evangelism it will show you how the Bible is God breathed and is useful for teaching rebuking correcting and training in righteousness 2 Timothy 3:16 it will help you understand that the faith you hold has true power to change lives and transform nations it will give you a solid foundation the enemy cannot dismantle and a heart shaped by knowledge of God's word

D360 2016-04-11

D360 Nine conversations about whole life discipleship is designed as a Bible study resource for pastors ministry leaders teachers and mentors to use in helping young adult Christians respond to Jesus great commission Matthew 28:1820 and develop as full on whole life Disciples of Jesus Christ author Greg Koenig keeps what he calls Church language to a minimum and content can be read at a fairly brisk pace plenty of biblical citations are included for readers who enjoy stopping from time to time to study exchange ideas or reflect each chapter of D360 nine conversations about whole life discipleship is structured as a conversation and features a comprehensive section titled deal with it and a faith in action section titled go and do although D360's design and structure are fine tuned for use in a discipling relationship it can also serve as a powerful tool for an individual who desires to go to the next level in his or her development as a disciple of Christ conversation 1 chapter titles in D360 include in the image Discipleship is a life of response to the work of the Holy Spirit Christian learning understanding God's Word community God you and others prayer direct access to the God who listens worship it might not be what you think it's more stewardship it's not all about money Disciple building and witness and evangelism and what it all could look like leaders and readers are invited to join the conversation at D360TheBlog.org
Starting Over 2018-09-24

STARTING OVER IS WRITTEN FOR THE PERSON WHO DESIRES TO BUILD A NEW LIFE A BETTER LIFE IF THE WAY YOU HAVE BEEN LIVING IS NOT WORKING YOU VE PICKED UP THE RIGHT BOOK IN THESE PAGES YOU WILL FIND A LIFE PLAN THAT IS TRIED AND TESTED COUNTERET LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED BY APPLYING ITS PRINCIPLES A NEW TYPE OF LIFE IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU TOO STARTING OVER IS ALSO A RESOURCE FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS BUILD A NEW LIFE IT WILL HELP TO EQUIP YOU AS A MENTOR OR DISCIPLE MAKER TO ADDRESS THE MOST COMMON STUMBLING BLOCKS PEOPLE ENCOUNTER THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS AND JOURNALING ASSIGNMENTS ARE INCLUDED TO PROMOTE DISCUSSION AND PERSONAL APPLICATION THIS BOOK CAN BE USED FOR INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP DISCIPLESHIP PICK UP MULTIPLE COPIES AND KEEP THEM ON HAND AS A GO TO RESOURCE THAT WAY WHEN GOD BRINGS HURTING PEOPLE ACROSS YOUR PATH YOU ARE EQUIPPED AND READY

Ditch the Building 2019-05-13

SOMETIMES GOING RADICAL MEANS GETTING TO THE ROOT SOMETIMES IT MEANS PULLING SOMETHING UP BY THE ROOTS WHAT IS IT THAT IS KEEPING YOU FROM DOING WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO DO THERE ARE MANY BOOKS ABOUT HOW TO DO CHURCH RIGHT THERE ARE PROGRAMS FOR EVERY IMAGINABLE THING YOU MIGHT WANT TO IMPROVE IN YOUR CHURCH THERE ARE AT LEAST AS MANY MEASURES BY WHICH YOU CAN DETERMINE WHETHER YOUR CHURCH IS SUCCESSFUL DITCH THE BUILDING DITCHES THAT APPROACH AND ASKS YOU TO LOOK AT WHAT GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO AND HOW INGRAINED CHURCH STRUCTURES ARE KEEPING YOU FROM ACTUALLY FOLLOWING THAT CALL NICK MAY DOESN'T CLAIM TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING OR EVEN WHAT'S STOPPING YOU WHAT HE DOES KNOW COMES FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF GROWING UP IN CHURCH WORKING IN A MEGACHURCH AND THEN PASTORING A CHURCH PLANT IS THAT MANY OF YOU ARE PRECISELY AT THAT POINT YOU LIKELY HAVE AT LEAST THE GLIMMERING OF A VISION OF WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO WHEN IT COMES TIME TO START DOING IT HOWEVER YOU FIND THINGS IN YOUR WAY IT MAY BE THINGS IN YOUR OWN LIFE OR THINGS IN YOUR CHURCH INGRAINED STRUCTURES MAY BE YOUR PHYSICAL BUILDING THEY MAY BE YOUR ORDER OF WORSHIP THEY MAY BE FOUND IN YOUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WHERE YOU ARE IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE IDEAS TO PREPARE YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO LIVE IN THE 90S 1890S WE OFTEN HEAR THAT GOD HASN'T CHANGED THIS IS SUPPOSED TO TELL US THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE EITHER BUT PEOPLE AND CULTURE DO CHANGE THE CHALLENGES CHANGE WE HAVE TO FIND GOD'S WAY OF RESPONDING AND BUILDING GOD S PEOPLE IF YOU WANT TO LIVE OUT YOUR LIFE COMFORTABLY DON T BUY THIS BOOK IF YOU THINK THE CHURCH TODAY IS JUST FINE DON T BUY THIS BOOK BUT IF YOU HEAR THE CALL TO FOLLOW WHEREVER GOD LEADS NO MATTER HOW RADICAL THAT MAKES IT THEN BUY AND READ THIS BOOK WE'RE NOT TELLING YOU THAT THIS BOOK WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE WE'RE HOPING THAT AFTER READING IT YOU WILL BE EMPOWERED TO LET GOD CHANGE YOUR LIFE YOUR MINISTRY YOUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD


DISCIPLE BUILDING A BIBLICAL FRAMEWORK PROVIDES A BIBLICAL STRATEGY FOR HELPING CHRISTIANS GROW TO MATURITY MATURITY IS DEFINED AS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONFORMED TO THE LIKENESS OF JESUS CHRIST MATURITY IS A PROCESS AND IT IS PROGRESSIVE AS PEOPLE OBEY THE TRUTHS OF SCRIPTURE THEY INCREASE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD AND HIS KINGDOM AS THIS OCCURS GOD GRADUALLY CHANGES THE BELIEVERS CONDUCT BELIEF SYSTEMS WORLDVIEW AND ULTIMATELY THEIR CHARACTER MATURITY ALSO PRODUCES AN INCREASED CAPACITY FOR DEEPENING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHERS WITH AGAPE SACRIFICIAL LOVE AS THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME THE PROCESS OF DISCIPLE BUILDING TEACHING BELIEVERS TO OBEY ALL THAT CHRIST COMMANDED IS CENTRAL TO HIS COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH AND THEREFORE A PRIORITY FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERS WORLDWIDE DISCIPLESHIP ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN PART OF A WORLDWIDE MOVEMENT OF BUILDING DISCIPLES FOR OVER 40 YEARS THIS BOOK WILL GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF OUR PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY AND PRACTICAL TOOLS TO BEGIN TO BUILD DISCIPLES WORLDWIDE DISCIPLESHIP ASSOCIATION INC DISCIPLEBUILDING.ORG

I’m Saved...What’s Next? 2016-09-29

IN I M SAVED WHAT S NEXT YOU LL DISCOVER THAT THE NEXT STEP IN SALVATION IS TO BUILD A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD YOU HAVE BEEN LIVING YOUR LIFE BY YOUR STANDARDS AND BY YOUR STRENGTH IT S TIME TO RELINQUI什 YOUR WAY OF DOING THINGS FOR HIS IT WORKS IN THESE LAST DAYS WE MUST DIFFERENTIATE OURSELVES BY OPERATING IN TRUE LOVE JESUS SAID THAT PEOPLE WILL KNOW THAT WE ARE HIS DISCIPLES BY OUR LOVE BY BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD YOU LL BE ABLE TO WALK OUT THE WORD IN YOUR LIFE WITH POWER HAVE JOY UNSPEAKABLE AND HAVE BETTER RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE AROUND YOU BRENDA ROBY GIVES YOU 10 KEYS TO BEGIN BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST THESE KEYS WILL REVOLUTIONIZE YOUR LIFE AS YOU SUBMIT TO HIM THE 10 KEYS THAT WILL ENABLE YOU TO SEE LIFE FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ARE LOVE GOD TRUST HIS PLAN AGREE WITH HIS WORD DEVOTE YOURSELF TO HIM SUBMIT TO THE MISSION HUMBLE YOURSELF ASK EVERYDAY MEDITATE AND APPLY THE WORD WALK BY THE SPIRIT BE PERSISTENT BY RECEIVING JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR AND LORD YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE ABILITY AND THE WHERewithAL TO TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE DAY BY DAY BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ALMIGHTY GOD ENHANCES THE WAY YOU TREAT OTHERS BY GIVING YOU MORE PATIENCE UNDERSTANDING AND COMPASSION THEREBY MAKING YOUR RELATIONSHIPS AND THE PEOPLE IN THEM BETTER YOU ARE NOW SAVED BEGIN BUILDING YOUR NEW LIFE TODAY

Missio Dei and the Means of Grace 2019-04-16


Being a Disciple of Messiah 2009

FROM THE BACK COVER DISCOVER THE REAL DISCIPLE IN YOU AS BELIEVERS IN MESSIAH WE ARE CALLED TO BE LIKE HIM TO PRACTICALLY AND ACTUALLY LIVE OUR LIVES LIKE THE MASTER BUT MANY TIMES IT IS A DAILY STRUGGLE FOR US TO WALK IN THE WAYS WE KNOW WE SHOULD GO BEING A DISCIPLE OF MESSIAH WILL HELP STRENGTHEN AND BUILD YOU UP FOR A GREATER MORE EFFECTIVE WALK IN YESHUA CHALLENGING AND INSPIRING YOU TO BECOME MORE LIKE THE MASTER EVERY DAY PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR A SOUL SEARCHING JOURNEY THAT WILL REVEAL WHO YOU TRULY ARE IN MESSIAH THAT YOU MAY KNOW THE ABUNDANCE AND JOY OF LIVING THE MESSIANIC LIFE TOPICS INCLUDE BEING A DISCIPLE COUNTING THE COST MAKING DISCIPLES LEADING A HOLY LIFE
How to Build a Life-Changing Men’s Ministry 2010-03-01

The past few years have brought a God-sent explosion of opportunities for men to grow spiritually. Large meetings, weekend retreats, urban and overseas mission projects lead men to want more. What can men in a local church or fellowship do week in and week out to “grow into what God wants them to be as one of only a handful of full time men’s pastors across the country?” Steve Sonderman is on the leading edge of local church ministry to men. How to build a life changing men’s ministry? Overview the nuts and bolts of putting together a men’s ministry that works. It provides both inspiration and expert guidance for men who want to bring the fire home.

Formation for Life 2013-08-16

From all corners of the world both inside cities and in the remote countryside the cry for just peace rings out loud and strong. But as many will note in this book, the cry for just peace isn’t enough. For just peace requires active faith. Working hands and willing hearts. Gathered in this volume are essays written from a wide variety of perspectives religious traditions, nationalities, and ages from a sixteen year old high school student to an eighty four year old senior professor that seek to offer insight toward answering one question: How are just peacemakers? Faith formation and discipleship connected within a twenty first century context?

Becoming a Healthy Disciple 2004-03-01

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Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple 2016-10-05

Ivp readers choice award what am I committing to? When I say I want to follow Jesus using the great commission to explore the mission to make disciples as well as the core characteristics that identify us as Jesus followers? This guide lays the foundation for a life in Christ following the popular and effective design of his curriculum, Discipleship Essentials. That sold over 250,000 copies. Greg Ogden has included the following elements in each of the eight sessions: a core truth, a Bible study, a reading, life application, whether you are mentoring one on one or in a small group, this essential guide will serve as an ideal on-ramp into the discipleship journey.

Becoming a Healthy Disciple 2013-07-30

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Life in Tension 2016-09-01

When we become a Christian, the Holy Spirit comes into our lives. The Spirit of holiness becomes part of us and we begin the journey of faith to be holy means to be set apart to be sacred. We take on a new identity in Christ. The invitation to be holy is an invitation to approach God and bear His image more clearly. The apostle Paul calls this process sanctification. Romans 6:19. As Christ’s Church, the called out ones, our sanctification process is a group activity. If we lived alone on a mountain top then our process of sanctification would be easier because we could simply choose to be obedient and follow Christ daily. But our mountain top experiences are necessarily short. We mostly live in the world. Where lifestyles differ success in sanctification creates a gap between ourselves and other people. Because biblical and worldly values differ our own sin inattention and other shortcomings likewise create gaps between us and God. And between us and ourselves in Christ, we can identify three related gaps. The first gap is the gap between who we were and the person that God created us to be. The second gap is between us and those around us. Sin separates us even from those closest to us. The third gap is between us and God in exploring the question of life in tension. I reflect on the Beatitudes in Matthew’s Gospel. The Beatitudes serve as an introduction to Jesus’s sermon on the mount. And in doing so lay out Jesus priorities in teaching his disciples because the sermon serves as a kind of ordination service for the apostles. The importance of the beatitudes for the early church. Christian spirituality and discipleship cannot be overstated. The core chapters in this text follow: divide into three parts. Tension with ourselves, tension with God, and tension with others. In my reflections, I have written four sections for each beatitude focusing on understanding what Jesus said. The old Testament context, applying the beatitude in a contemporary context.

Ways of the Alongside 2016-06-02

Disciple making can be intimidating. You might think that someone who makes disciples has to be a teacher, a missionary or someone who is seminary trained. Would it surprise you to know that disciple making is just a lifestyle in which you offer people love, comfort and...
The People of God 2014-05-01

The most powerful asset a church has is its people. People of God is a challenge to the men and women of the church. It is a challenge to believe what God says about His people. Still, it applies to the church today. It is a challenge not to settle for church as just a program. It is a challenge to return the ministry of God to the people of God. People of God lays out the theology and practice of community.

The authors Spence Shelton and Trevor Joy seek to show why community is central to the Christian life and how to practice it in the 21st century church. Whether you are a pastor or a volunteer leader, people of God aims to equip and encourage congregations as they build a culture of discipleship in the life of their church. The authors draw on experiences and learnings from their time leading two of the fastest growing congregations in America to give you principles that can apply in a church of 50 or 15,000.

Discipleship Defined 2010-11

Don't read this book if you want to remain comfortable. Eric challenges us to consider what biblical discipleship looks like based on what Jesus did. Eric writes this book with the integrity of a man who is not merely theorizing about the way things ought to be. Rather, he is describing what is actually happening as he builds biblical disciples in the context of the inner city. This book is soundly biblical, challenging, and practical. This book is about building disciples not programs. Roger Heesey Campus Crusade for Christ is a joy to highly commend to all discipleship defined for it is exactly the prescription that is needed for the church to regain much of our lost effectiveness.

Discipleship defined has carefully described yet without programming it into a rigid system how to go about this challenging task. Walter C. Kaiser Jr., President Emeritus Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Eric Russ gives us some very straight forward thinking about discipleship. A topic widely misunderstood and undervalued moving away from piety driven discipleship, Russ points us toward a holistic Christ centered way of following Jesus. Jonathan Dodson lead Pastor Austin City Life. Austin TX. Eric has a healthy obsession about strong discipleship, and it shows in a gracious way in this guidebook. For muscular commitment can you be obsessed and still have a gracious spirit? Eric does and so does this book. Knute Larson Senior Pastor the Chapel Akron OH 1983-2009. Eric is lead Pastor of Mack Avenue Community Church in Detroit Michigan. He is married to Sara and has four children for more information visit discipleshpdefined.com or mackave.com

Building A Discipling Culture Study Guide 2020-01-13

Welcome to the building a discipling culture study guide. We designed this guide to help you grasp explore and go deeper with the major concepts presented in building a discipling culture. The book was first published in 2005 and has gone on to become a global bestseller. Before diving in, we feel it's important to understand where and why this book was originally conceived. It came out of frustration and desperation that accompanied trying to disciple people who had little or no education. People who would traditionally never open a book and read it. The following lifeshapes were designed to help those who had the least access to training yet wanted to grow in their understanding of Jesus and the Bible. The simplicity of the shapes allowed for easy understanding. The lifeshapes prevented the overwhelm and intimidation that can accompany text-centric methods. They could be shared on a Napkin over coffee or a brown bag over lunch. In this guide, we have attempted to make it again accessible and straightforward it can be used by anyone anywhere and at any stage in their journey of faith. We pray that you will find many uses for this guide so that every disciple can be equipped in building a discipling culture in their homes, workplaces, school, and coffee shops. This guide does not go through building a discipling culture exhaustively, but serves as an introduction through the key lifeshapes. The matrix invitation challenge the circle learning from life the triangle deeper relationships. The semi circle a balanced life the square, multiplying life the pentagon personal calling the hexagon definitive prayer

WikiChurch 2011

Most Christians agree that discipleship is important. Even essential for Christian maturity. Few understand Biblical principles and even fewer apply a biblical process when it comes to discipling. Discipleship isn't complicated, but it can at times be difficult. The difficulty lies in applying the following four principles to your specific context. Simply put here's how anyone young or old male or female pastor or entrepreneur can make disciples. 1. Engage culture and community. When Jesus told his original twelve to go and make disciples, they did not interpret his command to mean find people who are already following me and help them become better followers. They interpreted his great commission to mean that they should go and find people who were not yet followers and help them know and follow Jesus. The starting line of the disciple making process must be evangelism. That engages both our community and culture. 2. Establish spiritual foundations. If we want our disciples to survive the storms of life, we must help them establish strong biblical foundations. 3. Equip believers to minister the biblical job description. For professional ministers, it is to equip the non-pros for ministry. Then get out of their way. 4. Empower disciples to make disciples. Jesus expected all of his original disciples to make disciples. He empowered them knowing they would make mistakes. Because Jesus expects all his disciples to make disciples, we must not only equip them but we must also empower them.

Solid Foundation 2013-09-17

Just as the strength of a foundation will determine the magnitude of what can be built upon it, the depth to which we solidify the foundations of our faith determines the spiritual strength of our entire life. Solid foundation aims at stimulating growth towards maturity. It is written for both new believers and matured believers who want to stand firm and grow strong in the Christian life. Solid foundation has been instrumental in my growth as a believer. It has been an effective tool in helping me build the life that God has purposed for me. Jennifer Meyer very inspiring and insightful. A book every Christian should have. Arnold
Imagine Church 2012-12-17

How can an ordinary church grow disciples who live their whole lives as followers of Jesus disciples whose faith shapes their attitudes as neighbours and family members in our time in church needs to equip us to be salt and light in our time out there drawn from the hard won lessons of the imagine project this book offers help and hope from churches which have begun to do just that lessons from three years work with pilot churches practical ideas for your church real life stories of churches and individuals it doesn t offer quick fixes there aren t any instead it offers new hope and little changes which change everything

The Heart of a Disciplemaker 2017-07-17

The church has done a good job teaching people how to share their faith but it hasn t done well at teaching them to share their lives there is no question Jesus commanded those who follow him to make disciples but what does that look like in everyday life while most believers are clear that the great commission found in Matthew 28 calls us to make disciples many simply don t know how investing in the lives of others who will in turn invest themselves in others is not difficult but it does require intentional building authentic relationships that leave a legacy of Christ long past our lives should be the goal of every believer to accomplish this we must answer the following questions: What do Gospel centered relationships look like what character qualities must we develop to deepen our walk with Christ and with others how can we develop a heart for making disciples in the heart of a disciplemaker Tim Lelieur provides practical answers to these questions and more drawing from the scripture and his own life as a disciplemaker Tim clarifies what a life lived for the glory of God looks like empowered by the Holy Spirit every disciple of Jesus can develop character qualities that will encourage others to follow Christ through meaningful dynamic Gospel centered relationships relationships that leave a legacy not for our name but for the one whose name is above all names Jesus Christ

Win, Build, and Send 2006-10

Hopper s Win Build and Send is a practical tool to move readers beyond simple knowledge of Christ in order to learn how to win in this game of life build foundations to live an excellent life in Christ and send the transforming word into the world practical life

The Making of Disciples 2015-03-22

This critically important book is presented by the author as an attempt to provide the needful for the Lord s call to make disciples It is a statement of the revelations doctrines methods and principles of discipleship aimed at helping anyone to experience discipleship and thereby lead others to grow in a way to become active workers in making others into disciples of Jesus Christ It is a book to read and recommend to any servant of God cognizant of the glorious mission that the Lord Jesus Christ has entrusted to His church therefore go and make disciples of all nations finally the making of disciples is all about the work of transforming a sinner into a repentant sinner a repentant sinner into a convert a convert into a young disciple leading the young disciple to spiritual maturity and finally helping him to become a disciple Maker This book is highly recommended to the body of Christ

Life in the Fishbowl 1996

Do you live in the public eye a fishbowl Tom Rogers draws from 15 years experience as a parish pastor to provide uplifting inspirational messages containing both empathy and humor for those who live out their lives in front of others

The Creation Study Guide 2009-12-15

The foundations small group DVD series helps Christians connect the truths of the Bible with the realities of their lives used and refined for years as an integral part of Saddleback church s discipleship program this powerful innovative resource is designed to correct the frequent disconnect between what we say we believe as Christians and how we actually live Tom Holladay and Kay Warren each teach two of the four sessions on the eleven small group DVDs the corresponding participant s guides provides space for taking notes lively frequent disconnect between what we say we believe as Christians and how we actually live Tom Holladay and Kay Warren each teach two of the four sessions on the eleven small group DVDs the corresponding participant s guides provides space for taking notes lively discussion questions and focuses on a core truth of Christianity choose the topics you and your group wish to explore and discover the key that can strengthen beliefs to change behavior lessen your day to day stress level increase your security in an insecure world help you raise your kids with a right perspective on life increase your love for and trust in God individual small group DVDs include the Bible God Jesus the Holy Spirit Creation Salvation Sanctification Good and Evil The Afterlife The Church The Second Coming

Jesus 2008-04-22

This purpose driven resource helps small groups connect the central truths of Christianity with how group members actually live their lives an integral part of Saddleback church s discipleship program foundations now comes as a series of eleven small group DVDs and Participant s guides taught by Tom Holladay and Kay Warren focus on the topic your group wishes to explore

The Emotionally Healthy Leader 2015-06-30

Becoming a better leader starts with a transformed inner life do you feel too overwhelmed to enjoy life unable to sort out the demands on your time are you doing your best work as a leader yet not making an impact have you ever felt stuck powerless to change your environment in the emotionally healthy leader bestselling author Peter Scazzero shows leaders how to develop a deep inner life with Christ examining its profound implications for surviving stress planning and decision making building teams creating healthy culture influencing others and much more the emotionally healthy leader contains concise assessments for leaders and teams to measure their leadership health practical proven strategies that have been developed over a 28 year period spent both in the church and in equipping leaders around the world helpful applications of how to face your shadow lead out of your marriage or singleness slow down and embrace endings for new beginnings going beyond simply offering a quick fix or new technique the emotionally healthy leader
The Path of Discipleship 1896

This book is the first book in the series, and it is more than just a book. You will read it, but you will also come back to it over and over again. The Way of Life is the first book in the series and has as its theme the way into the Christian life. The way into God, the way into life, is written to help you find the Lord Jesus. Give yourself to Him and then you will truly begin to live as you begin to read. We encourage you to press forward to the end, and then you will find your answers. All the questions at the end of each chapter are part of our prayer. By the time you finish reading it, you will have entered into a living relationship with Jesus, and then you can say, "Jesus is my Saviour. May God bless you very richly."

The Way of Life 2018-02-21

Welcome to Tenacious Discipleship. Webster’s dictionary defines tenacious as something that is not easily stopped or pulled apart. One who is tenacious is firm, strong, and persistent. They cling to their purpose with strong resolve. The tenacious person is focused, steadfast, and highly determined. A disciple of Jesus is tenacious. Jesus empowers His disciples to be tenacious in making disciples. A disciple is a learner, an obedient follower of Jesus. A disciple is one who remains in the presence of Jesus. The purpose of this study is to help you become a tenacious disciple. A faith-filled abiding persistent and obedient follower of Jesus who will make tenacious disciples for Christ. A disciple is one who makes disciples and makes more disciples. 2 Timothy 2:1-7. This is our mission. This is what we do. Tenacious discipleship is the process of making followers of Jesus who abide in God’s word, overcome sin, persevere through difficulties, and stay on mission with Jesus. We will apply a simple model based on the life of the Apostle Peter to accomplish our divine purpose and high calling. Connect, know, equip, and go. You then my child be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses. Entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others. Also, share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ. Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. 2 Timothy 2:1-7. We will explore the way Peter’s life corresponds with the marks of spiritual maturity. It consists of four distinct and progressive phases. New relationships is the first where people begin to connect with God and with His people. Those in this group are called observers. Our God is a relational God. He lives in a relationship with the Son and Holy Spirit. God wants a relationship with His creation. Second, we have a new identity. This is where we begin to know Christ and identify with His Church. This group is referred to as participants. Our second aim is to help you discover and know how God has wired us in Christ. We hope you will embrace how God continues to uniquely equip you to serve Him. Third, a new purpose. This phase is marked by a desire to equip yourself and equip others in God’s word. Those in this group are called owners. Our third aim is to serve as a tool to equip you for the work God has called you to. This means increasing your knowledge understanding and application of God’s word. Fourth, a new mission. This is where we go and reproduce our lives through making disciples everywhere. Matthew 28:18-20. Those in this group are identified by the word steadfast. They are resilient and focused on building God’s Kingdom. Our fourth aim involves challenging you to take greater steps of faith to follow God wherever He leads you. Next, God wants you to go. Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore 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. Surely I am with you always to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:18-20. NIV

Tenacious Discipleship 2018-11-04