

Building a Better Group

Of the elements of a better group listed on the slide, which do you need to focus on most?

What are you already good at?

NOTHING LESS

A Theology of Excellence

It is important to understand scripturally why we need to strive for excellence. The answer is simple.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

Why Excellence?

Why do we need to do our work with students with excellence and give nothing less than our best to the Lord?

Who are you?

As a teacher of youth, we are to have:

U _____

K _____ and

W _____

Group Discuss: What makes you uncomfortable with that thought? What encourages you about it?

KNOWING CHRIST

The thing that allows us to teach/ be spiritual teachers is our own life in Christ.

Youth need to catch our experience with Jesus from us.

TEACH

We teach from our own

E _____ &

G _____ in Jesus.

This leads us to a place of surrender & h _____.

Group discuss: How's Your Experiencing"? Are youth catching influence from you?

Will you be better? Will you give nothing less than your best to the Lord?

Where Excellence Comes From

NEW P _____

“For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” Colossians 3:3

abide. (John 15:1-5)

ARE YOU RIGHTLY POSITIONED IN CHRIST? ARE YOU ABIDING?

NEW P _____

We, as believers, begin to live and look like Jesus.

Scripture:

ARE YOU WALKING IN CHRIST? IS YOUR FAITH SHOWING?

NEW P _____

A life that is aligned with Jesus produces fruit according to the Spirit alive and active in them.

Scripture:

The _____ of God’s goodness to us and _____ in us is excellence out of us.

How Can I Serve with Excellence?

SUCCESS

What is success (in life, leadership, or ministry?)

FAITHFULNESS	SERVING	LOVING	BELIEVING
PRAYER	HOLINESS	ATTITUDE	

Are you successful? Place a 1-5 rating beside each area. How are you doing? Which do you find easiest? Hardest?

from Ken & Barbara Hughes, Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome

Success: Who you are _____ v. What you are _____

In our becoming, we address the doing.

ARE YOU WORKING TO HONOR THE LORD? ARE YOU “SUCCESSFUL”?

Why not be better?

How Do I Accept Nothing Less?

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c _____

c _____

c _____

A Great Trust

The Transitive Property of Connection

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How do you relate?

DISCIPLEME

CLOSING THE LOOP ON DISCIPLESHIP

How good is your multiplication?

Do you do better with addition to the church or multiplication? Multiplication is God's norm. How can we make the shift?

The Ground Game

The picture of our lives should:

Come to faith in Christ. Grow (be disciplined) into maturity. Go on mission.

The Game Plan

"The movement of God grows out of control when ordinary believers grow into their supernatural significance." S. Kindig

F.I.G.S.

The New Testament disciple-making process: Friendship. Influence. Growth. Sending.

This is the mark of a committed disciple. Be a disciple-making disciple. As leaders, we are to make disciple-making disciples.

WHERE/ WHO IS YOUR NEXT GENERATION OF SPHERES?

How are you getting there?

Without a strategy, the best intentions are unfulfilled. You need a plan.

Don't Just Sit There

Do something to begin making disciple-making disciples

What's the Ultimate Goal?

"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 28:19-20

What's the Command? Circle the command in the verse above.

Make Disciples.

The command Jesus gives us, in Matthew 28:19, is to make disciples.

To start, what is a disciple?

Definition of a Disciple

A _____ is a follower of Christ, committed to: _____ people to Jesus; GROW in His Truth; _____ in biblical community; and LIVE on _____ with the local church to MAKE MORE _____.

What are the aspects of discipleship? Underline the aspects of discipleship/ disciple making in the verse above.

G _____ v. 19

B _____ v. 19

T _____ V. 20

POWER & P _____ OF JESUS VV. 18, 20

IF YOU HAD A WAY TO SYSTEMATICALLY ENGAGE MORE & MORE STUDENTS IN DISCIPLE-MAKING, WOULD YOU?

For a disciple-making resource, visit skopos.org/discipleme and get started today!

PREPARE GOOD

Prepare for teaching.

Prepare for discussion.

Prepare for application & follow up.

Evaluate your prep time.

How much do you prepare each week for your time in class or group?

Do you feel good about the amount of prep, or do you need more time here?

GET 'EM INTERESTED

MOTIVATE GOOD.

Motivate Early.

Start from the moment they arrive. Be creative.

EXPLAIN GOOD.

STUDY GOOD.

Anticipate.

INVOLVE GOOD.

L_____ of You

I_____ Youth

Help Youth D_____

Discuss & G_____

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

LEAVE ROOM

Facilitate *Don't* D_____

ILLUSTRATE GOOD

Give Them Feet: A_____ & Follow Up

Bible study is not complete without application.

TEACH GOOD

"Let us not fool ourselves - without Christianity, without Christian education, without the principles of Christ inculcated into young life, we are simply rearing pagans." P. Marshall

DO THE MATH

_____ weeks/year.

_____ minutes of quality teaching/wk

_____ hours per year in Bible study

Let's assume even the average, most faithful student misses some (6x/ year). Subtract 3 hours for those absences. That means the average, most faithful student, through Sunday school or small group, gets _____ hours of Bible study in a YEAR!

Now consider, the rest of the story.

There are 7 days in a week x 24 hrs each day which equals _____ hours in one week. Even with sleeping considered,

WHICH INFLUENCE IS WINNING? WHAT YOU DO IS VITAL!

INTERFERENCE

What interferes with our teaching time weekly?

What interferes with our effectiveness in our group, class, or youth ministry?

PLAN GOOD

1) Pray.

2) Know your students.

3) Care for your students.

4) Remove distraction.

5) Create a pleasing and safe environment.

6) Create an expectation