

The Message Gathering

How To Become A Disciple Maker!

Session 5: Minding Your Ministry

Review:

Week 1: How You Are Built By God - You Do You!

Week 2: Our Connection To God; The Realities Of The Disciple's Relationship -
Continually Connected

Week 3: The Need For Less Religion And More Relationships In Our Lives

Week 4: The Reality That Ministry Is Life!
Whose Am I? Who Am I? What Am I All About?

Week 5 (Today): Minding Your Ministry!

Three Major Steps To Minding Your Ministry:

1. Being Faithful - To God And His Mission

John 3:16 (NIV)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Luke 19:10 (NIV)

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

2. Being Focused - On Your Co-Mission

1 John 3:16 (NIV)

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

3. Being Free - From Self Obsession To Serving Others

Galatians 5:13 (NIV)

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

Four Things That Help You Recognize The Who Of Your Ministry:

1. Family - Those Closest To Us - Earthly Family and Spiritual Family
2. Work - Those That We Spend Time With At Our Job
3. Neighborhood - Those That We Live Next To In Our Community
4. Interest - Those Who We Connect With Through Things We Love To Do

Today's Statement Of Truth:

To Become Faithful Believers Who Mind Our Ministry Well, We Must Fully Focus On God's Mission And Personally Participate In Serving Those In Our Sphere Of Influence.

Questions:

- What One Truth Or Statement Impacted You Most?
- Of The Three Major Steps To Minding Your Ministry . . .
 - Being Faithful On God's Mission
 - Being Focused On Your Co-Mission
 - Being Free From Selfish Obsession To Serving OtherWhich One Are You Doing Best At, And Which One Needs The Most Work?
- Take A Minute To Make A List Of Three People Found In Each Of The Spheres Of Influence: Family, Work, Neighborhood, And Interest.
- On Your List, Take A Look At The Four Categories. Look At Each Of The Three People In Every Category. Order Them According To Who You Spend The Most Time With And The Least Time With Each Week.
- Now Take Your List And Beside Each Person, Jot Down What You Could Pray For Them About Specifically Each Day This Week To Serve Them In The Name Of Jesus.
- Today, What Was The Most Important Take Away For You Personally?

Romans 12:9-21 (MSG)

Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. ¹⁰ Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. ¹¹ Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, ¹² cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. ¹³ Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. ¹⁵ Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. ¹⁶ Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody. ¹⁷ Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. ¹⁸ If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. ¹⁹ Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it." ²⁰ Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. ²¹ Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.