



Series: Discipleshift

Sermon: Part 4: From Program to Relational Environments (Shift 3)

Date: Sunday, March 3rd, 2024

When you are not allowed to show your problems, when you can't talk about your feelings, or show any sign of weakness, you start to hide what is really going on in order to present an image of yourself that looks good for everyone to see but that is not true in reality.

Scripture referenced in sermon:

Genesis 3:7-12

Though Jesus never sinned, He did face pain, loss, suffering, and anguish.

He took Peter, James and John along with Him, and He began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," He said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." (Mark 14:33-34)

It is through being _____ in our relationship with God and others that we grow spiritually.

There is a direct correlation that when people choose to make time to have _____ with each other, people grow in their love for God and others as they mature spiritually.

3 Vital Components of Discipleship:

1. The _____ of God

"For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths." (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

2. The _____ of God

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in Me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in Me and My Words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples." (John 15:5-8)



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth.” (Acts 1:8)

3. The _____ of God

We cannot separate _____ from the disciple making process.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is Mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:9-21)

“...and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.” (Revelation 7:9)

Bottom Line: *We cannot separate relationships from the disciple making process.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. What makes it hard for you to be vulnerable and transparent with those around you?*
- 2. Why is it that it is only through being vulnerable with God and with others that we can grow and mature spiritually?*
- 3. Why is it so important for all three components (The Word of God, The Spirit of God, and The People of God) to come together in order for us to be disciples who make disciples? What prevents you from having all three of these components in your discipleship making?*

Songs used in service: House of The Lord (Phil Wickham), Jireh (Maverick City Music), The Heart of God (Zach Williams), Who You Say I Am (Hillsong), King of My Heart (Steffany Gretzinger)

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Any prayer requests?

Name _____ **Date:** _____ **Email:** _____

What can we be praying for you about?