

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

3/31/2019 · Matthew 10:24-25; 28:18-20

1) Who do you respect and want to be like? Why?

2) God calls all Christians to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). Christian leaders should lead the people toward making mature disciples (Ephesians 4:11-13). The people can only grow to be like their leaders (Matthew 10:24-25).

a) What implications do these truths have with regards to choosing ministry leaders?

b) What role do passages listing Elder/Deacon qualifications have regarding this truth (1 Timothy 3, Titus 1)?

3) Steve has found that through Bible study and research, the most important predictor of a thriving ministry is the heart of a leader (Matthew 13:23, John 15:4-5). How does the Bible tell us to see into our hearts and the hearts of others? (Matthew 7:16-20, 12:33, Romans 6:21-22, 7:4-6).

a) When you look at your life, what kind of fruit do you see? How much of your life reflects the fruit of disciple-making?

b) "Go" How much of your life shows the fruit of taking initiative in bringing Christ to others?

c) "Baptize" How often are you sharing Christ with people who do not know Him? How much do you sacrifice to put yourself in a position to share?

d) "Teach to obey all that Jesus commanded" How much of your life helps others to place Jesus above relationships, above jobs and money, above their own comfort, helping them to love Jesus' word, and others?

e) What do these fruits say about your heart?

f) How do you think you could grow in these things?

4) Look back to the first question in this study about who you respect and what to be like and why? What does this answer say about your heart? Are there any people who you should respect and want to be like more than who you listed considering the fruit of discipleship?