

CCSBA Focus on Discipleship

What's missing in discipleship?

I recently heard an interview about discipleship with 4 prominent U.S. church leaders. One of the first questions they were discussing was, "What is missing in discipleship?" Each gave their view. Since then, I've asked a few people I believe are observant of the church today, along with what's working and what's not – including what's missing in discipleship. Here are a few thoughts.

First, discipleship is a must for each believer and church to be obedient to the Lord. Almost everyone will agree with this. It's clear, Jesus said "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations". And because of this command, I think the second thing we'd all agree on is that Jesus wants each believer to be a disciple that makes disciples. Third, we'd all say that the purpose of discipleship is to become like Jesus. But where things begin to break down is in how we (each believer and the church) become and make disciples who are like Jesus.

The process of discipleship starts with you committing to be like Jesus. This commitment is the result of Jesus truly being the "Lord" over everything else in your life. Jesus said, "take up your cross and follow me daily", and the first disciples followed by leaving everything behind for Jesus. Have you made that commitment?

If you're ready to disciple others, then where will these others come from. One person told me that there are a lack of believers who really want to be disciples. They're not ready for the sacrifice of such a commitment. As you intentionally practice your faith, with great patience and fervent prayer for others, God will use you to help them commit to working for what they see in your life.

What disciples need to grow more like Jesus:

- A "life on life" model that they can apprentice under. More is caught than is just taught. Disciples will grow stronger, deeper, and more capable as they spend time

watching, learning, and doing with their Christ-centered discipler.

- A knowledge of "God's story" that only comes from reading through the Bible. There is no substitute for the word of God. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."
- A clear understanding of doctrines, which can be gained from a study of the Baptist Faith and Message. There is no substitute for good Bible study. The best study to accompany your daily Bible reading is to systematically go through the passages of the Baptist Faith & Message. Read it here: <http://www.sbc.net/bfm2000/bfm2000.asp>
- A community of growing disciples who share life together with love, encouragement, vision, and a unified intentional focus on being the healthy multiplying body of Christ.
- Accountability for the responsibility of putting into practice all they are learning as a disciple. "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only".

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 CHRISTINE COLLINS
- 6 EDNOR SEBAG
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- 10 DAVE EDWARDS
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- 22 PAM KIRK
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2019 Disaster Relief Training

March 1-2 Macon, MO

April 5-6 Diamond, MO

September 13-14 Dexter, MO

October 4-5 Warsaw, MO

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Calendar for February & March

February 1-28 True Love Waits Emphasis
February 10 Race Reconciliation Sunday
February 11-17 Focus on WMU
February 16 Children's Ministry Day
March 3-10 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Emphasis
March 12 CCSBA Executive Board Meeting 7:00 PM

CCSBA Financial Status

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\$ 48,576.92	\$ 50,797.87

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CCSBA Focus on BSU

We took 11 students to Louisville, KY at the start of the year for CROSS--a missions mobilization conference for 18-25 year olds. Most of these students had never been exposed to the reality of 3 billion unreached people in the world. They had also never thought about what their role in God's global church might be. We heard from wise and godly pastors as they traced the theme of God's desire for his name to be known among all nations from Genesis to Revelation. At the end of our 4 day conference, several of our students indicated that they felt like God wanted them to serve among unreached people--whether that be a summer or a lifetime. This conference was so encouraging for me, because I was able to introduce students to the dynamic ways that God can use them and their particular gifts for His global purposes.

