“Digging Deeper in Deliberate Discipleship”

2 Timothy 3:16-17
Digging Deeper in Discipleship?

Disciple means: **Lead people to conversion**: “When they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium” (Acts 14:21).

Once brought to faith in Jesus Christ, discipleship involves **learning to follow Jesus** (Mt. 28:29-20) “teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you…”
NC Troopers Pray in Charlotte
Piedmont Baseball Players Praying Following Coach Justin Scali
Deliberate Training Process
2 Timothy 3:16-17

Only 1 function relates to teaching (instruction)
What about reproof? What’s not right
What about correction? What “right” looks like
Aquila and Priscilla correct Apollos
(Acts 18:24-26)
What about training in righteousness?

“Love/trust/respect” opens the door to reproof and correction!
Aquila and Priscilla “Correct” Apollos in Ephesus - Acts 18:24-26

Apollos was:
“an eloquent man” vs. 24
a man “mighty in Scriptures” vs. 24
“instructed in the way of the Lord” vs. 25
“fervent in spirit, speaking/teaching accurately in the things concerning Jesus” vs. 25
“being acquainted only with the baptism of John” vs. 25
“took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately” vs. 26
A Pause to Illustrate “Correction”

Acts 19:1-5 – Paul in Ephesus finds disciples baptized in John’s baptism (work of Apollos)
  * repentance, preparation for the Kingdom (see Matthew 3:1-6)
  * Not in name of Jesus
  * No indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)

Baptism of Jesus:
  * “in Name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
  * symbolizing rebirth, not just preparation
Discipleship Requires Relationships And the Word!

2 Keys to Making Acts 19/Ephesus “Work”

1. The genuine desire/openness to learn becomes more important than being “right”

2. Paul’s gentle reproof and correction

“Love/trust/respect” opens the door to reproof and correction!

Next Door/Mundy Mill = 38 replies to young adult “meet and greet” eager for relationships!
Older women are to train younger women (Titus 2:4).

Paul trained Timothy to train others to train others (2 Timothy 2:2).

Fathers = train their children (Ephesians 6:4).

Missionaries are to teach the nations everything Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:20).
Relationships (cont’d)

All Christians are to exhort each other every day to avoid sin and “to stir each other up to love and good works” (Hebrews 3:13; also Hebrews 10:24–25).

All Christians are to use their gifts to serve others (1 Peter 4:10).
So! Someone is Following You!
Are You Leading **TO** Jesus? Or **Away**?