



Defining The D3Culture

Disciples, Disciplemakers, & Disciplemaking

- ▶ Disciples - Defined as 'People who follow the teaching of someone else'; herein this someone is Jesus
 - ▶ Make daily choices to honor the One they are following (Jesus) by,
 - ▶ Considering an undistracted time alone with Jesus as the #1 priority (aka 'Quiet Times')
 - ▶ Choosing to spiritually mature (through church participation and personal lifestyle choices)
 - ▶ Committing daily to being 'AWOL' to God - Available, Willing, Obedient, Loving
 - ▶ Balance risk-taking with others with degrees of trust in the 'One' they are following (Jesus)
 - ▶ Move from seeing sacrifice as a cost to seeing it more as a personal privilege
 - ▶ Merge their desire to love God and others with the reality of their lifestyle by,
 - ▶ Becoming more and more disciplined in their daily living
 - ▶ Having an accountability partner relationship to help one another maintain that lifestyle
- ▶ Disciplemakers - People who are lovingly motivated, have spiritually matured, and are sufficiently prepared to come alongside other disciples in order to share life and God's truths, just as Jesus did by
 - ▶ Modeling - Showing Others what to do and how to do it
 - ▶ Investing Time - Nothing happens without investing the time to make it happen
 - ▶ Teaching Truths - The Bible is the source upon which the truths are made evident
 - ▶ Asking Questions - Proper equipping requires asking the right questions well
 - ▶ Depending on Jesus - He is the One who renews the minds and hearts, not the disciplemaker

- ▶ Trusting God's Holy Spirit - He is the revelator who directs and intercedes to help discern truths
- ▶ Remaining Dependable - Sees the process of discipling through to the fourth generation and
- ▶ Recognizing that even while making other disciples, he/she is and always will be a disciple as well
- ▶ Disciplemaking - Describes the purpose, principles and process of both the outward reach of introducing Jesus to non-believers (Matt 28:19) and the spiritual growth of other disciples, discipling them so that they will later go and do likewise (Matt 28:20). It is described by, but is not limited to:
 - ▶ Disciplemaking is caught, not taught as God's Holy Spirit continues to provide new discoveries
 - ▶ It was initiated by Jesus and best modeled by Him as He spent time with His disciples,
 - ▶ It is at the heart of both The Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20) and The Greatest Commandment (Matt 22:37-38)
 - ▶ It is both relational and intentional (by the discipler) and inspirational (by God's Holy Spirit)
 - ▶ Its communication (Matt 4:19 - "Come, Follow Me") is perceived as being either a calling, an invitation, a command, a privilege or a combination of any of the above
 - ▶ It is a balance between 'love' (1st Cor 13) and 'tough love' (John 14:21 - not just 'abide' but 'obey')
 - ▶ It is measurably 'reproducible' (John 15:5 and 2nd Tim 2:2)
 - ▶ It requires time, focus (Phil 2's single-mindedness), intentionality, vulnerability, and sacrifice
 - ▶ It strives to maintain a healthy balance between developing a personal relationship between the D and DM and the DM's intentionality of focusing on enhancing the D's personal spiritual maturity
 - ▶ Ultimately, it is simply all about love and relational discovery - both vertical and horizontal
 - ▶ To know Jesus and
 - ▶ To make Him known