



Session 4: Leader's Notes

Pray

How would you describe what we have been doing these last three weeks?

- ▶ This is not a program. Rather, it is a method to develop relationships.
- ▶ Loving relationships are built in which two directions?
 - ▶ Vertical (w/ God) and Horizontal (w/ others).

What ways could you use to describe ways to establish both of these?

- ▶ Via having daily quiet times (It is a TOOL.)

What part of our QT's helps build the vertical relationship?

- ▶ Reading scripture and Prayer

What part of our QT's help build horizontal relationships?

- ▶ Reflecting on how scripture applies to me and Sharing that info

How would you describe the scripture marking technique this week, among those who had not done so earlier? (It is also a TOOL.)

How would you describe the journaling this week, among those who had not done so earlier? (It is also a TOOL.) Did you notice the questions were leading you to consider what you could do with what you had learned during your time of reading and reflecting?

James speaks the need to add 'doing' to 'being'? Consider a coin with two sides. If you separate the two sides, neither by itself is any longer a coin. 'Being' and 'Doing' are two sides of the same coin for a disciple - grow and share. Next week I'll give you a journaling page with room to comment on both issues.

If I call these items 'tools', just exactly how would you define the word tools? Why do we use tools? What are some purposes of using tools help us accomplish?

- ▶ We're not focusing on the tools; we're to focus on accomplishing the goals.
- ▶ Focusing on the tools can become an issue of legalism for us. EG: Counting the times you had a QT this past week. <That's why I don't ask you 'how many'.>

Let's share some comments about your qt's, marking, journaling, and reflecting.

What questions do you have so far?

How many of you consider yourself to be a Pastor? (none or some)

... to be a Minister? (anyone who is a disciple of Jesus is automatically a Minister)

Ministers have three things essential qualities to effectively carry out their ministry

- ▶ Motive: Having discovered the right reason for doing what you do because God's Holy Spirit has revealed it to you
- ▶ Method: Having relational tools to accomplish the goal (H, H, & H) Trusting Jesus to do it through you, and Being AWOL in order to carry out your part in it.
- ▶ Model: Demonstrating how Jesus would act in your situation

What does modeling mean to you? Have you thought of it as another 'TOOL'?

When we first looked at QT's, I first established the motive for having them. Next I suggested ways to establish a method of having them. Modeling is the way to 'be' the tool to demonstrate how something is done. Jesus modeled every day.

<Write on the board how 'modeling' can be another TOOL if you use it this way.>

1. I do; you watch. 2. I do; you help. 3. You do; I help. 4. You do; I watch.
2. Describe how you believe that this 4-step approach is separately beneficial to each participant. WAIT

This is what we're going to be considering as we look at TWOTA. Coming up during the next ten weeks we're going to walk through the study guide by author Bill Mowry. I know Bill personally; I've hosted him in my home. He is incredibly focused on effectively carrying out our Great Commission.

In Bill's personal ministry, he found that many people were very fearful about setting out to "make disciples". Out of a fear that was often based on feelings of personal inadequacy, they would not engage in this activity. He discovered a way to overcome that fear. The first step was to change the name of what disciples were being asked to do. By encouraging them to 'come alongside someone' they were much more likely to engage. They could understand the concept of coming alongside someone because it was a normal part of their daily lives.

The typical disciple could transfer the feeling of safety that comes with doing something in a 'normal' setting to sharing their own journey with Christ with someone else. The words painted a different picture in their minds and reduced the fear of engagement.

Within "The Ways of the Alongsider" we will discuss how to be intentional within our discipleship process, but we will emphasize more the relational aspects of this endeavor. Discipleship must be intentional. We have to know where we are going, how we intend to get there, and what our measures of success are. Yet all this needs to be carried out in a relational environment - with God and each other. This study provides a model for doing this and training in the skills required in order to do it well. If there are any lingering feelings of inadequacy, consider this: When you feel inadequate, remind yourself that that is a good thing. Why? Because it forces you to rely that much more on the only 'One' who can 'make' a disciple in the first place. You just need to be adequate enough to let Him use you.

ASSIGNMENT: Read, complete, prepare to discuss TWOTA Chapter 1 for next time.

NOW...Let's share some personal stories. We'll be doing this every week during this series, so if you aren't called on today, know that you might be called on next time.

Close in Prayer