



Final Session - A Review and Consideration for 'What's Next?'

Open in Prayer.

In the limited time we have today I want us to consider two points and some of the more critical components of each of those two points.

First, look back in your minds to a page that was titled 'Defining the D³ Culture'. We saw the differences between a Disciple, a Disciplemaker, and Disciplemaking. Each had its own unique features, but the common ground was scriptural based principles that are available to anyone who chooses to pursue them. The last statement regarding discipleship at the bottom of that page says this: Ultimately, it is all about relational discovery - vertical and horizontal - To know Jesus and to make Him known.

Bill Mowry and I have attempted to demonstrate that virtually any disciple of Jesus can become a disciplemaker. The goal of that disciplemaking is defined within the context of that very same relational discovery. It is a personal thing. It is meant to be filled with tiny 'aha' moments shared as one person intentionally aids one or more other persons in growing closer in their individual walk with Jesus. That collection of 'ahas' can be nurtured and affirmed by a disciplemaker so as to build up a desire in those disciples that can only be fulfilled by sharing out of love for God and others through their desire to go and make disciples.

The reality for Jesus is that He invested in a small number of people for several years before giving them His last instructions. It would be foolish to assume that we could better that time requirement in but a few months. Yet, God's principles have been touched upon; confirmation that a believer can come alongside someone else so that all either in a one-to-one or small group he or she can advance the Kingdom through both evangelism and disciplemaking was settled; and now we're left with asking questions whose answers might develop an added level of confidence in moving this process forward.

Some of you may have sought out added value in THE WAYS OF THE ALONGSIDER workbook. You might have recognized that a number of resources are listed to assist you in finding answers to those questions. We're going to look at those in a moment. But before doing that I want to address the second point - the issues raised in the evaluations that you delivered to me earlier. (You can discuss them if you asked for people to evaluate your efforts.)

In closing do not overlook the resources that remain available to each of you. Begin with your ALONGSIDER workbook starting at pages 115 and 116, and then turn to page 121.

Between 121 and 139 are some great references to key materials that you might use going forward. Again their use depends upon the spiritual levels of the people involved with you, but the references cover the gamut of those levels.

Lastly, I want to extend to you my sincerest thanks for allowing me to be part of this approach to discipling. I truly hope it has drawn you closer to Jesus in many new ways and recognize how much He loves you and desires your being 'AWOL' for Him.

((Close with a final Prayer.))