

Becoming an Intentional Leader

Part 4 of the *Disciple* series

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Review

- The goal of the church is to make disciples who make disciples.
- A disciple is someone who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and committed to the mission of Jesus.
- Discipleship or the road to spiritual maturity is a process.

A successful discipleship journey needs three things:

- A driver – an intentional leader.
- A vehicle – a relational environment.
- A map – a reproducible process.

An intentional leader is someone who...

- Moves with purpose.

Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.
Mark 3:13-14

- Understands the “game”.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God.
Eph 6:12-13

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.
Luke 6:40 ESV

- Knows how to evaluate where individuals are at on their journey.

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”
Mark 9:33-35

- Creates an environment for growth.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.
Luke 10:1

- Understands their role in the disciple-making process.

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.
1 Cor 3:6

Three roles: God’s role, Our role, Disciple’s role

Next Steps

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- In the sermon notes, it mentions 3 parts of a successful discipleship journey. When you think of your own discipleship journey, how did each of those three parts come into play?
- Talk about the leaders you admire because of the way they move with purpose & intentionality (*could be a parent, coach, etc.*).
- How does the idea of you being a leader make you feel? Is it intimidating, exciting, or somewhere in between? Explain.
- Who are the people that God’s put in your life to lead? (*examples: kids, students, small group, fellow students*) What are some things you could do to be a more intentional leader in their discipleship journey?