

## Week 9: Relationships built for Carving Christ-like Character

The first three stages of a relationship **Acquaintance - Friend - Close Friend** is where the avg American relationship stays. The first three stages of a relationship are **nearly entirely incapable of producing real spiritual change** in the life of someone else. The final three stages of a relationship **Esteemed Friend - Mentor Supporter** is the goal for a Mentor-Disciplemaker.

The goal for a Mentor-Disciplemaker is to **identify 1-3 people that they can intentionally invest in & influence** \_\_\_\_\_ the stages of a Mentor Disciple friendship.

**As an esteemed friend** we are trying to position ourselves as; somewhere a close friend can go to seek advice, counsel & \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the most important \_\_\_\_\_ in their life. In this stage we are trying to enhance our influence in the life of our friend, specifically in the areas of personal growth & spiritual development.

**As a mentor** we are trying to position ourselves as; someone trustworthy & able to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ in area of perceived weakness. In this stage we are trying to greatly improve the life of our friend, specifically in the areas of personal growth & spiritual development.

At this point we have to remind ourselves of the end goal:

**What are we trying to influence our friends towards?**

**In what specific way are we trying to greatly improve the life of our friend?**

A Disciple is a **Christian who increasingly desires to be like Jesus** and therefore prioritizes their life according to his will; by **obedience to his commands, love of his Father, submission to his Spirit and conformity to his likeness.**

Personal Notes:

Discipleship is the **process of** \_\_\_\_\_ **our friendships** in such a way that we are able to slowly, **chip away the** \_\_\_\_\_ **of each other's lives that do not look like Christ.**

**How do we go about doing this?**



**Focus** on the image & \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

If we aspire to help someone else become more and more like Christ in their thoughts, attitudes & actions. We must a \_\_\_\_\_ picture in our minds of who Christ is.

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**Evaluate** the thoughts, attitudes, \_\_\_\_\_ of your disciple.

We have to have a good \_\_\_\_\_ of where our friend is. In what ways do they regularly reflect Christ? In what ways do they struggle to submit to God?

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**Identify** the areas of \_\_\_\_\_, lack of understanding & submission.

We have to be able to \_\_\_\_\_ areas that need attention. We must also \_\_\_\_\_ those in order of most important and most urgent.

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**Offer** help via teaching, training, accountability, \_\_\_\_\_ & support.

We then need to offer \_\_\_\_\_ help in the realm of biblical instruction, educational material, training, \_\_\_\_\_ & prayer.

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**Repeat** the process by revisiting the character of Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ the life of your disciple.

We must always try to work towards the \_\_\_\_\_ issue, even if the glaring one is solved for the time being. There are always \_\_\_\_\_ areas that need to be addressed.

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