

Relationships built for

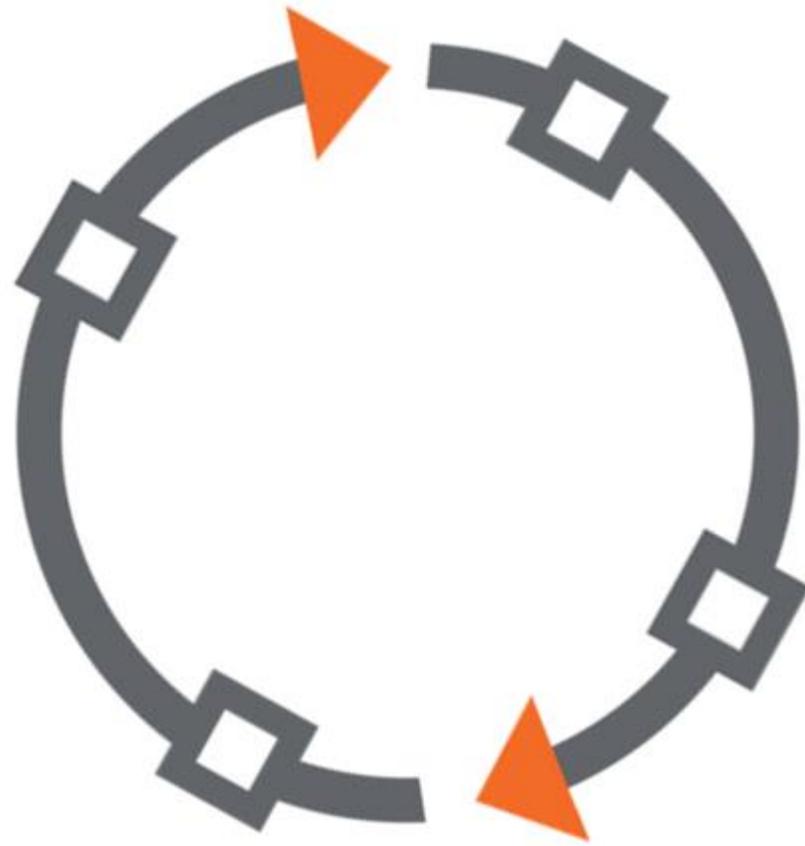
***Carving
Christ-like
Character.***



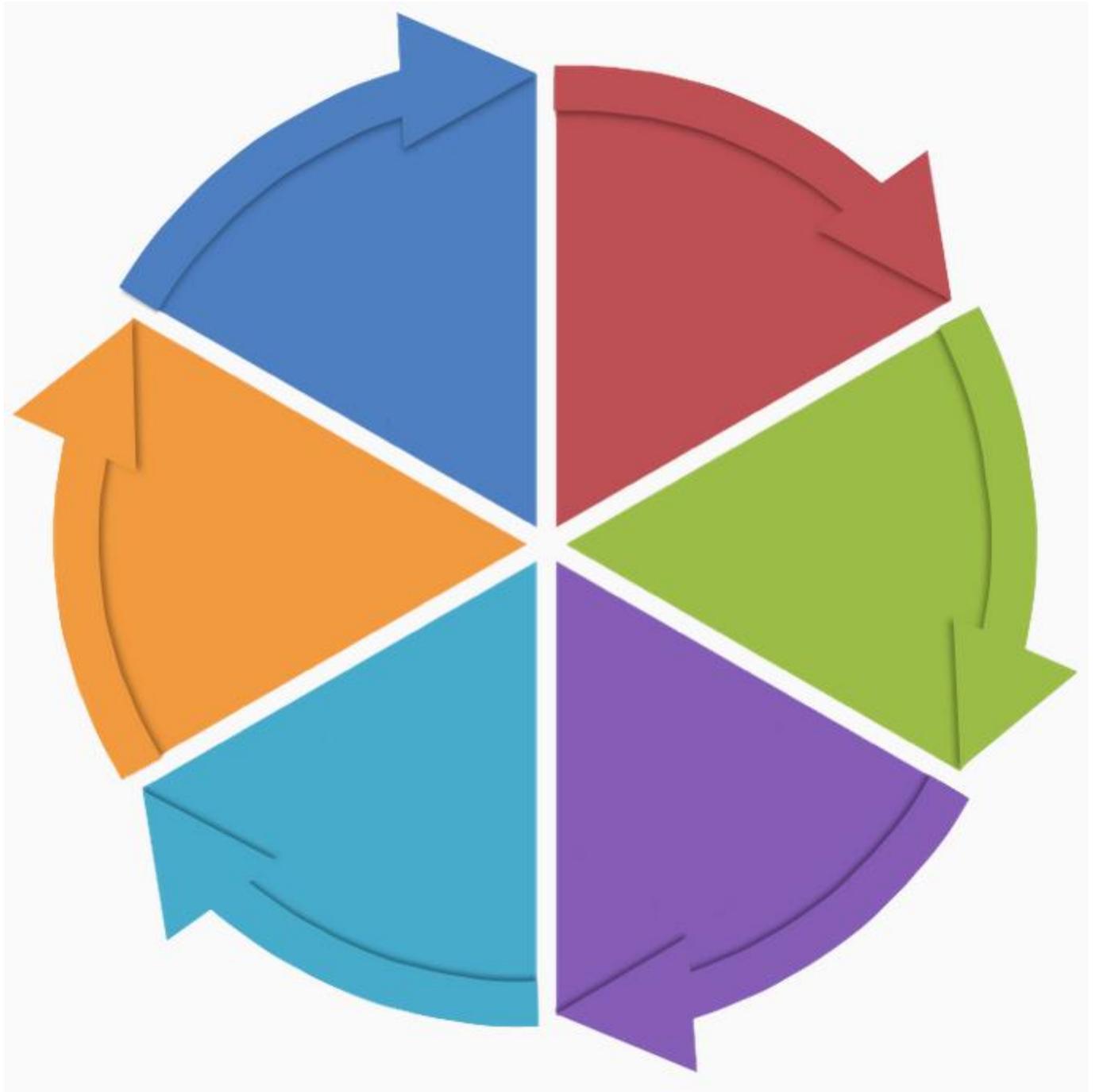
**Our goal is to give an
*overview of the process of becoming a
Mentor-Disciplemaker.***

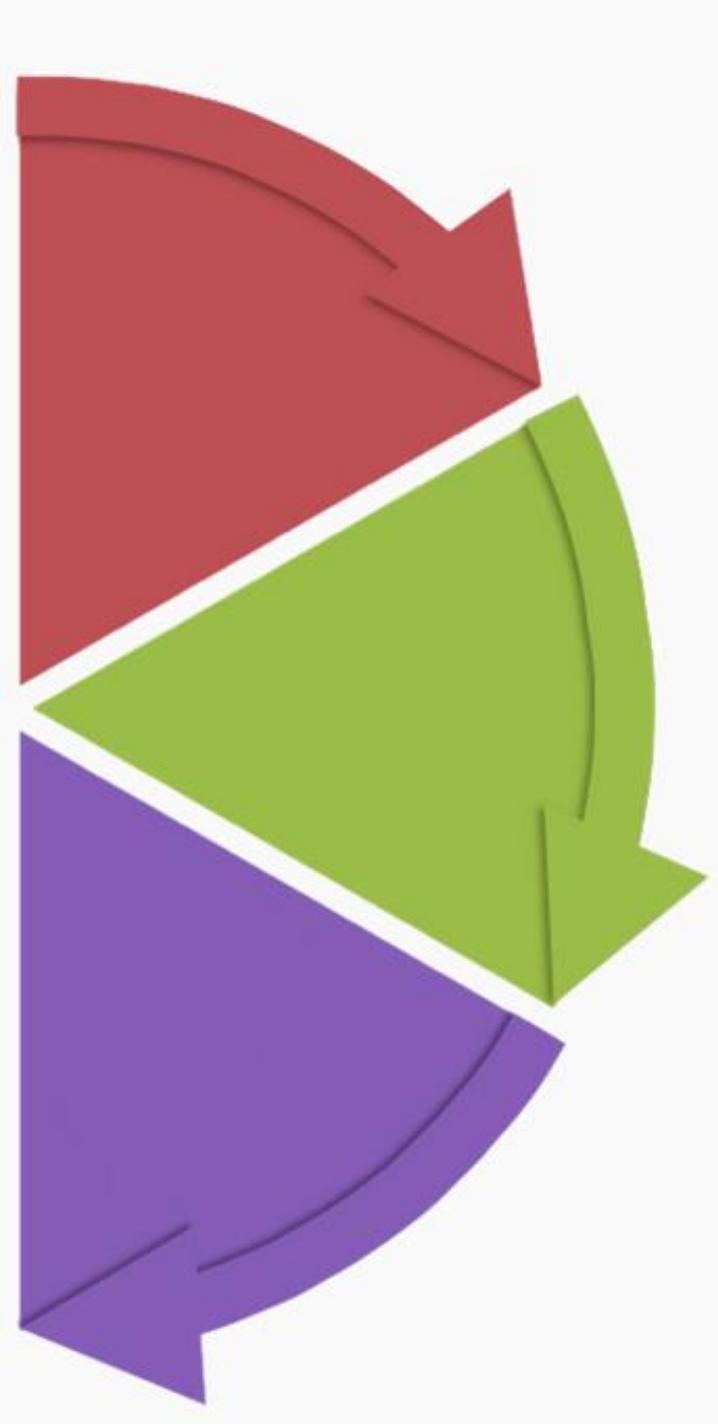


We want to unfold the process for ***initiating*** an ***intentional*** ***relational platform*** that will allow you to become a ***Mentor-Disciplemaker*** in the life of someone else.



**6 Stages
of a
Mentor
Discipleship
Relationship**

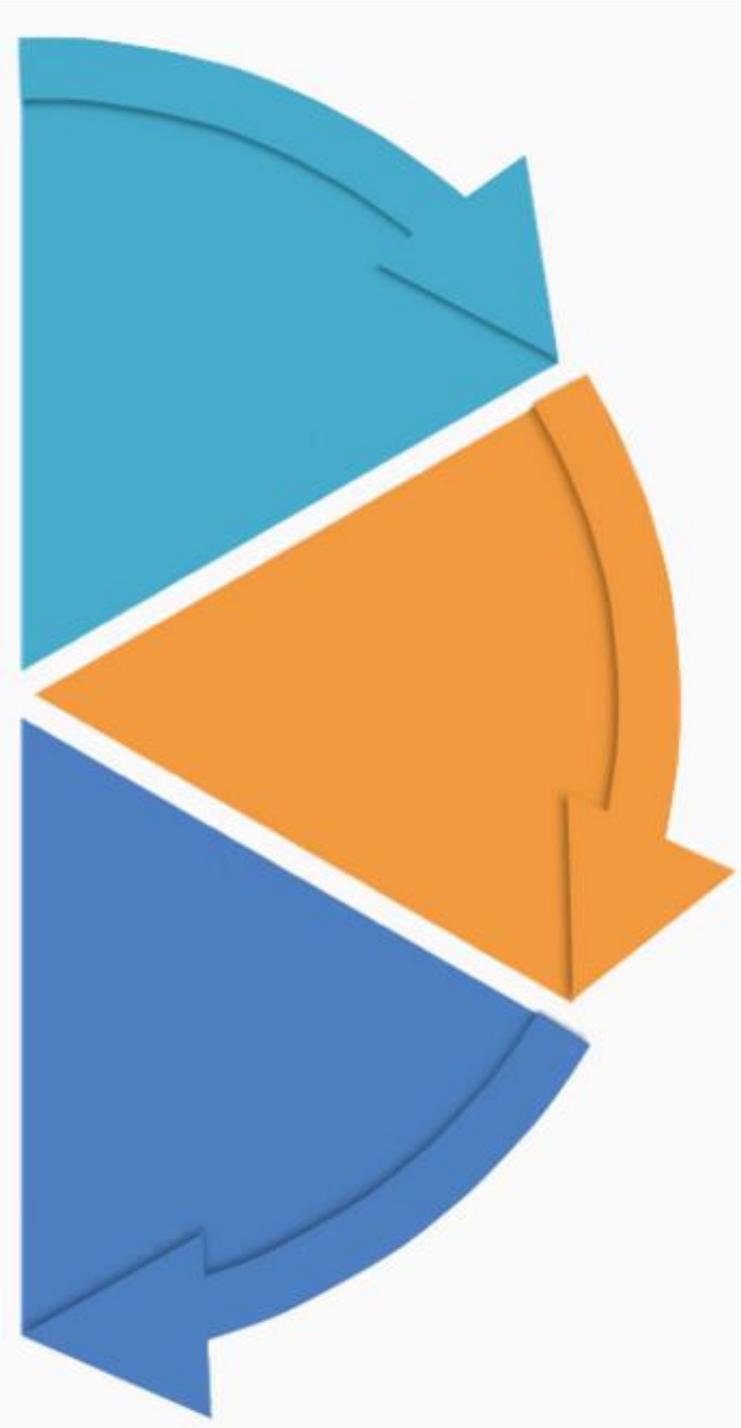




Acquaintance

Friend

Close Friend



Esteemed Friend

Mentor

Supporter

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
Acquaintance Friend Close Friend
are nearly entirely incapable of producing real
spiritual change in the life of someone else.



Inadequate

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 through the
stages of a Mentor Disciple friendship.**



Today we want to focus entirely on the stages of **Esteemed Friend Mentor**



As an esteemed friend we are trying to position ourselves as; somewhere a close friend can go to seek advice, counsel & input regarding the most important issues 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
teach, *train* or *tutor* 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.**

It is in these two stages

Esteemed Friend Mentor

where discipleship can truly occur.

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.

Michelangelo sculpted what is now a world famous statue of King David from a solid slab of marble in the very early 1500's.



It is rumored that when Michelangelo was asked how on earth he was able to turn the stone into an image of David he responded by saying:

**“It was easy.
I just chipped away
the parts of stone
that didn’t look like David.”**



Discipleship is the same.



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



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How do we go about doing this?





Focus



Evaluate



Identify



Offer



Repeat

Focus



**Focus on the image &
character of Christ.**

Focus



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



Regularly review the life of Christ & highlight his attitudes & actions.



Major on majors. Loving, Compassionate, Merciful, Gracious, Obedient, Pure, Holy, Patient, Self-Controlled...



**Focus initially on thinking, beliefs & worldview vs. actions.
We act inline with our thinking.**

Evaluate



**Evaluate the thoughts,
attitudes, actions of your
disciple.**

Evaluate



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



Spend much time on non-judgemental, non-corrective observation.



Try to understand the thinking behind all their actions, both good and bad.
Is good behavior only because of law-living?



Again, major on majors. Begin by evaluating the major aspects of their life.
(Marriage, Parenting, Finances vs Music/movies)

Identify



Identify the areas of *weakness*, lack of understanding & submission.

Identify



We have to be able to **pin point** the areas that need attention. We must also **prioritize** those in order of most important and most urgent.



**Commend & reinforce godly behavior.
Compliment & help sustain right living.**



Identify and narrow down the major areas
of thinking-believing-acting
that need addressed.



Graciously & lovingly bring up those areas
in many different ways...especially by
admitting your own similar faults.

Offer



Offer help in the form of teaching, training, accountability, resources & support.

Offer



We then need to offer ***specific*** help in the realm of biblical instruction, educational material, training, ***support*** & prayer.



Attempt to get your friend to agree with your assessment of their weaknesses.



Suggest various means of addressing the weakness, first with prayer and then with clear biblical & educational solutions.



Schedule a specific time, place, length of time or way that you will both work on the solution together!

Repeat



Repeat the process by revisiting the character of Christ and re-evaluating the life of your disciple.

Repeat



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



If your offer to help is rejected. Try, try, try again in the near future.



If your offer is accepted and your attempt in helping is successful...begin to identify another area of weakness to help with.



Continually evaluate all areas, even areas already addressed. Old habits die hard!