

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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