

Minimal Factors in Disciple Making Environments

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Summary

This video discusses the three minimal factors required for creating a disciple-making environment in youth ministry: time, people, and intentionality. It emphasizes that discipleship is a process that takes significant time and effort, requiring dedicated individuals who are mature and willing to invest in building relationships with students for the purpose of discipleship. The primary focus should be on intentionally making disciples, devoting resources and energy towards this chief aim rather than getting distracted by other programs or activities. The video encourages a balanced and healthy perspective, understanding that discipleship requires a long-term commitment of time, people, and intentional focus.

Main Points

#1 - Time

Discipleship takes time, more time than one might want. It is a process that requires consistent investment of time spent with students over an extended period, similar to how Jesus spent three years with his disciples. Rushing the process or seeking quick fixes is counterproductive, as discipleship cannot be achieved overnight or through shortcuts.

#2 - People

Discipleship requires people, specifically mature and willing individuals who can build relationships with students for the purpose of discipleship. This is modeled after Jesus, who invested in his twelve disciples. Even if there is only one person available initially, that person can start creating a disciple-making environment by being the godly adult who builds relationships with students.

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#3 - Intentionality

Disciple-making should be the primary focus and chief aim of youth ministry. It requires intentionality and should not be treated as just another program or add-on. Time, talent, and resources should be devoted to this goal, resisting the temptation to get distracted by other activities or programs that divert from the core purpose of making disciples.

Next Steps

- Understand that discipleship takes significant time and effort, requiring a long-term commitment.
- Identify mature and willing individuals who can build relationships with students for the purpose of discipleship.
- Make disciple-making the primary focus and chief aim of the youth ministry, devoting time, talent, and resources towards this goal.
- Resist the temptation to rush the process or seek quick fixes, as discipleship cannot be achieved overnight or through shortcuts.
- Maintain a balanced and healthy perspective, understanding that discipleship requires a combination of time, people, and intentional focus.