

## What Discipleship Is and Isn't

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### Summary

This video discusses the importance of having a discipleship strategy for moving students from unbelief to belief in the gospel, changing what they love and how they live. It emphasizes that discipleship is not a single moment but a continuous movement, not about changing behavior but transforming the heart, and not merely assimilating students into church activities but replicating their faith in others. The key takeaways are:

- 1) Discipleship is a process, not a one-time event.
- 2) It's about changing the heart, not just modifying behavior.
- 3) The goal is for students to replicate their faith in others, not just participate in church activities.

### Main Points

#### #1 - Discipleship is a Movement, not a Moment

This point emphasizes that discipleship is a continuous process of moving students from unbelief to belief in the gospel rather than focusing on a single moment of conversion. He cautions against being obsessed with the 'moment' of a student raising their hand or coming to the altar, as true discipleship is a long-term journey.

#### #2 - Discipleship is about Beholding, not Behaving.

The author realizes that his previous approach to discipleship was about getting students to behave like Christians rather than transforming their hearts. He emphasizes that the goal should be to change what students love and long for by pointing them to the beauty of who Jesus is rather than merely modifying their behavior.

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### **#3 - Discipleship is about Replication, not Assimilation.**

The author contrasts the idea of assimilating students into church activities with the biblical model of replication, where disciples make new disciples. He suggests that the true evidence of discipleship is not just busyness in church but students intentionally replicating their faith in others.

### **Next Steps**

- Focus on the long-term process of moving students from unbelief to belief in the gospel rather than obsessing over single moments of conversion.
- Aim to transform students' hearts by pointing them to the beauty of who Jesus is rather than merely modifying their behavior.
- Encourage and equip students to replicate their faith by intentionally building relationships with others far from Jesus rather than just assimilating them into church activities.