

## What is Discipleship?

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### Summary

This video discusses the importance of discipleship in youth ministry. Jordan outlines six principles for effective discipleship: spending daily time with Jesus, leading every conversation with Jesus, spending time with students outside of weekly gatherings, honoring people publicly, delegating responsibility to create maturity, and having the grit to persevere through challenges. The discussion emphasizes the need for youth leaders to model a close relationship with Jesus, build authentic relationships with students, create a culture of honor and ownership, and remain committed to the long-term discipleship process despite difficulties.

### Main Points

#### Defining Discipleship

Jordan aims to define discipleship into six easy steps based on principles used in the Chi Alpha college ministry. He emphasizes that discipleship is the journey of helping someone become a disciple of Jesus, encompassing mentorship, coaching, sanctification, training, and pastoring.

#### Principle 1: Spend Daily Time with Jesus

Jordan stresses the importance of spending daily time with Jesus, as remaining in the vine is essential for producing fruit (disciples). He encourages youth leaders to prioritize daily devotion and abiding in Jesus as the foundation for discipleship.

#### Principle 2: Every Conversation Should Lead to Jesus

Jordan advises that while youth ministry activities are essential for building relationships, the ultimate goal should be to lead conversations towards Jesus. Youth leaders spend time with Jesus and will naturally talk about Him with their students.

### **Principle 3: Be with Your Youth Group Outside of Weekly Gatherings**

Jordan emphasizes the importance of spending informal time with students outside of weekly gatherings, as relationships and the kingdom of God are established in these settings. He encourages youth leaders to be intentional about creating opportunities for informal interactions.

### **Principle 4: Honor People to Other People**

Jordan suggests creating a culture of honor in the youth group, where students publicly affirm and speak well of one another. This builds a sense of belonging and helps students see themselves from God's perspective.

### **Principle 5: Delegate Responsibility to Create Maturity**

Jordan advises delegating responsibilities to students, such as leading worship or running sound, to create ownership and develop maturity. This helps prevent students from disengaging as they age.

### **Principle 6: Have the Grit to Keep Going**

Jordan acknowledges that discipleship is messy and challenging but encourages youth leaders to persevere through difficulties and not give up on students. He emphasizes the importance of having grit and continuing to love and invest in students, even when it's hard.

## **Action Items**

- Spend daily time with Jesus through devotion and abiding in Him.
- Lead conversations with students towards discussions about Jesus.
- Create opportunities to spend informal time with students outside of weekly gatherings.
- Cultivate a culture of honor within the youth group by publicly affirming and speaking well of students.
- Delegate responsibilities to students to foster ownership and maturity.
- Persevere through challenges and difficulties in discipleship, continuing to love and invest in students.