

The Trellis and the Vine - Chapter 6

Group Week of: October 13, 2024



Instructions:

1. Read the assigned chapter.
2. Answer questions in the handout.
3. Discuss with your life group.

Comprehension

- 1) What is the essence of biblical training? How does it differ from secular training? (pg. 70, paragraph 3)

- 2) What was the result of Timothy being trained in righteousness? (pg. 71, paragraph 2-3)

- 3) In what setting was Timothy trained by Paul? (pg. 72, paragraph 1-2)

- 4) How does “imitation” relate to the work of training disciples of Jesus? (pg. 73)

- 5) Why is training solely in a classroom insufficient? (pg. 75, paragraph 2)

- 6) When we think of discipling someone in the areas of conviction, character, and competency, where do opportunities for more classroom-focused discipleship show up? (pg. 78, paragraph 2-4)

Evaluate

- 1) Study 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10.
 - a. How does Paul hand down his way of life to the Thessalonians?

 - b. How do the Thessalonians become disciple-makers themselves?

 - c. How can West Side engage in the same pattern described in 1 Thessalonians 1?

- 2) In this chapter, we learned that life-on-life discipleship and classroom training can work together to cultivate character, conviction, and competency in followers of Jesus. Where do you see strengths and weaknesses in our means of training at West Side?

- 3) How much of your personal discipleship has been life-on-life and how much has been classroom? What effect has that had in your life?

Apply

- 1) Who do you know at West Side with aspects of life that you would like to learn to imitate? Remember that the goal of imitating someone is that it would be a steppingstone for being a better imitator of Christ.

- 2) What are you actively doing to grow in...
 - a. Conviction?

 - b. Character?

 - c. Competency?

- 3) After this chapter on discipling others through imitation, you may not feel qualified to disciple. Remember that a sinless state isn't what qualifies you to disciple someone; rather, as sinners, we also model what it looks like to repent when we do wrong. Wherever you are connected to the body at West Side, is there a relationship you can invest in with the goal of being close enough to that person that they can learn to imitate your way of following Christ? Who is that person? Prayerfully consider reaching out to that person this week.