

The Trellis and the Vine - Chapter 9
Group Week of: November 10, 2024



Instructions:

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

Comprehension

- 1) What sort of discipleship structure do the authors argue that Paul had and that we should follow suit in? (pg. 114, paragraph 5 – pg. 115, paragraph 3)
- 2) According to the authors, what is the most effective way to build a congregation full of disciple-makers? (pg. 116, paragraph 4)
- 3) According to the authors, what three areas should we focus on growing in discipleship? (pg. 122, paragraph 2)
- 4) Should a church have a singular cohort with one pastor and a group of coworkers or many sets of cohorts with leaders and coworkers? (pgs. 124-125)

Evaluate

- 1) What happens if a pastor or elder tries to spend their time discipling everyone in the body?
- 2) What happens if a pastor or elder spends their time discipling only ten people in the body, but those people never end up leading their own teams?
- 3) What expectations do we have of our pastors to lead us in making disciples at West Side?
- 4) What expectations do we have of ourselves (non-pastors) to be part of a cohort or to even create our own?

- 5) Can West Side ever be a disciple-making church if the pastors alone bear the responsibility to make disciples? What must happen for us to be a disciple-making church?

- 6) What are you doing personally to help West Side look more like figure 3 on page 125?

Apply

- 1) Where do you fit into the “coworkers” model listed here? Do you need to raise up a team? Are you part of someone else’s team? Prayerfully consider where God is calling you to serve His Kingdom and where you fit into that picture.

- 2) After you answer the question above, commit to an action that will lead to greater personal involvement with discipleship. Write out your commitment below.