

The Trellis and the Vine - Chapter 12

Group Week of: November 17, 2024



Instructions:

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

Comprehension

- 1) According to the writers, what is the goal of Christian ministry? (pg. 152, paragraph 2)

- 2) Explain “prayerful teaching” in your own words. (pg. 153, paragraph 2)

- 3) Who is called to make disciples? How does this work begin and continue? (pg. 154, paragraph 2, pg. 157, paragraph 1-2)

- 4) What is the principle behind "Step 3: Start building a new team of co-workers"? (pg. 161, paragraph 3)

Evaluate

- 1) Read the imaginary scenario on pages 165-167 (note that this book was written before the global COVID pandemic).
 - a. How prepared was West Side for COVID?

 - b. How would we have fared without “online church”?

 - c. What must take place for West Side to be ready for a similar shut down with extremely limited or zero access to pastors?

- 2) If you could reimagine a Sunday morning service where we also emphasized disciple-making (via speaking Spirit-backed words to one another) without decreasing our desire and emphasis on the worship of God, what might change?

- 3) Now that you've read the book, evaluate a ministry you are part of or care about at West Side. How trellis-oriented is that ministry? What needs to be done to make it a vine-focused ministry once again?

- 4) Are you part of a group of co-workers striving alongside one another for the sake of the gospel, mutually edifying one another, and being trained to be more like Christ and a more effective trainer of disciples? If not, which of the three are you missing and why?

- 5) What is one thing you need to do or one shift in life that you need to undergo to be a better disciple-maker?

- 6) Of all the chapters we have covered, which has been the most impactful and why?

Apply

- 1) What are you going to do personally to engage more completely in the work of disciple-making at West Side Church and in Yakima?

- 2) Who are you going to invest in?

- 3) If needed, who are you going to ask to invest in you?