MAKING DISCIPLES

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:27

“Discipling is an intentional relationship in which we walk alongside other disciples in order to encourage, equip and challenge one another in love to grow toward maturity in Christ. This includes equipping the disciple to teach others as well…. Making disciples is the theme of chapter one. Solid foundations will be laid in your life, and a part of spiritual maturity is the desire to pass on the faith to others. May God so take hold of you that you are equipped to invest in others and to make it a commitment for life.”

(Ogden, pp. 15, 17)

ARE YOU EQUIPPED?

“The human body functions beautifully when each part operates according to its design. We need each other. According to Paul’s body image, all the parts are interdependent and necessary for the health of the whole. We don’t have it all together, but together we have it all. Independence and self-reliance are enemies of community. Without vulnerability and awareness of need there is no basis for community. Instead of inferiority or superiority, we need an attitude of interreliance.”

(Ogden, pp. 180-81)

HOW DO YOU MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE?

- Memorize Scripture because these are God’s words to hide in your heart.
- Memorize Scripture by putting it to music. Sing a song. Make up your own.
- Memorize Scripture by repeating and reviewing verses to form a regular habit.
- Memorize Scripture while walking. Kinesthetic activity increases memory.
- Memorize Scripture the AWANA way: Act it out! Use hand motions.

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If you are in a Discipleship Essentials quad, pray, asking God who he wants to put on your heart to ask. God will prepare their heart in advance.
BEING A DISCIPLE

You cannot give what you first do not have.

“Then he said to the crowd, ‘If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang onto your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.’” Luke 9:23-24

“A disciple is one who responds in faith and obedience to the gracious call to follow Jesus Christ. Being a disciple is a lifelong process of dying to self while allowing Jesus Christ to come alive in us.” (Ogden, p. 24)

What is the Greatest Commandment? To love the LORD your God with all your heart, and mind and soul and strength, and the second is like it: To love your neighbor as yourself. What is most important? Being a reflection of Jesus Christ. Being a disciple is a reflection of Jesus Christ.

QUIET TIME

“Just as Jesus went to a ‘solitary place’ to meet with his Father (Mark 2:35), so a disciple should daily pull away from the busyness of life for a quiet time, a personal rendezvous with the Lord and Savior.” (Ogden, p. 32)

There are 168 hours in a week. Do I not have a few minutes each day to spend with Jesus who gave His life for me? Some people find that Wayne Cordeiro’s Divine Mentor journaling useful for a quiet time to sense God’s presence. Learn more about SOAPING at http://lifejournal.cc and see samples of journaling for daily devotions.

S – Scripture (Read until something “jumps out.”)
A – Apply (Write how this passage applies to you.)
P – Pray (Close with a written prayer.)
BIBLE STUDY

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

“Because the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the uniquely inspired revelation of God and the standard of truth in all matters of faith and practice, a portion of each day should be set aside to read, study and meditate on God’s Word. The Bible is to the spirit what food is to the body.”

(Ogden, p. 39)

PRAYER

“It is not so true that ‘prayer changes things’ as that prayer changes us, and then we change things.” (Chambers, p. 19)

MARRIAGE AND PRAYER

“Marriage is like a growing garden. To keep it alive and thriving requires continual maintenance and tender care of the delicate and growing plants you place within it. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO: You must not look on prayer and Bible reading as merely another item on a list of things to do. They are much, much more than that. Spending daily time with God is the most crucial activity the two of you can engage in together.”

(Arteburn, pp. 193-195)

RESOURCES

Arteburn, Steve. (2013). The Seven-Minute Marriage Solution: 7 Things to Start! Seven Things to Stop! Seven Minutes That Matter Most!


Healthy Fruit

• Healthy fruit in our lives is the byproduct of well-nourished and cultivated roots.

• If we sink our inner life deep into the truth of God’s Word, life will blossom in us.

Ogden, p. 33
**EQUIPPING & INVESTING IN OTHERS**

**New News:** June 12th was an eventful day as Greg Ogden, Hud Staffield, and Debbie Marshall came for the planning session of our Romanian Discipleship Initiative (RDI). There will be more information as the details emerge, starting with our June 30th All-Church Discipleship Dinner.

Save the date! Enjoy a meal together and hear about God working among us. Most of the time, we start with a meal at 5:30-6:00 pm, ending promptly at 7 pm. See the weekly 411booklet on Sundays for details as the date approaches.

- June 30th: All-Church Discipleship Dinner with Todd and Melody Elefson
- August 4th: Community Nite – “Boundaries in Marriage” with Cloud & Townsend
- September 1st: Quad Leader Dinner and Discipleship Training Support
- October 6th: All-Church Discipleship Dinner
- November 3rd: Community Nite
- December 1st: Quad Leader Dinner and Discipleship Training Support

What do you want to read about in a newsletter? Send your suggestions and stories about your quads to discipleship@CamarilloCommunityChurch.org along with pictures.

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“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

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