

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS INTENTIONAL: About Discipleship Success

INTRO: This week's teaching addressed how Christ Community Church measures "success in the accomplishment of our mission." We are successful when we --as individuals on a team -- are intentionally "living the mission", growing in living the experience of our **LIFE QUESTIONS**.

Begin with Your EXPERIENCE

As you think about your everyday life, think either about [a] **What do you regularly "measure" in your life** [example -- do you track the growth of your investments? Keeping an eye on personal weight loss? Lowering your golf handicap?], or [b] **How are you regularly "measured"** [ex. -- frequently "tested" in school? Your sales performance? Employee evaluation?]. Share an example from your life. Then, to get things going, kick around the following --

- **Why do we measure things?** What's the value of doing so?
- **Do you think it is important to measure your spiritual growth?** What makes measuring this challenging?

Life Questions In the WORD

To measure how effectively we CCC team members are participating in our mission, we ask disciples to answer 6 life questions. These were reviewed in this week's INTENTIONAL SERIES teaching [#4 INTENTIONAL about our discipleship measures]. Take a moment to review each question and read together the accompanying Scripture:

- :: **DEPENDENCE:** Is the Spirit flowing through me? [John 7:37-39, Eph 5:18]
- :: **INTERACTION:** Does God make my day? [Mark 1:35, John 15:7]
- :: **FELLOWSHIP:** Who shares my tough stuff? [Hebrews 10:24-25, James 5:16]
- :: **MULTIPLYING:** With whom am I fishing? [Matthew 4:19, 2 Timothy 2:2]
- :: **READINESS:** How worn is my welcome mat? [Luke 19:10, 2 Cor 5:20]
- :: **GENEROSITY:** How are my investments doing? [Matthew 6:21, 25:23]

Have each person take quick personal inventory, asking

- o Which one of these questions comes most easily for you in your walk with Christ?
- o Which one of these questions represents a growth-challenge in your walk with Christ?

A pioneer in family and men's discipleship, Dr. Howard Hendricks would often tell students he mentored, "My greatest fear is not that you will fail, but that you will succeed in doing the wrong thing." **Choose a question** that you believe will help you succeed in living out our mission of connecting people to relationships in Christ. Discuss how you would like to improve in "growing" in **that question**. Is there a simple plan of action that will help you grow here?

My LIFE - our MISSION

Let's finish with a word of encouragement. Jesus described a group of people like us in a remarkable way: *You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket. It goes on a lampstand to give light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and come to recognize and glorify your Father who is in heaven* [Matthew 5:14-16].

Do something a bit different as you finish. Get on your knees together as a group [as many as are physically able], and ask the wonderful Holy Spirit to grow you in living out these 6 spiritual growth areas. Pray sincerely and passionately for yourself [in the question you targeted] and for others in your group. Don't be afraid to confess any sin that has kept you from being a passionate disciple. Ask God to fill you afresh and anew with His Wonderful Holy Spirit...to be that light Jesus promised you are.