

DiscipleShift Week One

We learned on Sunday about the four main kinds of churches in North America—

1. educational
2. attractional
3. missional
4. organic/home.

We determined that FCLC began as #4, but is now mainly #1, with some elements of #2. While each of these churches has strengths and weaknesses they are all missing the central function: discipling!

We also learned it is not possible to disciple someone on Sunday morning. Discipling requires time and relationships. Jesus disciplined in the smalls, not the crowds, so our discipling can only happen in the smalls as well.

Chapter 2 will cover the definition of a disciple which is an important point of understanding as we go forward. A good word that closely aligns with disciple is an apprentice. An apprentice learns from the master by observing and then doing. He seeks to become like his master in every respect. Putman will use the formula of “head-heart-hands” from Matthew 4:19.

Some thoughts to consider:

What’s the difference between a believer and a disciple?

If discipleship is actually spiritual parenting, what is needed for a successful raising of a disciple?

I want to be able to connect with you midweek to keep the idea of discipleship in front of you. If you don’t want to receive a weekly e-mail from me like this one, just let me know and I’ll remove you from the list. If you have questions about the reading or other insights you want to share with me, please e-mail me and we’ll chat!

Welcome again and thank you for being part of DiscipleShift! Let’s see what Jesus has in mind for us.

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