

Megan's Discipleship Vision ~

I love discipleship. I cannot fathom a better way to expose the truths of the gospel to the *crevices* of our hearts, to truly live in the delight and love of God, to love others deeply “lowering them to Jesus” in prayer, and to be equipped to live on mission.

Discipleship exposes my weakness, my sin, and my heart. It allows others to walk alongside me in truth and accountability. It calls me to speak the truth in love, to ask hard questions of myself and of those I lead, and to love deeply.

Mostly, discipleship roots me deep in the gospel of grace and what Jesus has done and is doing. He has rescued me from the dominion of darkness and brought me into the Kingdom of light (Ephesians 1) and I need others to remind me how to live in the light as well as expose that glorious light of the power of the gospel to others. We are so prone to forget His love, His commands, His delight, and His truth.

I seek to follow Jesus in his model of discipleship. He had a group of men that he spent a large portion of his time with for about 3 years, he was intentional about teaching them through his life and words, and He had no Plan B to carry out the mission! His model of discipleship was so powerful and effective that you and I know the Gospel because of it. I don't have a play-by-play formula, but I do have the example of His life - and life on life discipleship. This is what we're after in my group. It isn't and won't be perfect because we're all still in process, but our joy is made complete as we walk alongside each other working towards a common goal of fighting for the light within and without.

This takes more than a group meeting to do. It takes all of our lives. It takes commitment – to the Word and each other; it takes courage – to see and be seen; it takes faith – that God is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do.

I long to make disciples who in turn make disciples - whether that's a group of women, a friend, kids, or students. We are being discipled and we make disciples as we walk in the light and fulfill Jesus' great commission.

I long to disciple women who can commit to the following outline (taken from Perimeter Church):

Faithful - Am I committed to the church and growing in Christ?

Available - Do I have time in my schedule to commit right now to group meetings and some time outside of group?

Interdependent - (This is the concept of “iron sharpening iron” - I need you and you need me.)

Am I ready to move away from growing more independent and move more into a relationship with others, willing to both give and receive?

Teachable - (This is the practice of being more curious than certain.) Am I willing to grow and be stretched in humility?

Hungry - Do I have a hunger for the Word of God, prayer, and for community with other believers who are going to walk alongside me and challenge me?