

Mentor for Life

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God's desire to reach others with the life-changing message of forgiveness in Christ comes with this interesting twist . . . He wants to involve us in the program! To use a military term, He wants to "enlist" you and me. Our conversations this week will provide a unique look at intentionally mentoring others. Will you join the call?



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What comparisons can we draw from being a disciple (Matthew 28:19, 20) and from serving in the military? What differences may also come to mind?
- In John 1:35-49, there is a strong emphasis on following. What is involved with following someone? Would building relationships be part of the process? Why or why not?
- We would all agree that we have needs . . . how can the story of the feeding of the five thousand in John 6 help us see not only our needs, but the needs of others? What does this passage teach us about intentional discipleship and meeting the needs of those around us?
- How might God's words "it is not good for the man to be alone" in Genesis 2:18 connect with the words of Luke 10 where we are commanded to "love the Lord with all your heart, soul, strength and mind . . . and to love your neighbor as yourself." How can the answer to that question pave the way toward discipling another person?
- A chain is only as strong as its weakest link . . . that familiar phrase may bring thoughts of potential struggle or confident strength—it's a matter of perspective. So do you see a picture of strength when you read John 4:31-38? Why or why not?



CHALLENGE

God provides the opportunity for each of us to work with Him in mentoring others with intentionality. While there may be times when the journey with others is difficult and may even appear unfruitful, we can rest assured that God is at work. He uses our talents and gifts to draw others to Himself as we answer the call to engage in mentoring relationships. Where do you see God calling you to a role of mentorship? How have mentors impacted your life and faith journey?



COMMIT TO MEMORY

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to very end of the age"
(Matthew 28:19–20 NIV).



PRAYER

Lord, help me to embrace Your call to be involved in mentoring relationships. Take my fears, my doubts and my reasons for quitting and exchange them for courage, belief, and obedience . . . in Jesus's Name, amen.