

KANSAS COMMUNITIES MINISTRY UPDATE

"My objective is to know Christ in my own life in ever-increasing depth and to make disciples and develop laborers at all times, under any conditions, in every place I go"

Matthew 9:37-38

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." (NET Bible, used by permission)

Growth in Christlikeness

Philippians 3:10 ("That I may know Him and the power of his resurrection ... and the fellowship of His sufferings...") has always been a challenging verse. The first part, to know Him and the power of His resurrection, we are all on board with. As we spend more time with Him, we want more and more to know Him. What are His desires? What are His priorities? We also want to experience the power of His resurrection. We trust in Him alone for our salvation and our eternal life with Him.

But the last part, that part about being in fellowship with His sufferings, that part we can live without. Or can we? In retrospect, when have you grown most in your relationship with Jesus? Typically it is through some difficult period in our lives that we grow most. We learn to be thankful for hard times. They draw us closer to the Master.

Long Distance Disciplemaking



They seemed interested in pursuing further discussion. They asked good questions. They were beginning to show some interest in spiritual things.

The two young women were in our town for just a couple of years, finishing up an MBA at the local college. They had been invited to church and a Bible study and showed interest. But then, the husband of one of the young women got a job out of town. They would be moving.

They were meeting with two ladies from our church, using some basic Bible study materials from the Navigators. It was disappointing to learn that one of them would now be leaving our city. Who would continue to help her grow in understanding who Jesus is and why He came?

The two young ladies expressed a great desire to continue to do the Bible study. So ... they set up a regular time to meet weekly online via Skype. They could continue to meet as a group of four women (two ladies from our church and the two younger ladies) even though they were in different cities. They have been faithful to continue to meet online for the last 3 years, continuing their discipling relationship.

With today's technology, it is now more possible than ever to have an impact even when people move. Perhaps the Lord is leading you to continue a discipling/mentoring relationship with someone who is moving out of the area. It can work ... and quite well!



Goads and Nails

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God's Gracious Provision

"And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh – the Lord will provide"

"One of the names by which our Lord reveals Himself to us and wants to be known is Jehovah-jireh. The word "jireh" means literally "to see." ... When God sees, He foresees. It is because He foresees,, that He also provides.

Our God sees every event of our lives. He has known and has seen them from eternity past. Having foreseen each need He is faithful to provide for us at our point of need. The Lord reveals this truth to us about His person in the story of Moses, ... but He wants to reveal Himself as Jehovah-jireh in our individual lives as well. It is at a point of need where God moves miraculously in our lives that we are given an opportunity to possess not only intellectual truth but also experiential truth."

Richard Spann



Discipleship Library - a fantastic resource

Have you checked out the online Discipleship Library recently (DiscipleshipLibrary.com)? This is an extensive repository of both classic and current talks given by Navigators and others over the years.

You'll find such speakers as Dawson Trotman, Jim Downing, Irma and Gene Warr, Bob Boardman, LeRoy Eims, George Sanchez, Lorne Sanny, Josh McDowell, Robert E. Coleman, Jack Griffin, Howard Hendricks, Doug Nuenke, Mike Treneer and Eddie Broussard just to name a few.

We will highlight a recording every month or so in this newsletter as a reminder of what is available. This month: ***Born to Reproduce*** by Dawson Trotman. In this classic message, Dawson relates the story of being in Edinburgh, Scotland and seeing a baby in a carriage and the proud parents. No matter if the family is rich or poor, they are very pleased and excited about their little baby. Dawson observes that humans are given the command to "be fruitful and multiply." Only a few things will prevent reproduction: lack of union and immaturity are two. As believers we are all commanded to reproduce in the spiritual realm.

If we are not united to Christ (and growing in fellowship with Him daily), our spiritual reproduction is hindered. If we are not growing in our relationship with Christ (immature), our spiritual reproduction is hindered. Reproduction in the Christian life is not optional. "Where's your man? Where's your woman?" Dawson reminds us.

I would encourage you to use these MP3's in your ministry. Let the wisdom of others speak to you today!