

Area Ministry, Part 3

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I. Introduction.

- A. It is not what we see that is important but what we do not see. We must keep our eyes on the covenant.
- B. Establishing is turning a person over to do ministry himself. (II Timothy 2:2)

II. Principles of growth.

- A. God causes growth.
- B. Growth is not always steady.
- C. God uses various means to establish growth.
- D. We must be careful to usurp an individual's freedom.

III. What should go on in this relationship.

- A. It is difficult to define the relationship, but there must be a commitment to a biblical relationship.
- B. This involves biblical love. (I Corinthians 13:4-5)
- C. There must be mutual acceptance.
- D. There must be a commitment to the Bible as truth. (I Corinthians 13:12)
- E. We are going to be loyal to one another.
- F. We are going to be committed to proper roles.
- G. We are going to commit ourselves to biblical communication by being truthful, loving, and building one another up.

IV. Methodology.

- A. This group should be involved in a team setting.
- B. The person must be met with individually.
- C. The person must be given guided experience--he is brought into ministry.

V. The concept behind the equipping ministry. The goal is to invest a life and message into another individual. (II Timothy 1:8, 12)

VI. The content of equipping.

A. Pre-evangelism.

B. Making a convert.

C. Making a disciple.

1. Re-emphasis on relationship.

2. Bible knowledge.

3. Character development.

4. Reinvestment into the ministry.

VII. Evaluation.

Application questions:

1. What stood out to you the most about the speaker's discussion on what should be included in a discipleship ministry? Explain.

2. Why is it valuable to have a disciple involved in a team as part of his experience?

3. What part does reinvestment into the ministry play in discipleship? When should this take place?
