

Vision for Disciple Makers

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I. Introduction.

A. Jesus did not accidentally stumble across the finish line of life. (John 4; 17:4; 19)

B. Jesus' work was to redeem men and to train twelve. We have been sent to train others also. (John 20)

C. Text: I Corinthians 3.

II. Considering that Jesus Christ is the foundation, we choose the building materials and God decides on the fire.

A. The precious materials are good things in life.

B. We must take care to build good things into the lives for others.

III. God sends the fire to test the building materials.

A. Christ will not burn—He will always pass through the fire.

B. We must be disciplined in the basics—prayer, Bible study, etc—so that we will stand when the fire comes.

C. Depression, crisis, illness, rejection, death—these are the fires that will come.

D. When these things come upon others, we must not be too quick to intervene and play junior Holy Spirit.

IV. Curriculum for disciple makers. (II Timothy 3:10)

A. Doctrine.

1. We must teach others.

2. We teach by modeling.

B. Lifestyle.

1. This requires a high degree of vulnerability and approachability.

2. Lifestyle and doctrine are inseparable.

Application questions:

1. Why is doctrine important?

2. What challenges do you face in becoming more vulnerable? How can you better face these challenges?

3. How have you been challenged by seeing other Christians respond well in suffering? What did you learn?
