The Dynamics of Discipleship
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Part 3

I. God employs human instruments

    A. You haven't done anything until you have changed the lives of people.

    B. I hope you are spending your life building His Word into the lives of people.

    C. Why do I choose men?

        1. I choose individuals because I like them - they are my kind.

        2. I choose an individual because they like me.

        3. I choose individuals because they are like me.

II. How did Christ choose his disciples? (1 Corinthians 1:26; Luke 6:12-19)

    A. Four basic things Jesus taught His disciples.

        1. The importance of developing an eternal perspective.

        2. Become a servant.

        3. Model the Savior.

        4. Cultivate your faith.

    B. Jesus prayed in the process of choosing His disciples.

        1. You have to make choices; you can't disciple everyone.

        2. Would your disciples ever find you on your knees?

        3. Stop asking people to do you a favor, ask them to join a fellowship.

            a) I would never ask my students to do for me what I unashamedly ask them to do for Christ.

            b) We beg people to do things. Perhaps we should be telling them to go home sometimes.

            c) Do you choose disciples because of what they can do for you or what you can do for them?

    C. The principle of exposure.

1. The disciples had been exposed to Jesus for a considerable period of time before He called them.

2. There were two calls.

3. Up to two years elapsed between the first call and the second call.

D. The principle of variety

1. Opt for diversity not uniformity.

2. Jesus chose Introverts and extroverts, radical and redneck, leaders and followers, gifted men and limited men.

3. The distinctive of the body of Christ, like the distinctive of your marriage, is to be found in its differences.

E. The principle of potential

1. Aristotle said that the true nature of anything is what it can become.

2. How you see your disciples is what they will become.

3. Choose people on the basis of what they are to become.

4. You cannot choose who will be a winner.