

Vision

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I. Introduction.

- A. To make disciples you teach, pray and model.
- B. There is a specific curriculum for teaching, however.
- C. Text: II Timothy 3:10-11.

II. Doctrine. We teach doctrine by the way we respond to life.

III. Lifestyle.

- A. This requires a high degree of vulnerability and approachability.
- B. We have to be willing to be hurt in order to make an impact.
- C. Being with people changes lives.

IV. Purpose.

- A. We need goals.
- B. Goals need to be realistic and attainable.

V. Faith.

- A. Faith is only as valuable as its object.
- B. Faith is best taught in a sinking ship.
- C. Faith relies on the promises of God.

VI. Longsuffering and patience.

- A. Patience and longsuffering give an accurate reflection of God's sovereignty.
- B. If we do not believe that God is in control, we tend to try to grab the controls.

VII. Love.

- A. People hunger for an authentic love relationship.

B. People should know we love them through our communication.

VIII. Persecutions and suffering.

A. Suffering is part of the curriculum of life.

B. Someone else may need the comfort we can bring from having been through suffering.

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?
