



Study #5

Real Church Growth

Ice Breaker:

1. Growing up, who did you look up to or want to emulate? What about that person caused you to feel this way?

Watch Video @ <http://vimeo.com/33931212>

2. What do you think a disciple is? What are some examples outside of church culture?

Watch the video till the 5:34 mark, filling in the blanks, and then answer the following questions:

- *Making disciples is helping people follow _____.*
- *Discipleship fundamentally happens through being _____.*
- *Knowledge itself is no testimony to _____.*
- *All the images of the church in the New Testament are _____.*

3. What are some ways we grow as a believers?

4. Why is the church so vital to our growth as believers?

5. Why are so many Christians unwilling to engage in the process of discipleship?

Watch the video till the 10:50 mark, filling in the blanks, and then answer the following questions:

- *The programs of a church try and create a framework on which a _____ can grow.*
- *God _____ our work rather than counts it.*

6. Why are knowledge and teaching vital to the process of discipleship?

7. In what ways does discipleship that is connected to interpersonal relationships allow for deeper discipleship?
8. How can church programs enable growth for the believer? In what ways can programs hinder the discipleship process in the church?
9. How does a church that desires healthy discipleship evaluate the programs and ministries?

Watch the video till the 20:54 mark, filling in the blanks, and then answer the following questions:

- *People who make disciples are willing to radically _____ their lives... and ask others to do the same.*
- *Make sure you're not just reaching out to people who are just like _____.*
- *Someone who pushes for something that they want is either not a Christian or is really _____.*
- _____ *never goes only one way.*

10. The video describes discipleship as an invitation to someone to follow you as you follow Christ. What areas in your life might you be able to help others in?
11. Biblical discipleship will not be consigned to just a group of people we have commonality with, it should also involve people who are different than us. How might engaging people different than you be beneficial? What hinders us from such relationships?
12. What type of spirit and perspective would members have when they engage in ministry and worship?
13. How are our individual needs met if we focus so much time and attention on others' needs?