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## What does “being a disciple”/following imply or necessitate?

- Seeing He is enough
- You are learning
- Something outside; willing to lose self-centeredness
- Share what learn/not embarrass
- Shows level of importance
- Doer not hearer
- Intentional (discipline required)
- Wisdom of God lifted up (head, heart, hand)
- Looking past brokenness, solutions, why look to Him, what do you want
- Not co-pilot or business partner more like apprenticeship i.e.) one who left Jesus in John 6 left because looking through their lens /needs
- Seek maturity, don't focus on age – don't hide flaws

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- Phil. 2 – no selfish ambition, the mindset of Christ Jesus
- Know Him; passion
- Contrast seeing what not; teachable to be lead toward object your following
- Willingness to do the hard things – often things we haven’t thought of – that indicates something outside ourselves we value
- Preventative maintenance
- Romans 12

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**If we believe all of God's words in the midst of hard things, what will it keep us from?**

- Sinning – being separated from God
- Doubting His Word
- 2 Peter 1 – character that continues “in Christ” will not be useless, unfaithfulness
- Consequences
- Hebrews – in obedience you will see that He is better
- Keep our eyes off ourselves, not losing sight of who God is
- Idols, going our own way

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**What does this say about our following Jesus if we are not actively helping others follow Jesus?**

- We don't get it
- My kingdom, masquerading as God's Kingdom causing me to miss God's priorities
- We have selective faith – take parts we want, ignore parts don't think we need
- Fear of people holding us to same standard
- Lazy- caught up in our own kingdom (schedule, family)

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**What does making disciples of Jesus include?**

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**What would be some of the inhibitors to us cultivating this germ of following Jesus ourselves and helping others follow Jesus in the church?**

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**How would following Jesus deal with these inhibitors?**

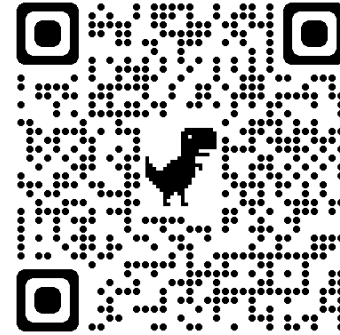


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**What do we need to do to strengthen this germ/root of following Jesus in our lives individually and as a church?**

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- 1. Are Churches Losing the Battle to Form Christians?**  
by: Brett McCracken Gospel Coalition

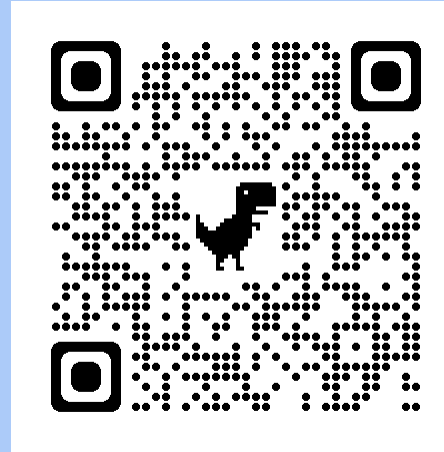


- 2. BCC Classic: Five Indicators of a Healthy and Transforming Soul Care Ministry**  
by: Garrett Higbee



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## 3. Five Reasons We Don't Disciple (Part 1)



## 4. Five Reasons We Don't Disciple (Part 3)



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Why will following Jesus individually/together naturally result in a culture of **discipling, evangelism, raising up leaders, church planting, and missions**? (What is the tie? How do they flow from each other?)

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## 5. What is the Mission of the Church by: AJ Gibson



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**Underlying Assumptions/Goals in Adult SS for church as whole:**

- 1. We must shift our focus from personal maturity and growth to building healthy churches.**
- 2. We must focus on the roots, not merely the fruit.**

# **“SKELETON AND FLESH OF THE CHURCH” APPLIED PT. 9**

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**IF we do NOTHING else together, the Collective People of God must:**

- I. Worship God Together.** Romans 15:5-6
- II. Grow Individually and Corporately with a Growth that Comes from God.** Eph. 4:15-16
- III. Protect/Defend the Name of God—His character and Eternal Purposes.** II Tim. 1:13-14
- IV. Own the People in the Particular Expression of the Body of Christ where God has Placed you.** I Cor. 12:18, Eph. 4:16
- V. Spread the Glory of God** Hab. 2:14, I Pet. 2:9

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We have looked at public worship services, relationships, growth, culture, now finally, What would need to be lifted up/allowed if want to build healthy churches with strong roots in **faithful service**?



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**Through the lens of these two goals, what were some of the changes hoped for by intentionally changing the goals during our *Future Grace* study leading to an 8 year study of that book? (longer studies over the years preceding)**

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Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that **you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;**

Philippians 1:27

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, <sup>2</sup> **make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.**

Philippians 2:1–2