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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)
- We don't see Jesus or “all things – whatsoever He commanded” as worthy of sharing with others
- Perhaps shows we don't love people as we ought
- Shows we don't value growing “in all aspects to Him who is the head” – Eph. 4, Rom. 8:29

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

- Disobedience
- Intentional, won't come naturally
- Find benefits of “product” (benefits of knowing Christ)
- We have different priorities in following Him

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What is the progression in 2 Cor. 5?

- Rom. 8 chain – Justification, Sanctification, Glorification
 - Life with Christ because body dead, 6 therefore's
 - Comparing earthly life with heavenly life – v. 1-5, Therefore must walk by faith, in earthly because will be judged in heavenly, therefore live pleasing to God – v. 6-10
1. Groaning in contrast with longing based on promise of God
 2. We are all preaching something about what will make life work – when it is the gospel, it will minimize other priorities
- Everything here is a picture of something heavenly – something much greater in heaven with Jesus – we flip it and put our hope in earthly
 - V. 10 anchors what is on display (v. 11-13) and how you respond under scrutiny

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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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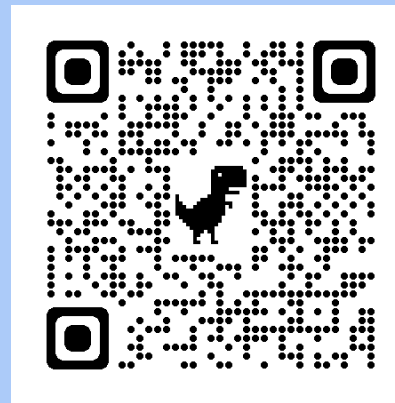
How would following Jesus deal with these inhibitors?

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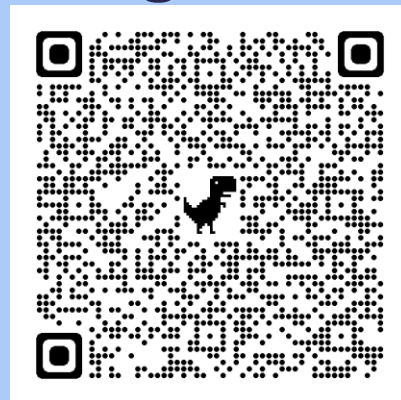
What do we need to do to strengthen this germ/root of following Jesus in our lives individually and as a church?

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

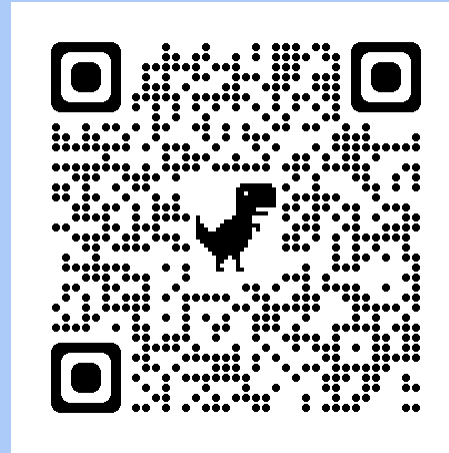


- 2. BCC Classic: Five Indicators of a Healthy and Transforming Soul Care Ministry**
by: Garrett Higbee



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



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

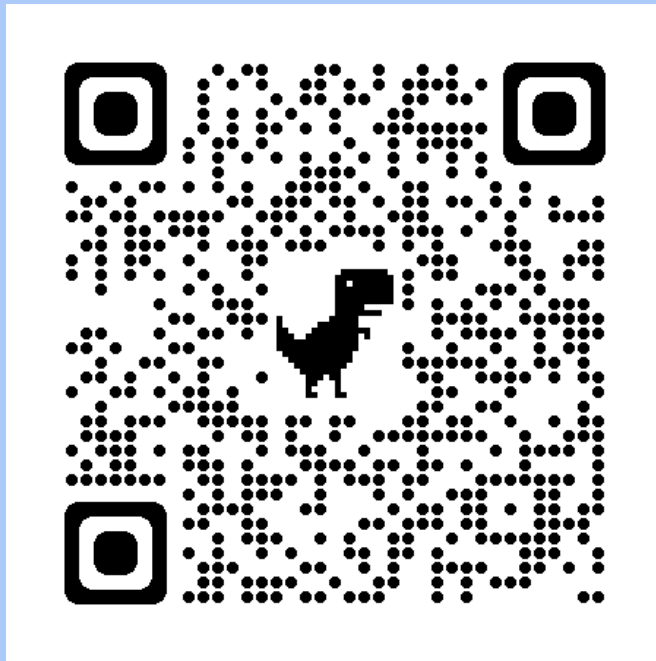


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Why will following Jesus individually/together naturally result in a culture of **discipling, evangelism, raising up leaders, church planting, and missions**? (What is the tie? How do they flow from each other?)

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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.**

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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, ² **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