

Engage

Remember the 4 E's of Discipleship: Engage, Establish, Equip and Empower.

Today we will discuss **Engage**.

We **ENGAGE**

1) **The lost**

- Our goal in engaging the lost is to introduce them into a saving relationship with Christ.

> What are some things we can do to engage the lost?

- a) Listen: We can learn a lot about where people are by listening to them. It may be that, in the course of listening, we recognize an entry point for the gospel.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

- b) Serve: Everyone needs someone else's help at some point in their lives. Looking for practical ways to serve others can open doors for the gospel.

> What is an example you can give from your experience in serving others?

- c) Share: Sharing your own story of what Jesus did in your life is, perhaps, the most effective way to make the gospel real to people. Take the time and be intentional about sharing your story with others.

2) **The believer**

- Many people make a decision for Christ but are never engaged by someone who can help them begin to walk with Him on a daily basis.
- There are some very basic things you can do as a leader at church that can help you engage disconnected believers:

- a) Introduce yourself: Look for people you don't know at church. Make conversation with them by asking about their lives and then be willing to listen.

- b) Join a SERVE team: There are many people in the church whose only involvement in the church is in some type of service ministry (i.e. parking attendant, usher, coffee team, children workers, etc.). As you meet people who are serving, take a minute to find out if someone is engaging them. If not, invite them to your small group and get them into your world and help them begin to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

- c) Be a Connector: As you meet people, keep in mind other relational connections that may benefit these people. Remember, your goal is to multiply yourself and this can be done by getting people you meet connected in multiple life-giving relationships.

3) **Emerging leaders**

- Engaging emerging leaders is vital to the continual growth of our church as part of building God's Kingdom.

> What will happen if we don't engage emerging leaders?

> What are some ways we can engage emerging leaders in order to get them to begin to lead others?

a) Cast Vision: Leaders want to be a part of something greater than themselves. In order to engage leaders you must cast the ultimate vision...

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19

b) Give responsibility: When you engage potential leaders you must give them responsibility.

> What are some things you can do to give responsibility to emerging leaders?

c) Be consistent: It is important to be consistent with emerging leaders in pushing them to fulfill their God-given purpose as well as caring for their personal growth with God.

Remember, as leaders we must begin the process of discipleship by **engaging** others.