



# DISCIPLING

## ***How do we make discipling purpose driven and not program driven?***

In order to make discipling purpose driven and not program driven we must look at our example for discipling, that being Jesus Christ. Jesus not only choose His closest disciples, calling them to “follow Me,” but He demonstrated for us what we too must do to disciple others.

Too often we only look at discipling from the lens of Sunday School and small groups. These are great “programs” but are not the end of discipling but just the beginning. Jesus did not just have a small group with His disciples, He had a relationship with each of them. He cared for them, supplied their need for the Bread of Life. He had a personal relationship showing each of His disciples what it means to love your neighbor as we love ourselves.

Consider the moment when Jesus reveals to His disciples that one of them would betray Him. At that time

the Book of John reveals that “there was leaning on Jesus’ bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.” Discipling is being as honest and open as Jesus was with His disciples and being willing to be totally vulnerable before the one who was about to betray Him.

Discipling is bringing others to Christ by loving them as Christ loves them. When we start to look at people who are lost as those who need to know Jesus and show them the love of Jesus though our relationship with them, then we will take discipling out of the realm of program and into the understanding that it is to draw all of us to a closer walk with Christ. We will take discipling from program driven to purpose driven.

