

Mentoring Ministry

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"Stretching out His hand toward His disciples He said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father is my brother and sister and mother.'" Matthew 12:49-50

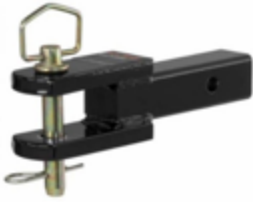
"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child." 2 Timothy 1:1-2

"For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." 1 Corinthians 4:15

*"You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."
2 Timothy 2:1-2*

- Mentoring at its core is relational. There is no deeper, no more dynamic relational connection than mentoring. This is why we appropriately refer to those whom we are mentoring as *family*. Those we mentor are deeper than colleagues or associates; we are family. For this reason, mentoring is essentially spiritual fathering and mothering. Mentoring is not discipleship; it is, however, the glue that makes life-giving discipleship stick.
- Mentoring is intentional and purposeful. For this reason, when we mentor, we define the relationship and build into it both commitments and consistency. Mentoring is not equipping; it is, however, the bridge over which life principles are carried.
- Mentoring as we define the term is essentially kingdom advancing. As Christ modeled intentional mentoring, it was certainly not peripheral; mentoring was the primary means by which Christ advanced His kingdom. The most significant kingdom advancing ministry we will be involved in is life-on-life mentoring. Mentoring is the relational linchpin that moves the kingdom forward.

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Linchpin: a single piece of steel that costs less than a dollar and weighs less than a pound that connects the truck to the trailer.

Mentoring Misconceptions

- A mentor must be 80 years old.
- Mentors must be perfect.
- Mentors use a curriculum.
- Mentors hold their protégé accountable.

Bobb Beihl, *Mentoring* (Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1996)

Mentoring Model of Christ and Paul

1. All mentoring leads toward encountering the manifest presence of Christ in an upper room prayer environment. All mentoring flows out of encountering the manifest presence of Christ in an upper room environment.

Christ: *"And a voice came out of the cloud saying, 'This is My Son, my Chosen One; listen to Him!' And when the voice had spoken Jesus was found alone."* Luke 9:35-36

Paul: *"All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household."* Philippians 4:22

2. All mentoring is built on the kingdom principle of fullness (Christ's work in us) and fulfillment (Christ's work through us).

Christ: *"Follow Me (fullness) and I will make you fishers of men (fulfillment)."* Mark 1:17

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you (fullness) and you will be My witnesses (fulfillment)..." Acts 1:8

Paul: *"I know that when I come to you (fulfillment) I will come to you in the full measure of the blessing of Christ (fullness)."* Romans 15:29

3. All mentoring is as-you-go, life-on-life, house-to-house.

Christ: *"And immediately He left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John."* Mark 1:29

Paul: *"I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable in teaching you in public and from house to house."* Acts 20:20

The Total Person Filter

True mentoring is holistic and involves the total person.

Physical, personal health and hygiene	Marital, sexual
Recreational	Family
Hobbies, pass times, personal interests	Finance
Intellectual, mental	Spiritual Formation
Emotional health and well-being, fears and anxieties	Spiritual gifts and life calling

4. All mentoring is missional and activating.

Christ: *"And He called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases. And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal."* Luke 9:1-2

"After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of Him, two by two into every town and place that He Himself was about to go." Luke 10:1

Paul: "And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2

5. All mentoring is surprisingly quick and yet long-term, and even eternal. Whatever Christ has done in you He can do through you.

Christ: "Freely you have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8

Paul: "Be imitators of me as I am of Christ." 1 Corinthians 11:1

prophet are subject to the prophet." 1 Corinthians 14:32

The Master Plan of Evangelism

Robert Coleman (*Revell, 1993*)

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