

Leading Through Discipleship

Jesus had a great I D E A...

- **I – INSTRUCTION**
Mt. 5-7 (Sermon on Mount), Jn. 13-17 (Upper Room), etc
As we commonly do today, Jesus gave verbal *instruction* to His disciples. This is a common feature of our teaching today and the way we grow as Christians. However, He did not stop there...
- **D – DEMONSTRATION**
John 4 (Samaritan woman), Mark 5:1-20 (Legion of Demons), etc
Jesus went on to *demonstrate* the things He verbally instructed with actual action. This action was often times the driving home point of His verbal *instruction* and brought to life what the disciples were learning. He walked the walk, not just talked the talk, **in front of His disciples** and they grew as a result. This is a CRITICAL component of discipleship.
- **E – EXPERIENCE**
Luke 10:1-12 (sending 72), Matthew 10:5-15 (sending 12), etc.
Jesus did not just tell them with a monologue how to live (*instruction*) nor did He simple tell and show, Jesus *involved* His disciples by engaging them in the very activities He was *instructing* and *demonstrating*. This is one of the most CRITICAL parts of discipleship; giving opportunities for people to trust and listen to the Holy Spirit as they actively live out what they are learning is essential.
- **A – ACCOUNTABILITY**
Luke 10:17-20 (72 return), Mt. 28:16-20 (Great Commission), etc
Jesus went full circle in walking life-on-life with His disciples. He processed, reiterated, and held them *accountable* for the things He had taught / entrusted them to do. His command to **make disciples who make disciples of all peoples** was and is His great call of accountability to each of us as believers.

... and He called it discipleship!