

DISCIPLING MEN



The men's ministry wants to see men grow spiritually. Jesus' command was to go, or "as you are going", make disciples. A disciple is simply one who is "with" or "alongside" the teacher. In the Christian context, the teacher is Jesus and the aim of the disciple is to seek a change in his life that enables him to respond to his life situations like Jesus would respond. In other words, to seek a heart change.

PATHS TO HEART CHANGE

There are several paths to help men on this journey. Each man is at a different stage in his life. Some are in need of a faithful friend who is genuinely interested in him and his struggles. So an initial path might be just being a friend and listening. Another path might be mentoring. This involves regular contact for the purpose of interacting about the challenges life brings. In both these paths, there will be opportunities to bring the spiritual dimension into the discussions. The underlying reality is to really help someone; we need to direct them to the Savior. How we do this depends on how receptive the other man is right then. Some men may be on the path for a study of the Scriptures during your regular contact. This is a familiar format and is, of course, a necessary component of helping a man draw near to God and the Savior. Ultimately, each man must decide in his heart that he really wants to pursue a heart change and follow Jesus. This is becoming a disciple and is a life long process.

BECOMING INVOLVED

If you are interested in having a special friend to share with or in being mentored, or disciplined, contact Jim Heuring, (208) 921-427.

If you are interested in helping other men come closer to the Savior and following him, we would like to assist you by providing more information about how to do this and by including you in a support group already engaged in this ministry. If you are wondering "how can I help someone else when I am still growing in my faith," remember that we are all some stage of growing in our relationship to Jesus. None of us have reached perfection. But if the Lord has prompted you to think about helping someone, then now is the time to follow-up on that prompting and find out how to begin. We would like to assist you and encourage you. Contact Jackson or Bryan for more information.