



Chair Two/The Believer

MAIN THING

Main Thing: Jesus' Second Invitation is to "Follow Me"

SCRIPTURE

John 1:43, Acts 2:38, John 5:24, John 10:10, Ephesians 6:11-12, Matthew 3:11, John 5:30, Matthew 22:29, John 8:28, Mark 12:29-30

ICEBREAKER

What's one thing that you know now that you didn't know ten years ago?

OPENING THOUGHT

The second stage of discipleship is the "adolescence" of the Christian faith. Major rapid growth happens. However, this is also the most vulnerable stage in a Christian's life, one where there are major temptations to go back to the old ways. People who are in Chair Two have stepped into an entirely new world where there are amazing possibilities for life, but they've also stepped into a world where they are vulnerable to false teaching, vulnerable to being hurt by other Christians far more than more mature Christians are, and vulnerable to burnout. The main thing for this stage of discipleship is "transformation."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?

2. Dave said that the Chair Two person is vulnerable to going back to their old ways because of three things: 1) All Their Habits Were Still "Lost," 2) They didn't know what they were signing up for, and 3) The Church. Which one of these things do you think is the most dangerous? Have any of these caused you to doubt or even possibly cause you to leave the faith at some point?

3. In the sermon we listed six things that were essential to this stage: 1) Total Dependence on the Holy Spirit, 2) Centrality of Prayer, 3) Obedience to God, 4) Centrality of God's Word, 5) Magnifying God, and 6) Love. Which of these is the most difficult to incorporate into life? If you were discipling at Chair Two Christian, which one would you emphasize the most?

LIFE APPLICATION

There are three types of people sitting in this room right now. The first type is a Chair One person who needs to surrender his or her life to Christ, and what we are talking about is the next step in life. The second type are Chair Two people who need someone to disciple them in the things we've just talked about. The third type are Christians who need to be able to lead a Chair Two person in these transformational changes.

Which one are you?

If you are a Chair Two person, which one of the six things necessary for this stage is the most difficult for you? Which is the easiest? Which one do you need the most help with?

CHALLENGE

From Dave: I've been in ministry for twenty-one years now. I've seen tons of people move from Chair One to Chair Two, and it's always exciting to see baptisms and confessions of faith. However, I've seen far too many people in Chair Two, who we had lots of high hopes for, either stall out and never grow or abandon the faith entirely after a short while.

Jesus is calling us to something far better than that. It is important that we as a church and as people recognize the vulnerability and potential of this stage of discipleship. We need committed disciple-makers to help mentor and guide Chair Two people in this stage. This is the time of discipleship that, quite honestly, needs the most involvement from the church.

My challenge to people in this church is twofold: if you are a Chair Two person, don't stall out in this stage and don't quit. Find a Christian that you look up to and ask him or her to disciple you. You need this. If you are a Chair Three or Four person, find a Chair Two person and begin discipling. It's not hard. Chair Two people are the most abundant people in the church. They may even be in your own home. Whatever you do- don't let our Chair Two church family members become casualties in the battle. I've seen it far too often.