



A CHURCH THAT **WINS**

A Discipling Church

MAIN THING

A Discipling Church Making Disciples who Make Disciples

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 22:6, Colossians 1:28-29

ICEBREAKER

Back in High School, were you a teacher's pet, or were you the kid spending too much time in the principal's office? Any stories?

OPENING THOUGHT

Discipleship is not a program. It is a relationship in which one person passes on their faith to another. Not just belief in Jesus, but practices, disciplines, attitudes, wisdom, lifestyle, and priorities. A disciple-maker trains the disciple in marriage, family, finances, prayer, study, time management, decision making....everything that goes into life. It is our goal at Catalyst to be a church where people are constantly making disciples. We will know we are successful when, starting with leaders/elders, each one has one or more people that he or she is actively meeting with and pouring into, and, in turn, that person repeats it with another.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Discipleship is a lot like raising a child. After reading Proverbs 22:6, what similarities do you see between the two? Is it healthy to see someone we disciple as a spiritual child of ours, not in a demeaning way, but from the standpoint of responsibility for them? Does this make us take discipleship more seriously?
3. Read Colossians 1:28-29. There's a different tone here when it comes to discipleship. What is Paul's motivation for discipling others in these verses? Is it important to him? Is this the kind of fervor that we, as American Christians, chase after? Do we give every effort to disciple others, or do we see it as something other people are supposed to do? Does our mindset need to change?

LIFE APPLICATION

Who are you discipling? Who is discipling you? These questions need to be at the forefront of our thoughts. This is not something that only ministers and church leaders are called to do. It is the call that all believers have. This week, take this call very seriously. Who are you going to pour into, and who will you seek out to pour into you?

CHALLENGE

When I was in Bible College in the early 90's, we called our small groups "D-Groups". That "D" stood for Discipleship. Our groups were essentially the same as the community groups we're in here at Catalyst. How can your group take on discipleship as part of your meetings? What would that look like? What is the benefit? When our groups are doing what they are supposed to, doing life together, discipleship should be the obvious effect of that.