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Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

The one thing that Jesus told his disciples (not just the apostles) before He ascended to heaven was to **make disciples**. Not to make churches or ministries or projects. While there are many ways to do this, one question I (Scott) ask myself on a regular basis is: **OF THOSE WHOM I THINK I HAVE DISCIPLED, WHO IS MAKING DISCIPLES NOW?**

The answer is very revealing (not that many) and very convicting (what am I doing about it?). I have become convinced that **making disciples who will make disciples is to be a primary focus for me.**

This past week has concluded 52 weeks of intentionally discipling 7 men (started with 12, but 5 dropped off for various reasons). Each began with the knowledge that they would be expected to take what they have learned this

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are in the process of inviting men to join their group. 1 is praying about who to invite, and 1 wants to go through this again before leading his own (though I think we may co-lead a group together).

One of the participants (71 years old, and a believer for decades) said, "This is probably the most important thing I have done in my life!"

I have also been leading another group in a 6-month discipleship process called "A Discipleship Journey" that will finish at the end of October.

What do we do in these discipleship groups? GOOD question! Thanks for asking! We meet weekly to corporately *pray, practice listening to God, learn what Jesus taught so we can pass it on to others, study God's Word about abiding in Jesus, our identity in Christ, spiritual warfare, developing a listening heart, life rhythms, balance of relationships, personal calling and spiritual gifts, advancing the Kingdom, prayer, evangelism, etc.* We have held each other accountable and encouraged each other to practice daily what we have been learning. We have served each other "Character Sandwiches" and we have made/shared plans for our own funerals. I have also spent time with each man a few times for one-on-one meetings. We also have done service projects together and gathered at times for good informal fun.

It has been an encouraging year to watch these disciples grow and hear of their continual seeking God's help for discipling others. The pictures below capture a few snapshots of our time with each other.

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We were so delighted that Scott's sister Dana and her husband Mark were able to visit us for a week in September. The last time we were together in Portland was for our wedding in 1988.

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Some neighbors chipped in to help with finances, meat, and cooking. This is always an opportunity to build bridges that lead to further conversations and relationship-development in a culture that does not make that easy.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

* The first week of October, participating churches in Rockwood are meeting TOGETHER each night at rotating church locations to pray TOGETHER for

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* I (Scott) plan to take a study Sabbatical in November. Please pray that I will focus on what I need to for personal growth and effectiveness in ministry. Also, I am hoping to have a clearer idea of how to continually improve my discipleship efforts.

* Our daughter Kendra and her family will be coming from Scotland to visit. Please pray for jet lag adjustment for the kids (Phoebe, 3 years old, and Rhea 5 month old) and quality bonding time together

* I (Scott) have 3 anti-trafficking presentations this month, one north of Seattle and 3 at a local youth group in Rockwood



We're bringing people together in Rockwood to ensure that no one is invisible and that everyone has access to food, freedom, and forgiveness.

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vulnerable to being trafficked and adults do not want to traffick kids.



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