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Discipleship for Jesus was an all of life offering of himself to others. He spoke the words and modeled the life he had experienced with his Father for his disciples.

Here are three things to believe and consider about creating the right discipleship environment:

1. **Discipleship needs to involve caring for the whole life of a person.** Every area of a person's life needs the gospel, not just the "spiritual" areas like Bible study, prayer, etc. A person's time, job, money, relationships, body, etc. must all be shaped from a gospel perspective. Discipleship is not fast. It takes a lot of time, commitment, and sacrifice. A discipler must be with his or her disciples frequently and must care for them over the long-term.
2. **People learn much more when they do something than when they just hear something.** For this reason, we need to help people experience life lived in line with the gospel (Gal 2:14). We need to live closely with them outside of church gatherings, engaging in life, relationships, and ministry together. Each person must be viewed individually, in the same way that parents view the development of each of their children individually.
3. **Teach your disciples to expect multiplication to happen.** As disciples teach others to obey all of Jesus' commands, that includes his command to make more disciples. Part of being a disciple of Jesus is making disciples of Jesus. This goal of multiplication, with disciple becoming disciple-maker, should be the stated and expected from the beginning. Though every person is not a gifted leader, every person is spiritually gifted and called to be a disciple-maker as part of some form of gospel-centered community on mission.

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