

THE *Big 3*

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TITLE: Invitation and Challenge: Moving Disciples Toward Maturity

Whenever we're investing time and energy into discipling someone or developing them as leaders, there's this strong dynamic that we learn from Jesus where he perfectly calibrated invitation to his life, with a challenge to grow, to participate, to be more like him.

Here are three things to believe and consider regarding invitation and challenge in your life:

1. **Learning to calibrate Invitation and Challenge with others is a critical aspect of discipleship and leading them toward growth and maturity.** We “bank” invitation in people’s lives and we “spend” those deposits as challenges that they can receive. If someone in your life is not stepping up to or accepting the challenge that you have presented them with, it may be that you need to “bank” more invitation, or the challenge is too much for the level of trust you have built up.
2. **Jesus loved his disciples enough to invite them to fully do life together with him,** but also loved them enough to challenge them in ways that produced trust, growth, and maturity. This is all part of why he came, putting on flesh, so that he could be with us and show us first hand what it was like to live a life of trust with our Father and love others to the point of laying down our lives and preferences. How much access to your regular life and family rhythms do those you are leading and discipling have with you?
3. **Make a list of people in your life that you are leading or discipling (this may include those in your own family)** and ask God to show you what the next *appropriate* invitation and level of challenge is for each person as you seek to teach, train and disciple them to maturity. What is the next appropriate level of invitation and challenge with your spouse, your kids, those you lead at work, people of peace in your life? Get started today!

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