***BEING DISCIPLED: GOD'S PLAN***

INTRODUCTION

1. Colossians 1:28-29
   1. Bringing each other to maturity.
   2. We all need to become more like Jesus every day.
   3. God's plan has always been to use people to help us be what he wants us to be.
2. INITIATION

You must desire to be discipled. No one will make you. Example: Going to the doctor- no one makes you, but you desire to get better. Question: do you want to become like Jesus?

1. Initiate Questions
   1. Proverbs 12: l5 - Many advisors make victory sure.
   2. Seek advice on finances, dating, school, work, home, family.
   3. Reasons we don't: pride, independence, sin.
2. Initiate in openness-confession
   1. Proverbs 28: 13
   2. Sins, temptations, feelings, attitudes.
   3. Disciplers should never have to guess about what's going on.
   4. Share fears, dreams, desires, embarrassments, joys, sorrows, etc.
3. Initiate in friendship
   1. Calls, cards, encouragement, etc.
   2. Need to be giving.
   3. No "OK here I am. Disciple me."
4. Initiate in evangelism.
   1. Bring people to disciplcrs to study with.
   2. This is how we learn to be abundantly fruitful.
5. Initiate in thinking.
   1. 1 Timothy 4:7 - train yourselves to be godly.
   2. Learn to be independent in thinking, not in spirit.
6. IMITATION
7. Imitate your leaders.
   1. Hebrews 13:7; Philippians 4:9
   2. Purpose
   3. Faith- reliance on God.
   4. Love- warmth and encouragement.
   5. Endurance, even-tempered and stability.
   6. Keeping head in all situations.
8. INDIGNATION

Sin is what keeps us from being a great disciple.

1. Pride
   1. Proverbs 26: 12 - "I can make it on my own." No you can't.
   2. James 4: 6 - God opposes the proud.
2. Selfishness
   1. Philippians 2: 1-8 - Jesus made himself nothing.