



Integrated Discipleship and Kingdom Transformation

THE 4 FOUNDING RELATIONSHIPS

Unpack John 17:24

In the beginning: God Trinitarian- relational - 3 people in one for eternity-God love

Unpack Genesis 1: 26-31, 2:15

1. What do we learn about the creation of man and his environment in these verses?

- God made the first man in his image and likeness
- God is perfect. Thus the men made in his likeness are also perfect
- The first man lived in harmony / peace with God in the beginning
- Live in harmony with themselves, others and nature
- God says that "it was very good" v 31
- MAN AND WOMAN are created in the image of God - Different but equal.
- Man is the steward of the earth. Responsibility to cultivate and manage resources
- Man is blessed for a task - work is sacred
- God gave man complete and legal authority on earth

2. Therefore, in the garden there were 4 foundational relationships:

Man - God

Man- woman (others)

Man – creation

Man – himself

- These relationships were harmonious

3. With the fall these relationships were broken:

Gen 3:8 man – God = **spiritual poverty**

Gen 3:9, 10 man – himself = **poverty in identity**

Gen 3:12 man – woman (others) = **relational poverty**

Gen 3: 17 man – creation = **stewardship poverty**

(trainer can ask for examples to students of brokenness in the four relationships)

4. But Jesus came to restore his Kingdom on earth:

Therefore the four foundational relationships: Col 1: 15-20 demonstrating it through power: Luc 7: 22-23



Ask participants to go into small groups and ask them to think about what are the characteristics of a restored relationship between man and God, man and himself, man and woman (and others), man and creation → making disciple-makers is actually bringing God's Kingdom in these 4 foundational relationships.

5. Poverty is therefore related to these four foundational relationships, and not just to material poverty.

Let's think about the question who is poor and why?

6. Making disciple-makers in the four dimension of life

- Unpacking Luke 2:52 in small groups or in big group with the question:

In what areas of his life was Jesus growing?

The answer is: Spiritually – Intellectually (in wisdom) -Physically - Socially

7. Main Point

When disciples are made, it can be in these 4 areas, **this is wholistic discipleship.**

1. Relationship with God (overcome **spiritual poverty**)
2. Identity (overcome identity poverty)
3. Relationship with other people (overcome **relational poverty**)
4. Relationship to creation (overcome **physical/ stewardship poverty**)

8. Let's think about how we make disciples?

Is there an atrophied or hypertrophied domain when I make disciples?

For example, physically, do my disciples learn to respect their bodies by eating properly, exercising, not using drugs, etc.

See below for other notes about Transformation

Kingdom Transformation

- There are many different ways to enter a community.
- Some are very closed to outsiders, or to working in the community.
- No one approach can be used in all places. You seek God about how you are to enter to a location.
- If you are able to help meet the needs of the community, then you need to consider things differently, than just an entry strategy: this is actually a part of your overall disciple making activity.

You need to consider wholistic ministry as your really big picture vision.

- Ultimately you want to see all four relationships transformed by Gods Kingdom.

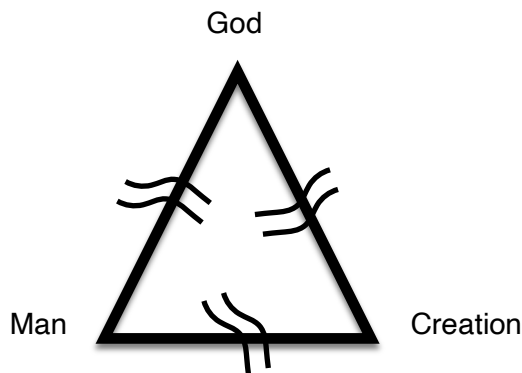
Discipleship includes these four things.

1. Relationship with God (overcome **spiritual poverty**)
2. Identity (overcome identity poverty)
3. Relationship with other people (overcome **relational poverty**)
4. Relationship to creation (overcome **physical/ stewardship poverty**)

The Gospel must ultimately affect all aspects of life.

- In integrated ministry, the resources are in the Harvest the same way that the workers are in the Harvest.
- Proclamation is essential, as well as demonstrating the Kingdom of God in various others transformational ministries, that show God's love.

Kingdom of God restores all sets of relationships that are broken.



Main Points

- A. Seeing the bigger picture – social impact of the Kingdom of God.
- B. Own the community as your place to see His Kingdom come.
- C. Development Ministries and Disciple-Making Movement Dynamics can go together.
Integrated ministry.
- D. Encourage intentional community impact and holistic transformation of community.