

Growing True Disciples by George Barna

Results of the “Jesus Strategy”

- Single-minded devotion to God
- Commitment to His ways becomes deeper and more intense.
- The peripherals of church don't matter as much.
- They endure worship services that do not meet their exact expectations.
- They attend activities that are not at their optimal convenience.
- They sacrifice more of their hard earned money for the purpose of ministry because of their awareness of being stewards.
- They gladly share their faith with new believers because they understand their responsibility.
- They can't contain their excitement about the privilege of relating to God and become invitational to their church.

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Best Practices of: Highly Effective Discipleship Churches

- Senior Pastor is #1 advocate and makes sure discipleship permeates everything
- Covenant of Discipleship – For new members
- Long Term Strategy
- All Ministry Programs are tied to discipleship
- Number of Programs is minimized
- All teaching is substantially coordinated
- Church Mission Statement and Discipleship Statement to drive outcomes and evaluate outcomes

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- Personal Evaluation Tools/Development Plan
- Small Group oriented with a Covenant
- Leadership Training and Evaluation
- Mentoring – Coaching to accountabilities
- Multiple Community Service Options
- Building Blocks of Biblical World View
- Doctrinal basics of Christian Faith
- Family to have shared Spiritual Experience
- ***Big Point!!** We must build the lifestyle of a disciple to the youth in teenage years