

## *Discipleship Encouragement and Strategy*

Last month we mentioned the importance of every Christian obeying the command to disciple others. Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Timothy 2:2 make this clear and nothing feels better in life than seeing someone you've disciplined grow in Christlikeness (3 John 1:4). We experienced the encouragement of this recently when we went to church with a university professor that Darin disciplined during that leader's PhD studies at Stanford. This man shared how much evangelism he does on campus, just like Darin's time with him on Stanford's campus 30 years ago, and he described himself as a pastor in a professor's position. After all of this time apart, it warmed our hearts to know that *he had lived out the verse he and Darin quoted over and over to each other in their discipleship, **Luke 6:40***.

Another man that Darin led to Christ back in the 80's described a few weeks ago how his ministry has grown now to involve him as the discipler for hundreds of pastors. Hard to imagine the way spending time with this Stanford football player 30 years ago led to so much fruit for the LORD! This encouragement keeps you discipling others.

As a strategy to achieve this type of discipleship impact for the future, we suggest something simple that Darin's developed through LOGOS Leaders Outreach. It goes like this and please prayerfully try it as soon as possible with people God has put in your life. Let us know how it goes and how we can pray for you!! Nothing matters more.

Year 1: **meet with 2 Christians on a regular basis**, individually or together, connecting God's Word to your lives

Year 2: keep discipling those 2 Christians, and encourage them to each meet with 2 others for a total of 7 so far

Year 3: continue discipling the original believers, who keep discipling their 2, who each get 2 more for a total of 15

Year 4: *each believer keeps getting disciplined by the same person and always disciplines his own 2* for a total now of 31

Year 5: every believer (maybe some have just come to Christ) keeps this multiplication process going year after yr!

During the year everyone receiving this gets prayed for still by name at least once for each letter, so please request prayers about anything going on or others you know with needs whenever you'd like to have something special offered.

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