

Missional Discipleship - Shoulder to Shoulder

I. Introduction to Missional Discipleship

Fans of Jesus or followers of Jesus?

- Fans are passive and uninvested
- Followers are actively engaged

Mark 1:14-20

- *"Come, follow me"* = The call to discipleship
- *"I'll make you fishers of men"* = The call to mission

II. Missional Discipleship is the tool Jesus uses to grow and multiply His Kingdom

Relationship between mission and discipleship

- Discipleship leads into mission with Jesus
- Mission creates opportunities to be discipled by Jesus
- Mission and Discipleship are two sides of the same coin!

We can't afford to focus solely on discipleship or mission, while neglecting the other...

- Focusing only on Discipleship leads to Elitism
Elitism equates following Jesus to being 'right'
 - We begin to believe that we are overqualified or underqualified
 - Leaves us proud or disheartened
- Focusing only on Mission leads to Consumerism
Consumerism equates following Jesus to the 'brand'
 - We begin to believe that it's all about results and numbers
 - Leaves us superficial and empty

WE MUST BE FAITHFUL TO BOTH MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP

III. What does missional discipleship look like?

- We need to go from being people who happen to be Christians, to being Christians who happen to be people...

Reflection questions:

- 1) Am I a fan of Jesus or am I a follower of Jesus?
- 2) Am I living in either a pattern of elitism or consumerism?
- 3) What would it look like for me to engage in both mission and discipleship?