

Leading with Intentionality (Intentional Leader) - Chris Bullard

Philosophical Understanding - Intentionality

- Circles of influence are a real thing. You are leading people within your circles. How intentional are you in doing so? Remember the "Bullseye" exercise where we placed people in our lives on this target of intentionality.
- Col. 4:5, "make the most of every opportunity." (Be intentional!)
- <u>INTENTIONALITY</u>: Creating and leveraging every opportunity for spiritual growth to those in your circle of influence.
- Ecclesiastes 3:5 (NLT)
- There's "a time to embrace and a time to turn away." <u>EMBRACE the</u> <u>INCONVENIENCE</u>. Relational Discipleship is NEVER convenient. It's a choice we "get to" make daily.
- You can't be an Intentional Leader without first must being an Intentional Follower.
- 1 Corinthians 11: 1, "Follow me as I follow Christ." Paul
- Inattentional Leaders are "more in love with the *mission, than with their own comfort."
- *Jesus' disciple making mission (Matthew 28:18-20).
- Jesus was the most intentional leader there ever was. Consider his characteristics and his actions. Recall the percentage of time spent intentionally making disciples for Jesus and for you personally.
- We all need intentional leaders in our lives. Who's discipling you?
- You are NOT alone. Matthew 9:35-38

Practical Application - Intentional Leaders,

- Are ALWAYS initiating and are ok with that. They recognize they sit in the seat of spiritual parent.
- Understand it's never about the sacrifice (the thing they're giving up to pour into others).
- They're others focused, not self-centered.
- They ALWAYS bring it back to the main thing (whenever they spend time with someone it always comes back to Jesus).
- They dive deeper. They ask questions that others in their circle of influence would not. Arriving at the bottom of the ocean is no accident. To get deep, you got to be intentional and get over not wanting to be "that person".
- They ALWAYS cast vision and breathe life into others. The call people UP (not out), into their purpose.
- They value being REAL over being RIGHT. They know they don't have all the answers, but they're committed to honestly searching alongside someone for them together.
- They share TRUTH in LOVE. They're not afraid to hold people accountable by having courageous conversations, yet they do not compromise love while doing so.
- They take advantage of any resources offered to them to invest in themselves so that they can be the best version for everyone in their circle of influence.
- They understand it's a choice and they make it WILLINGLY, every single day.

FORMULA for RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP:

IF, TIME + PROXIMITY = RELATIONSHIP THEN, RELATIONSHIP + **INTENTIONALITY** = RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

CHARGE:

Our Jesus given charge is to MAKE DISCIPLES. It cannot happen void of INTENTIONALITY.

Being an intentional leader, willingly leaves the 99 to pursue the 1 however, it won't always get the results we desire. Jesus was the greatest disciple maker ever, the most intentional leader ever, and he still lost one. Why? Because of the 3-part equation that consists of "My part", "Their part", and "God's part". All we can do is <u>OWN THE</u> <u>EFFORT</u>. That's your part. Most of life is accidental, but we can change that by LEADING WITH INTENTIONALITY.