

## Life on Life - The Relational Mentor – Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Start a two part series: Life on Life. Today: The Relational Mentor

### What is Relational Mentoring?

One life shaping another life through a discipling relationship established on truth, trust, grace and authenticity.

### Why do we need this now?

#### 1. It is God's way of changing the world. It is scriptural.

- Maturing believers and raising up leaders does not happen by remote.
- **Elisha** was the protégé of **Elijah**. The mantle that covered Elijah was laid on Elisha.
- **Jesus** came to establish the church – the greatest movement among mankind ever – and he did it by starting with 12 men into whom he poured his life. It often was three and sometimes 1.

Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach.  
Mark 3:14

- **Paul** shaped the life of **Timothy**.

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 3:10,11

#### Paul's relationship with Timothy...

- Knew his background. - Knew his fears. - Knew his gifts. - Knew his health needs. (stomach)

**Timothy knew Paul's...** - doctrine. - purpose. – manner of life.

#### 2. It is and has been our experience.

**Pastor John Nickerson** and the ride to camp.

#### **Pastor Hugh Munro.**

Night I gave my heart to Jesus! Night with the Holy Spirit! He was there!

Playing the steel guitar.

Dad wanted a country band. Needed a steel guitar player.

He wanted "Mama Tried" while I wanted to "Smoke on the Water."

Family became Christians everything changed. Happy to play country gospel.

Pastor Munro found out that I played and Dad sang. Do the special!!

#### **I watched him. I listened to him. I imitated him. I honoured him.**

#### **My wife.**

Learned commitment, forgiveness, mercy, graciousness, being conscientious.

**George Corney Jr.**

Little did he know that his life had influence on mine.

- **The staff I work with.**
- **The small circle group I meet with.**
- **This church family.**

### **3. It is what God is stirring in our hearts.**

The **Road Ahead**....over and over...we need a clear path of discipleship.

Konnect, Youth, Creative Arts, Circle Groups, Elders, Senior Pastor...

We need coaches, mentors, disciplers.

People who will do life on life!!

**Look at this picture.** Paint a picture of what I mean.

Do we not all **long for that kind of relationship?**

### **What does Relational Mentoring look like?**

Can I portray what this looks like, feels like, how it affects us, what is so amazing about it?

### **1. There is a clear goal in mind.**

**It is evident in the following verses:**

I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you. Gal. 4: 19

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. Col. 1: 28-29

Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matt. 28:19

**The goal:** A mature, obedient, Christ-like life that will disciple and mentor others.

### **2. There is a relationship built on trust.**

We cannot be discipled and grow into maturity unless we humbly submit to the influence and the guidance and the example of someone we trust.

**People only receive the truth they trust.**

Mentors embody trust.

**I am going to trust you with me!!**

We experience the influence of other people in our lives through mutual submission.

- I will have your back. - I will be there.

- I will care for you. - I will listen and without judgement.

- I will tell you the truth!!

### **3. There is an environment of grace.**

#### **I would describe this as...**

Kind, affirming, accepting, non-judgemental, loving.

#### **Humility!!!**

They know their own limitations and weaknesses.

They will lead from weaknesses and vulnerabilities.

Relationships of trust establish the environment of grace that best makes disciples.

People will come out of their shells only when they feel loved and accepted.

#### **In an atmosphere of grace we...**

- lower our defences.

- are willing to take risks.

Remember, the goal is maturity and growth.

This happens where there is grace and truth. (Just like Jesus!!)

#### **Will you do life on life?**

I am making a direct appeal.

I am asking something of this church family.

Are you feeling the need to mentor and disciple others?

Will you walk with them?

Will you be willing to commit to a time slot in your weekly calendar to mentor others?

We cannot grow a church unless we grow people in the context of truth-filled, trusting relationships.

We cannot grow people unless the vision fills your hearts and motivates you to action.

Let us know!!