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**DISCIPLESHIP**  
  
 How to grow as a disciple while discipling others in the process

<b>January 2</b>	The Making of a Disciple
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<b>A PROCESS OF DISCIPLESHIP</b>				
	<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>SMALL GROUP</b>	<b>ONE ON ONE</b>	<b>PERSONAL STUDY</b>
	Am I consistently hearing the preaching of God's Word?	Am I consistently participating in a Small Group?	Am I intentionally investing in the discipleship process of another person?	Am I currently in the process of reading God's Word in its entirety for myself.

**LAST WEEK INTENTIONALLY INVESTING IN THE DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS OF ANOTHER PERSON**

- **Why** should I invest in the discipleship process of another person?
- **Who** should I disciple?
- **How** do I go about investing in someone's discipleship process?

*\*After you have identified someone to disciple and set aside time to spend with them:*

- > Read or listen to a chapter of scripture together and discuss it with 'open' questions
- > Discuss some accountability questions related to spiritual disciplines and personal holiness
- > Pray with and for one another

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## JESUS' SPHERES OF MINISTRY/INVESTMENT:

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For example, the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) and the multitudes of 5,000 and 4,000 who were fed on the hillside.

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(the 12)

- Mark 3:16-19; **Luke 6:12-16**

**"Jesus, it must be remembered, restricted nine-tenths of his ministry to twelve Jews."**

- Eugene Peterson

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(the 3)

Peter | James | John

\*These 3 appear together at least 5x in the gospels:

- At the healing of Peter's mother-in-law (Mark 1:29-31)
- At the raising of Jairus' daughter from the dead (Mark 5:37)
- On the mount of transfiguration with Jesus (Mark 9:2)
- At the Olivet Discourse, when Jesus explained end-time events (Mark 13:3)
- With Jesus in the Garden, just prior to his trial and crucifixion (Matthew 26:37)

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**Jesus met with individuals, such as Nicodemus (John 3) and the woman at the well (John 4). But to be fair, these seemed to be isolated meetings. However, the Bible does highlight Jesus' unique relationship with John ('the disciple whom Jesus loved' - John 13:23; 21:20) and His restoration of Peter on the shore of the Sea of Galilee (John 21) as the culmination of a back and forth relationship that began in Matthew 4:18-19 / Luke 5:1-11. Having said this, it's worth noting that the Gospels seem to indicate that Jesus, for the most part, disciplined Peter, James, and John as a group. *\*see notes under 'Inner Circle'***

## THE ROLE OF SMALL GROUPS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS

God designed us for \_\_\_\_\_ and exemplified it in His own nature before people were even created.

**26 Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us." (Genesis 1, NLT)**

Individualism is a \_\_\_\_\_ value, not necessarily a \_\_\_\_\_ one.

**18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." (Genesis 2, NLT)**

**9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.**

**11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? 12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. (Ecclesiastes 4, NLT)**

We should think about Small Groups not as a programmatic option offered by the church, but as an \_\_\_\_\_ to our development and perseverance as a disciple.

**"We should not think of our fellowship with other Christians as a spiritual luxury, an optional addition to the exercise of private devotions. Fellowship is one of the great words of the NT: it denotes something that is vital to a Christian's spiritual health, and central to the church's true life...The church will flourish and Christians will be strong only when there is fellowship." - J.I. Packer**

Unpacking the NT word 'fellowship' (koinonia)...

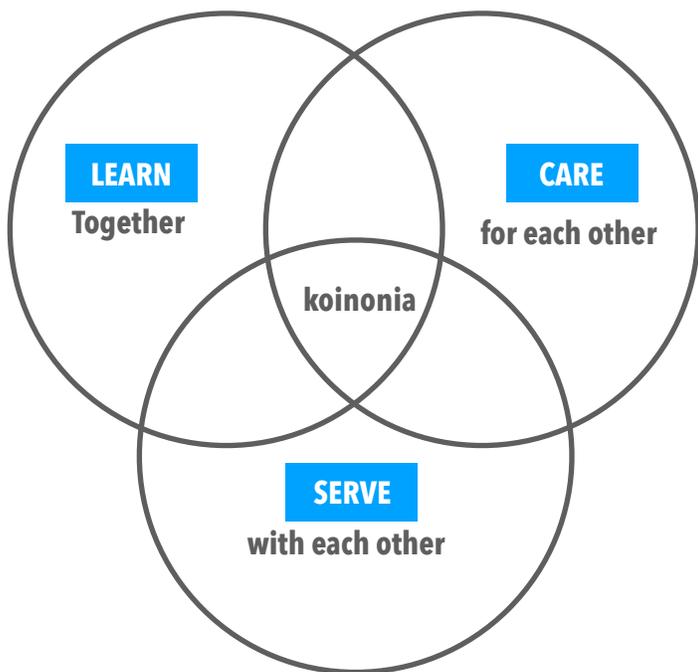
**In the New Testament, *koinonía* signifies having a share in something, or sharing with someone in something, or you could say participation in something or with someone. So *koinonía* can be a sharing in the benefits of the death of Jesus (1 Corinthians 10:16), or in the financial relief of the saints (2 Corinthians 8:4), or in the sufferings of Christ (Philippians 3:10). So when we talk about Christian *koinonia* – fellowship or sharing or participation that is unique to our relationship *with other believers* – what we are referring to is the *shared union, the shared participation that we have together with Christ.* - John Piper**

**1** Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly *help* that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. **2** *Share each other's burdens*, and in this way obey the law of Christ. **3** If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. (Galatians 6, NLT)

**8** Finally, all of you should be of one mind. *Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude.* (1 Peter 3, NLT)

## A VISUAL FOR SMALL GROUPS AT CORAL HILL

### [ 3 DIMENSIONAL GROUPS ]



#### LEARN

Luke 9:18-22, 43b-50  
 15- Fellowship  
 15- Prayer  
 45- Study

#### CARE

John 13:1-20, 31-35  
 Small Group

#### SERVE

Luke 9:1-8, 10-17  
Ministry  
 -inside the church  
  
Mission  
 -outside the church



## SIDE NOTES:

- Small groups are not fulfilling their primary purpose if they are not a means to making disciple-making disciples.
- We believe small groups can be the best context for modeling, learning and applying church planting principles and that they can provide the most natural 'groupings' for sending people out to plant new churches

