

Essentials of the Navigator Ministry

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I. Introduction.

- A. There has been much discussion on the mission and purpose of the Navigators.
- B. What are the basic essentials of a laborer-producing ministry?

II. The Essentials.

A. The Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19-20, John 20:21, Luke 24)

- 1. Making disciples, training, teaching, baptizing, etc.
- 2. Summary.
 - a. Preaching the Good News to those who do not know—evangelism. (1 Timothy 2:4)
 - b. Building up those who do know the gospel—establishing, which involves character. (Colossians 1:28, Galatians 5)



B. Specialization.

- 1. Everyone is to be in the business of equipping, but there is diversity in this. (1 Peter 4:10-11)
- 2. Equipping is necessary if one is going to train leaders who reproduce. (Acts 16:1)
 - a. This is more than making disciples because included is an ability to pass on of the disciple making process.

b. The trick is to make disciples and get others to do it.

3. Establishing is the process of maturing believers in character. Equipping is the process of preparing believers for a skill.

4. The Navigators differ from a local congregation in intent (they are transitory and not permanent), function (they are specialized) and form.

B. Evangelism.

1. This requires contact with God and contact with people.

2. This requires prayer.

3. This requires looking for an opportunity to serve.

C. Establishing.

1. God establishes through circumstances and suffering.

2. Establishing can come through other believers.

3. Establishing comes through the believer himself.

4. The minimum requirements for establishing others in the faith is prayer and loving fellowship.

D. Equipping.

1. The overall aim is producing a man who makes his unique contribution to the body of Christ.

2. Involvement is the key word in equipping.

III. The process of making disciples.

A. Types of groups.

1. Social.

2. Bible study.

3. Accountability.

B. Using groups.

1. You begin with small low commitment groups.

2. Eventually you start a more long term Bible study.

3. Out of this you select men who are faithful and start meeting with them one on one. (2 Timothy 2:2)

4. You may start an accountability group from this.

C. There is a cost to making disciples—something has to go from our lives.

Application questions

1. What are some of the essentials of the Navigator ministry?

2. What is one processing of finding and producing disciple makers? Explain.

3. Which of the essentials do you find to be the most challenging? How will you make steps to better practice this in your own ministry?
