

Testimony

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I. Introduction.

II. Max's vision for discipleship.

- A. He began to get into the Bible in college.
- B. He was convicted about sharing his faith on campus, and the Lord led him to witness to someone else. Afterward he helped this man to lead others to Christ.
- C. The two traveled and tried to help others share their testimonies.
- D. Max began seeing the tremendous power of the Bible, so he began memorizing it.
- E. Max gave his life to discipleship after meeting with Dawson Trotman. (Isaiah 43:4)

III. Raising up multiplying disciples.

- A. The process is concerned with raising up disciples where they are able to reproduce other disciples.
- B. This is what God intended.
- C. It starts with evangelism and proceeds to spending time with converts. (Luke 16:19-31, Acts 1:8)
- D. Tools for discipleship:
 - 1. Devotional life.
 - a. The Bible was written for our learning. (Romans 15:4, I Corinthians 10:11)
 - b. A committed quiet time is not legalism—it is about being equipped. (I Samuel 30:6)
 - 2. Scripture memory.

IV. Man to man.

- A. Large groups are good for teaching and motivation.
- B. Small groups are better for learning.
- C. One cannot build strong disciples though without individual attention—man-to-man relationships. (Luke 22:21-32)

V. Mentoring is not the same as discipleship.

A. Mentoring is area specific.

B. Discipleship focuses on the process of growth.

VI. II Timothy 2:2.

A. We need to find people who are faithful that will pass on what they have learned.

B. Love the world, help many, and train a few who will pay the price.

VII. Do not raise people to be just like yourself. The focus should be on following a person in order to follow God. (I Corinthians 11:1, 4:16, Philippians 4:9, II Thessalonians 3:7-9)

VIII. It is critical to spend time with people.

IX. Give your twenties to training.

Application questions:

1. What struck you the most about Max's testimony?

2. Why is a disciplined devotional life not legalism?

3. Why is it important to seek out faithful men for discipleship? Explain.
