

# Mentoring

## One-on-One Ministry

### Preparation

1. Pray for God to give you someone who you can invest your life in.
2. Be on the lookout for someone to meet with who you already know in your growth group.  
Look for someone who is...
  - a. Look for someone who is spiritually **FAT**
    - Faithful                      Luke 16:10
    - Available                     2 Chronicles 16:9
    - Teachable                    Proverbs 19:20,27
  - b. Select those you think would benefit the most from one-on-one discipleship.

### Process

1. Find a consistent pattern (time, place, etc). Stick to it... even when life gets busy.
2. Particulars
  - a. Share how God has been speaking in devotions
    - Always have something fresh to share from your devotions each week to encourage the student to keep strong in his or her personal times with God.
  - b. Focus on a certain area of the faith together:
    - Character, knowledge, ministry (*Rom 15:14*)
  - c. Develop a strategy; three elements:
    - Goals: What do we want to accomplish?
    - A plan: How will we specifically accomplish the goals?
    - Material: What will we go through that will help develop our plan?
  - d. Pray together: Ask good questions, show care and love during prayer time.

### Principles

1. Be a friend: Avoid the “project” feeling. Do fun things together.
2. Mix sessions up. Go to different places and have some fun.
3. Share your life by living it alongside them.
4. Establish goals and objectives based on what the student needs at this point in his or her journey.
5. Give advice that is Biblical, practical, and from personal experience.
6. Teach ideas that are easy for them to pass on to someone else.
7. Be yourself and don’t feel like you must have all the answers. Seek answers together.

*“And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”*  
*II Timothy 2:2*

## Discussion

1. Share about a mentoring relationship you have had. This can either be things you learned from having a mentor or being a mentor. What was done that was encouraging or challenging? What made it memorable?

Notes:

## For Further Study:

Read these verses and think about God's plan to reach the world.

- Matthew 28:19-20
- 2 Timothy 2:2
- Ephesians 4:11-15

Thoughts:

The greatest impact you will have is to love. Think about what Paul said about love.

- 1 Peter 1:12
- Jude 1:18-20
- 2 Corinthians 5:14-16
- 1 Thessalonians 2:5-15
- 1 Corinthians 13

Thoughts:

What practical ideas do you draw that will help you be more effective in discipling another individual?

- Proverbs 27:17
- Philippians 4:9
- 2 Timothy 3:10-11
- Colossians 1:28-29
- Philippians 3:1
- John 13:14

Ideas:

Good Books on Discipleship and Mentoring

*Lost Art of Disciplemaking* by Leroy Eims

*Personal Disciplemaking* by Chris Adsit

*The Master Plan of Evangelism* by Robert Coleman

*Disciples are Made not Born* by Walter Hendrichsen

*As Iron Sharpens Iron* by Howard Hendricks *for men*