

Harnessing the Power of Words

How Do People Grow?

September 11, 2022

Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20.

From your past experience or understanding, what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? How does it or should it affect your daily life?

What has your experience with ‘making disciples’ been like? How have you followed Jesus’ command?

2. Read Ephesians 4:11-13.

In what ways has your involvement in church helped equip you to “do his (Christ’s) work and build up the church?”

What has your spiritual formation or discipleship process involved? How well have those activities helped you to grow and become a discipler of others?

3. Read John 14:22-24.

Do you tend to agree that we must choose to obey to prove our love for Jesus or that our love for Him is what motivates our obedience? Which comes first in your life? Obedience or love?

What does the level of your obedience to Jesus reveal about your love for Him?

4. Read Matthew 13:18-23.

What is the condition of your spiritual soil right now? Are there weeds growing that need to be pulled? What’s competing for your attention?

Are there rocks or obstacles keeping you from growing? How will you dig them out so you can move forward?

Are your roots shallow and in need of strengthening? What will you do this week to cultivate a more fertile environment for spiritual growth in your life?