

HC MW Discipleship – Invitation

Introduction:

- Many people proclaim a willingness to change
 - Often it is one’s sincerely held belief
 - But a sincere belief does not make it a truth in life

- There is a powerful way to guarantee you will get help to change
 - It is a transformative aspect of discipleship
 - That is the concept of Invitation

Proverbs 15:22 (NIV 1984) ***Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.***

- **Discussion:** Why are we more successful with counsel and advisers?

- **Discussion:** What stops us from getting input from others?

- From this passage we see the need for counsel
 - So obviously seeking advice is a crucial part of our life
 - But we don’t always do it or even know to do it, we all have blinds spots
 - We all need help & The bible calls us to help each other

Galatians 6:2 (NIV 1984) ***2 Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.***

- This scripture is not about doing everything for each other
 - But it is about helping each other with heavy loads
 - Some of the heavy loads in life are our blind spots and weaknesses
 - But how can you get help for this?... Invitation

- **Invitation:** That is inviting someone into your life with the permission to be “real” with you in a loving way to help you?

- **Discussion:** Why is an Invitation like this so powerful?

- Some questions that will empower an Invitation as you get together for discipling times:
 - What do you think I need to change?
 - Do you think I have been growing as a Christian?
 - How do I treat others?
 - What can I do to be a better friend?
 - I need some help with overcoming _____, what do you suggest?
 - What could I grow in to be more like Christ?

- **Discussion:** How do these types of question empower your Invitation?

Challenge: If don’t have this in a relationship, invite someone you trust into your life to give you real feedback. If you already have this – Renew the invitation, it is good to reaffirm and keep the invitation alive.

Close with a Prayer