

## HC MW Discipleship – Intentional

### Introduction:

- We have all been taught things in our lives
  - Some things are learned by chance, we see or hear something, and it registers... We remember it and it becomes part of us.
  - But so much of what we learn is by intention
    - We decide to learn and take a class, read a book or ask an expert
    - Or others have made sure we participate in a school or training
- The point is so much learning is intentional & Jesus knew that – let's go to Matthew 28

**Matthew 28:19-20 "... 19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

- **Discussion:** Why did Jesus tell the disciples to teach the new disciples?
- **Discussion:** What are some ways we can ensure that disciples are taught?
- The directive here is teaching disciples
  - Starting with the basics
  - But the word everything takes it to an all-encompassing level
  - Part of our challenge is to be intentional in our teaching

**Hebrews 10:24 (NLT) 24 Let us **think of ways to motivate** one another to acts of love and good works.**

**Hebrews 10:24 (HCSB Strong's) 24 And let us **be concerned** about one another in order **to promote** love and good works,**

**Hebrews 10:24 (NIV 1984) 24 And let us **consider how we may spur** one another on toward love and good deeds.**

- This passage in Hebrews in three different translations captures the idea of intentionality
  - Think of ways to motivate
  - Being concerned in order to promote
  - Considering how to spur
  - All towards love & good deeds
- **Discussion:** What does it mean to be intentional in helping others to grow spiritually?
- **Discussion:** What does it mean to be intentional in growing personally as a disciple?
- To maximize our growth as disciples
  - It is important to think and pray about each other so that we can give each other intentional spiritual help to grow and mature as disciples.
  - And also, to consider how to personally grow by intentional actions in our own lives.

**Challenge:** Spend time in prayer, thought and consideration about how to help others grow. Both who needs help and how you can help. Also, think about how you can learn and grow personally.

Close with a Prayer