

THE TRAINING HOUR
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DISCIPLING



When you hear “discipling,”
what do you think of?

MY HISTORY
WITH
DISCIPLING



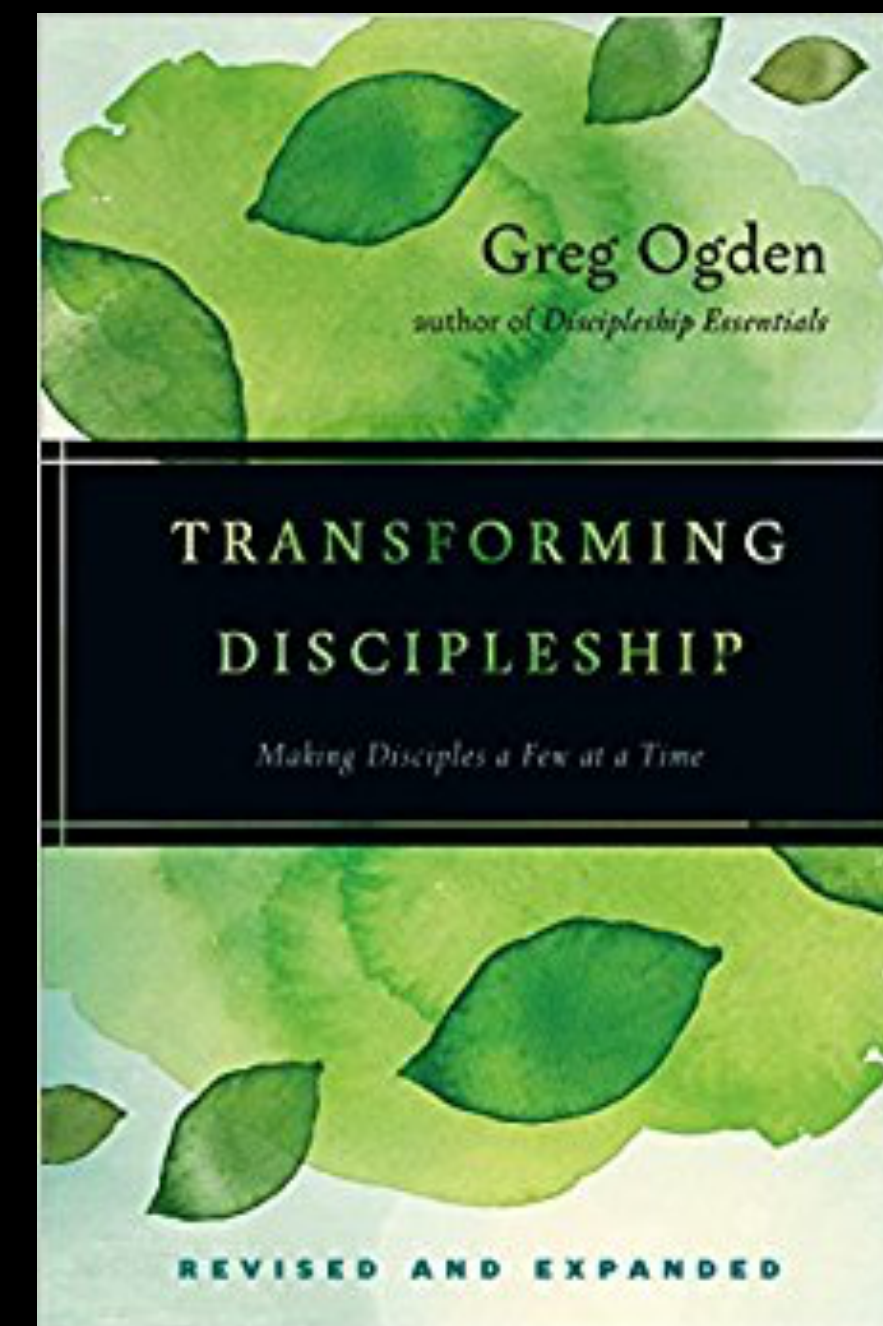
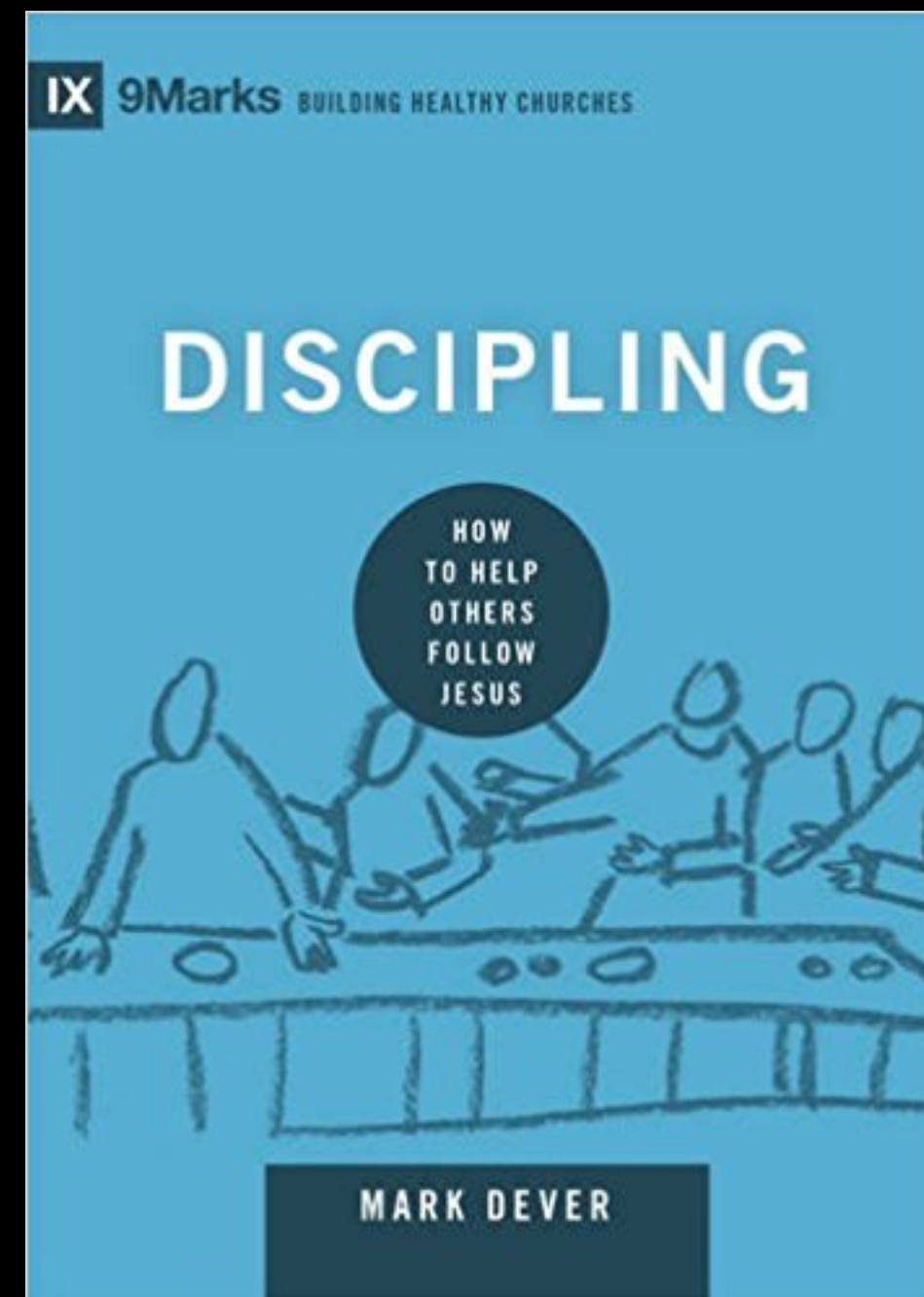
What has been your experience with discipling or discipleship?

Why did you want to take this class?

GOALS FOR THE CLASS

I want us to finish this class . . .	This involves changes of our . . .	This requires growth in . . .
UNDERSTANDING WHAT DISCIPLING IS BIBLICALLY	HEAD	CONVICTION
KNOWING HOW TO DISCIPLE OTHERS	HANDS	COMPETENCY
MOTIVATED TO GIVE OUR LIVES TO THIS	HEART	CHARACTER

RESOURCES I'M USING



WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

- mathetes (Greek): a learner or student, someone who is apprenticed to a teacher to learn from him.
- Luke 6:40; Luke 5:33
- They learn intellectual content.
- They learn a way of life.



TWO POTENT SYMBOLS OF DISCIPLESHIP

1. Baptism

Baptism illustrates:

- Break from old way of life
- Recognition of rebellion
- Plea for forgiveness



TWO POTENT SYMBOLS OF DISCIPLESHIP

2. The Yoke

- Matthew 11:27–30
 - An metaphor from agriculture, communicating submission to the authority of another
 - “Taking the yoke” is a way of talking about ‘learnership’
- Two reasons Jesus is the obvious person to learn from:
 1. If you want to learn God the Father, he’s the only option as a teacher.
 2. In this school, the pass mark is 100% but the teacher takes the test.

SUMMARY SO FAR

Being a disciple is someone engaged in TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING.

- Transformative learning is where one's understanding of reality is changed and keeps changing, leading to a transformed life.
- The change happens at one point in our life.
- But our understanding also keeps being renewed continually over time,
 - as it deepens and widens and begins to be expressed in our actions and lives;
 - as we unlearn old ways of thinking,
 - and as we continue to rearrange our mental furniture in light of the the new Owner who has come into the house.

WHY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT

- Matthew 28:19-20
- Learnership/Discipleship is not a stage in the Christian life.
- We often think of learning (or discipleship) in terms of our own personal growth and advancement—of becoming a better me in some way.
- But to learn Christ is to be increasingly focused on others rather than ourselves. It's to lay down our lives for others, as Christ laid down his, in weakness and suffering and death.



BEING A DISCIPLE

- Being a disciple/learner of Jesus is just another name for a Christian.
- Being a disciple means a full surrender to Jesus as Lord, a complete repudiation of our past life, and a lifelong learning of his ways.
- Being a disciple means orienting our lives toward others, as Jesus did.
- *A disciple is a forgiven sinner learning Christ in repentance & faith.*



