



The 5 Levels Of Discipling Relationships

The Mission #5
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There are 5 levels of relationships in every disciple's life...

Level #5: My relationships with the crowds. (Ex: The World)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

Matthew 5:1-2 (NIV)

And what pity he felt for the crowds that came, because their problems were so great and they didn't know what to do or where to go for help. They were like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ "The harvest is so great, and the workers are so few," he told his disciples. ³⁸ "So pray to the one in charge of the harvesting, and ask him to recruit more workers for his harvest fields."

Matthew 9:36-38 (TLB)

Level #4: My relationships in my church. (Ex: The 500 & The 72)

I'd say half of the most impactful people I know, who love Jesus and tear up at the mention of His name, who reach out to the poor and lonely and are fundamentally sound in their theology, who create institutions that feed hundreds of thousands, do not attend a traditional church service. Many of them even speak at churches, but they have no home church and don't long for one.

Don Miller (From the book: Blue Like Jazz)

After this, the Lord chose 72 more followers. He sent them out in groups of two. He sent them ahead of him into every town and place where he planned to go.

LUKE 10:1 (ERV)

After this, he appeared to more than five hundred other followers.

1 Corinthians 15:6a (CEV)

Level #3: My relationships in my small group. (Ex: The 12)

Then Jesus went up on a mountain and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. Jesus chose twelve and called them apostles. He wanted them to be with him, and he wanted to send

them out to preach ¹⁵ and to have the authority to force demons out of people. ¹⁶ These are the twelve men he chose: Simon (Jesus named him Peter), ¹⁷ James and John, the sons of Zebedee ¹⁸ Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who later turned against Jesus.

Mark 3:13-19 (NCV)

Who is at this level? _____

Level #2: My relationship with my closest godly friends. (Ex: The 3)

Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James, and John, the brother of James, up on a high mountain by themselves. **Matthew 17:1 (NCV)**

Jesus let only Peter, James, and John the brother of James go with him. **Mark 5:37 (NCV)**

Jesus and his followers went to a place called Gethsemane. He said to them, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James, and John with him and began to be filled with horror and deepest distress. ³⁴ And he said to them, "My soul is crushed by sorrow to the point of death; stay here and watch with me."

Mark 14:32-34 (TLB)

Who is at this level? _____

Level #1: My relationship with my mentor. (Ex: John)

Jesus' favorite disciple was sitting next to him at the meal.

John 13:23 (CEV)

When Jesus saw his mother and his favorite disciple with her, he said to his mother, "This man is now your son." **John 19:26 (CEV)**

Some friends are fun to be with, but a true friend can be better than a brother. **Proverbs 18:24 (ERV)**

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)

Who is developing me? _____

Who am I developing? _____