The Intentional Disciple Maker

Discipling others may not require a degree, but it **does require a process**. Disciple-makers need to be **intentional leaders**.
Step 1: Becoming an Intentional Leader: Planning

Be an intentional planner

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☐ Add them to your social media accounts, tag them in something that reminds you of them, be sure to comment on or like their posts. This may seem superficial, but it is one of those small things that can have a big impact on someone.

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"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."
John 15:13
Step 2: Becoming an Intentional Leader: Presence

Have an intentional presence

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"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" James 1:19
Step 3: Becoming an Intentional Leader: Transparency

Model intentional transparency

☐ This is key, and it is not easy - but in order to develop a relationship that goes deeper and that allows room for accountability, you will need to lead the way by being open and transparent.

Lead by example

☐ When you share things you struggle with it can have a huge effect on the person you are sharing with. It lets them know that you are not perfect. It lets them know that they are not alone. And it makes them feel safer about sharing their struggles with you.

☐ Trust is very important as you enter this depth of relationship with the person you are discipling. Be certain you do not share the things that are said in confidence to you. This is a very important piece of being an example that cannot be overlooked. Trust is slow to be earned but can be lost very quickly.

"A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret."
Proverbs 11:13
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