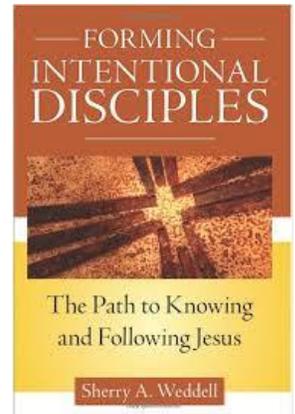


Forming Intentional Disciples

Book Study Night #6

Chapters 11-12



Chapter 10: Do Tell: The Great Story of Jesus

1. God is love. He created us for a life with Him full of love, peace, truth, beauty, goodness, and meaning that begins now, lasts forever, and can't be taken away.
2. The Kingdom of God is not a concept, a doctrine, or a program subject to free interpretation, but it is before all else a person with the face and name of Jesus of Nazareth, the image of the invisible God.
3. Healing and Forgiveness...signify that in the Kingdom there will no longer be sickness and suffering and the Jesus' mission is to transform people, free them from sin, and make them whole in body and spirit.
4. Jesus' ministry results...in the mystery of his rejection, betrayal, crucifixion, and death...It is for us that Jesus embraces the cross in obedience to the Father, as the means of our salvation and access to God's life.
5. Because God has assumed our human nature, Jesus' life of perfect love and obedience, his death and resurrection on our behalf, break the bondage of sin and death.
6. Jesus' call to us is predicated on the reality that discipleship is not something that just "happens" but is a real decision and turning point requiring all the resources of heart, mind, and strength we can muster...it includes obedience and repentance.
7. We must face and repent of sin, our personal sin, since it was for the forgiveness of our personal sin that Christ suffered, died, and was raised from the dead.
8. Discipleship is expressed by repentance of personal sin and baptism into Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and body on earth – the Church – or by the renewal of baptismal grace through confession.
9. We spend a lifetime following Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit in the midst of His Church for the sake of the world.

Personal Questions

- What does telling the “Great Story” mean for you? What does it mean for our pastoral practices?
- What elements of the “Great Story of Jesus in Nine Acts” are helpful to your faith journey? Does the story need to be told in this order?

Chapter 11: Personally Encountering Jesus In His Church

Turning Existing Ministries into Evangelization Opportunities

“Instead of thinking of these ministries as separate, silo-ed endeavors run by different parish interest groups, we need to see all of our ministries in light of our primary call to make disciples.” Pg. 220

	Ministry Opportunity	+/-
Relationships with Disciples		
Scripture		
Religious Education		
Evangelizing Conversations		
Prayerful Liturgy and Music		
Sacraments		
True Inquiry Process		
Evangelizing RCIA		
Works, poor and suffering		
Eucharistic Adoration		
Personal Prayer		
Healing in Jesus’ name		
Retreats		
Adult Formation		
Discernment of Charisms		
Hospitality (not food)		
Disciple centered community		
Beauty		
Lives and prayers of saints		
Devotions		
Library		

Chapter 12: Expect Conversion

10. Prayer

11. Identifying the Unbelieving and the Unchurched

12. Share the Good News

13. Evangelizing: How and Where?

14. Forming and Equipping Disciples

15. Transforming Society: Compassion and Mercy

16. Parish Resources

Personal Questions

- What new insights have you gained about your own discipleship?
- Have you ever felt alone or isolated in your quest to follow Christ? Has someone in your community reached out to you to journey with you?
- What would you do to reach out to someone who is not an intentional disciple yet?
- How can you minister within the community to bring about a new vision of discipleship?