

## >>SIX COMMON MISTAKES CHURCHES MAKE<<

### **MISTAKE #1 IT ISN'T MODELED...**

*The lead pastor, elders, staff, small group leaders and ministry leader should go through the foundational discipleship book and be leading the way discipling others. If it isn't happening with your leadership team, it will not happen long term in your church.*

### **MISTAKE #2: IT ISN'T TAUGHT...**

*Discipleship is not only caught, it also must be taught. If you never teach and preach about it, don't expect people to make it a priority. We have to help people never lose sight of the central commission Jesus gave His followers.*

### **MISTAKE #3 IT ISN'T CLEAR AND SIMPLE...**

*If you can't write your discipleship pathway or process on a napkin, it isn't clear and simple. Don't make it too complicated! Don't make it too difficult! Most people are not going to sign up to spend two years with someone else. Stop trying to force relationships and empower people to disciple others.*

### **MISTAKE #4 IT ISN'T CELEBRATED...**

*What gets rewarded typically gets repeated. Are you celebrating when someone completes the discipleship journey? Are you celebrating when someone becomes a disciple-maker? If you don't make it a big deal, don't expect your people to make it a big deal. Do videos, personal testimonies, write it in your newsletter, put it in your program and plaster in on facebook.*

### **MISTAKE # 5 IT ISN'T MEASURED...**

*We measure church attendance, giving, service projects, baptisms, but we fail to measure disciple-making. A disciple-making church cares how many people are actually involved in discipling others. If you don't measure it, you won't make it a goal every year.*

### **MISTAKE #6 IT ISN'T NOTICED...**

*When something is out of sight, it is out of mind. What are you doing to keep disciple-making in the sight of your people? Is it on your website? Is it clearly seen on Sunday morning? Is it a regular facebook post? Where do you display the resources you use? Make poster, make announcement and make sure it is noticed!*