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Rethink: Teaching, Bill Warrick
Matthew 28:16-20

1. How many books do you think you read in the past 12 months? What kind of books have you read in the last year? Fiction, Christian Spirituality, Political, Biographies, etc. **Open Answer.**
2. Read the following verses. 1 Timothy 1:5, 1 John 2:4, James 1:22-25. How do these passages measure the success of a person's biblical literacy? **Truth must lead to love, not merely intellect. The measure of our maturity is not what we know, but what we can obey.**
3. Look up the following verses as a group. Romans 10:1-4, Psalm 19:2, 1 Corinthians 8:1, 2 Timothy 3:7. What are some of the warnings regarding Biblical knowledge? Where do you store spiritual truth in your life? **Not in the head, but in your heart.**
4. Read the following verses regarding the Word of God. Psalm 119:103, Matthew 4:3-4, Hebrews 5:11-14, 1 Peter 2:1-3, Hebrews 4:12, and Deuteronomy 32:46-47. What metaphors are used for the Word of God? **Honey (sweet), Meat (food for maturity), Bread (daily sustenance), Milk (nourishment for infant growth), Life/Alive (living and active, not passive or merely historical.)** Which one resonates most with you in your life recently? **Open Answer.**
5. In Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus teaches us to "make" disciples and to teach them to obey everything I have commanded. What does it mean to "make" disciples in the context of this teaching fingerprint? **The idea relates to our mission/vision statement where it says "getting people into God's Word and God's Word into people". So, we are bringing people into different environments (bible studies, sermons, small groups, etc.) where the scripture is being taught and praying that God's Word (living and written) is taking root in them. This kind of strategy requires us pray, to bring our friends into these environments, and teach by living out what the Word says in their presence. Read v. 20. What has Jesus commanded? See Matt.22:37-40. Love God, love others.**
6. One way of describing the discipleship model of Jesus is Lecture-Lab Approach. We are to receive the teaching of God from His word and then apply it in the laboratory of life. What laboratory in your life is the most difficult place for you to apply what God is teaching you? **Open Answer.**
7. How would you clarify/condense/simplify the message of Jesus so you can best teach others who don't know it? **Open Answer.**
8. For more discussion...In our opinion what's the difference between preaching and teaching? **Open Answer. Preaching can come off as being "preachy" like this is something "you" need to be doing. Teaching is more inclusive and is like this is something that "we" are going to struggle with together.**