

The *Relational* Disciple



Conformed To The Pattern Of Individualism

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: God desires us to be dependant on Him and interdependent with one another.

Read: We all start life conformed to the pattern of individualism, as this is the pattern of the world or the flesh. It's all about the "me" culture. The bible says we are not to be conformed to the pattern of the world (individualism), but be transformed by the renewing of our mind. This kingdom pattern is being dependant on God and interdependent on one another.

Questions:

1. Why is the pattern of individualism so destructive to the growth of the church?
Growth being internal and external.
2. Why is the demonstration of being dependant on God and interdependent on one another, so life giving for the church?
3. What would a church look like that was fully dependent on God and interdependent on one another?
Bob Dylan wrote the song "Gonna serve somebody" and a line in the song is.....
'It may be the devil or it may be the Lord, but you're gonna have to serve somebody'
4. If we are being totally honest, who do we truly serve with our lives. The God of our soul, or the god of our self?
5. How does Question 3 relate to Question 4?
6. What may we all need to do, to be more like the church that we have described in Question 3?