2019 Nurture and Retention Summit
Discipling, Nurturing, and Reclaiming
Membership or Discipleship?

What you aim for is what you get.

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‘And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.’ Mark 8:30 NRSV
If we focus on telling people about Jesus and his message and life in crowds we end up with *believers*.

If we focus on Jesus model of self-discovery and doing things in groups we end up with *disciples*. 
Guiding Principles  Glenn

Discipleship is a Process
• The goal and the process determine the outcome
• Disciple making is a process not an event
• Disciple making is everyone’s responsibility

Relationships are key
• Relationships are the key to discipleship
• Relationships and involvement ensure retention

New small churches will nurture and involve new disciples
• New disciples do better in new churches
Guiding Principles

Compelling Vision
Align structure and finance with vision

Clear Frames
• Farming Cycle & All-by-itself Principle
• 5 Invitations of Jesus
• Revelation 14:6-13

Simple, reproducible, any one can do, skills
• Pastors as equippers
• Discovery Bible Reading
• Member-led house churches
A thriving Adventist movement living our hope in Jesus and transforming the Pacific.
Great Commission - Matt 28:16-20

I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
Compelling Vision

- CPC President - describes large events as ‘backslider factories’
- Port Moresby Elders - no more big events
- TPUM President - not invite visiting evangelists into TPUM instead equip elders, women and youth to do evangelism
Our Mission:

Make disciples of Jesus Christ who live as His loving witnesses and proclaim to all people the everlasting gospel of the Three Angels’ Messages in preparation for His soon return (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Revelation 14:6-12)
A disciple is a person who in every way is becoming more like Jesus Christ. (Eph 4:15)
Compelling Vision

Membership vs Discipleship

Characteristics of Disciples (Andrew and Phillip (John 1) Woman at the Well (John 4))

- Have met Jesus and have a story to tell, and
- Invite others to ‘come and see’

President of the West African Division

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<td>Depends on the pastor</td>
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<td>Likes to be complimented</td>
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Clear Frames  Glenn

Farming Cycle - Mark 4:1-9
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Verse 27

- Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows

Verse 28

- The earth produces the crops on its own. NTL
- All by itself the soil produces grain NIV
- For the earth brings out fruit of itself NKJV
- The earth produces by itself ESV
Clear Frames
Leigh

Five Invitations

1. SEE
   - JESUS' BAPTISM
   - (Preparation) 30 years

2. FOLLOW
   - CAPERNAUM MOVE
   - (Foundations) Judean ministry 1 1/2 years

3. FISH
   - (Participation) Galilean ministry

4. LOVE ENEMIES
   - 12 APOSTLES CHOSEN
   - (Multiplying leaders) Sermon on the Mount

5. RECEIVE THE SPIRIT
   - DEATH AND RESURRECTION
   - Disciple-making Movements Matthew 28:18-20
   - (Movements) John 20:21-22 Acts 1:4-8

EXPERIENTIAL
RELATIONAL
PARTICIPATORY
SACRIFICIAL
EMPOWERED
Clear Frames Leigh

**Jesus Method of Disciple Making — Luke 10**

1. Eat their food and listen to their story
   - a. Hospitable
   - b. Receptive
   - c. Reputation
   - d. Influence

2. Heal them and share your story
   - Mark 16:19-20
   - 1 Cor 15:1-11
   - Rom 3:21-26

3. Tell God’s story

Prepare & Pray

Teams “two by two”

Sent to intentional locations (close)

Person of Peace
Luke 10:5-7

- a. Hospitable
- b. Receptive
- c. Reputation
- d. Influence
Revelation 14:6-13

• Our **Method** as well as our **Message**
Clear Frames Leigh

DISCIPLING INSIGHTS FROM
REVELATION 14:6-13

STAGE 1
Relate to the context of people (to every nation)

STAGE 2
Tell the story of Jesus (everlasting gospel)

STAGE 3
Share how to practice Christian living (fear God & worship)

STAGE 4
Explore Adventist doctrines (creator, Sabbath, judgement)

STAGE 5
Explore major prophetic themes (prophetic symbols in Daniel & Revelation)

STAGE 6
Multiply disciples
Simple reproducible skills Leigh

Discovery Bible Reading

- Reading one story at a time (Start at the beginning of Mark)
- Read each story through twice
- One person retells the story in their own words
- Discuss the story using 5 questions:
  1. What is new?
  2. What surprises you?
  3. What don’t you understand?
  4. What will you obey or apply?
  5. What will you share with someone this week?
Reports on DBR

- South Queensland - young adult ministries
- Central Coast Adventist School
- Cabramatta (Sydney) - youth
- Vanuatu Mission - movement
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