



Business Leadership Group-Discussion & Application Guide

Pastor Randy Pope | Leaving a Lasting Legacy -Session 1 of 3

"The greatest of all legacies one can leave behind is mature and equipped followers of Christ. The present day church and most Christian leaders have embraced an ineffective plan for making mature and equipped followers of Christ." Randy Pope

Do you agree with Pastor Randy? [explain your thoughts and discuss with your group]

Randy describes several attributes of life-on-life discipleship and associated actions. What stands out to you as most significant? [share with your group] Are you practicing these anywhere?—In your group?

Randy’s pastor friend expressed the notion that it is impossible for the church to produce mature and equipped believers. His friend went on to say that “if you get them to worship, do a little outreach and volunteer, that’s about the best you can do today.”

Select the item above that would make the most impact or warrants immediate attention and answer the following questions:

1. Should I apply this concept or practice to my business or personal life?
2. Can I commit to a schedule to implement this application? [explain and discuss with the group, if necessary]

Comment or Commit:



Development Objectives:

Life, Leadership, Excellence, Kingdom

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“I know of no other organization as guilty of producing more disillusioned learners than the church.”

Ken Blanchard

“It is not the church who equips mature and equipped followers of Christ; but it is mature and equipped followers of Christ who makes them.” Pastor Randy Pope

Ken’s and Randy’s statement transfer responsibility to us individually for a well recognized failure of the Church. How can we make a difference?

In addressing the root issues that keep Christians from maturing in Christ and pursuing equipping for ministry, Randy makes reference to Ephesians 2:1-3 "And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest." Does that description stand as a contrast to most people who identify themselves as Christians?

Randy goes on to say that when Christians turn from sin, they routinely relapse into sinful behavior. Alcoholics must openly confess their addiction in the most effective treatment programs. Why are Christians less open to confess their addiction to sin and relapses? [discuss with your group]

Randy references Peter Drucker’s thought that a few successful churches and Alcoholic Anonymous’ have in common: “They have a qualified sponsor and an accountable group.” How does that compare with your group?

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Life-on-life discipleship: *“Laboring in the lives of a few with the intention of imparting one’s life and God’s truth in such a way as to see them become mature and equipped followers of Christ, committed to doing the same in the lives of others.” Pastor & Author Randy Pope*

Share your thoughts on Randy’s definition of Life-on-Life discipleship, relative to Christ’s life & model.

In searching for “success factors” in groups that produce faithful mature followers of Christ, Randy and his team identified the following: Truth from Bible knowledge, Equipping by applying truth to real-life, Accountability on underlying core issues, staying on Mission by Christ’s priorities and Supplication both private and corporate. Are you experiencing these in your own life? In your group? Discuss

Are there any elements just discussed that could be given greater emphasis in your group? [Discuss and consider implementation]

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