

DISCIPLESHIP, Board of
Email Meeting • Oct. 30th to Nov. 3rd, 2013

Members Present: Joe Windham, Mark Erickson, Terri Johnson, Dan Nefzger, and Stephen Hamilton

Stephen Hamilton called on the members to deliver their best thoughts via email to the opportunities for Discipleship in the Western Conference. He began with Bible a study of “the people who walked with God” from Numbers 14. The result of their grumbling and their lack of faith, resulted in an entire generation being buried in the sand, but their children totally trusted their God in their daily walk through the wilderness. God commends Caleb for his wholeheartedness, and commands Joshua to be strong and very courageous and careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you. Walking with God requires faith, time, a wholehearted commitment, strength courage, and a replete knowledge and obedience to God’s Word. The following responses to this study help define the discipleship challenge in our province:

1. Why was it hard for the Exodus generation to follow God without complaining?
 - Egyptian culture and lifestyle had become ingrained; they had an Egyptian worldview.
 - They had not learned to trust God; they had divided hearts, and limited revelation.
 - They were carnal; faith had not become real.
2. What advantage do we have over the Exodus generation?
 - Access to God’s Word, and the help and counsel of His Holy Spirit, God’s complete Revelation and all its historic examples, and the example and completed work of Christ.
3. Is the command of Josh. 1:7-8 relevant today? Why or Why Not?
 - Yes, growing in relationship with God is to grow progressively in His word.
 - Obedience to God’s words is eternally relevant; The New Testament is equally to be obeyed.
 - The principles of discipleship and walking with God are the same ...trust, courage, priority of worship, etc.
4. Is the process of Discipleship ever complete?
 - When we die and are in Heaven! I hope my life will always be growing closer to my Heavenly Father.
 - Discipleship is a journey just as Isaiah 35:8-10 describes the Highway of Holiness.
 - No, those who have chosen to accept and follow Christ become disciples: learners, followers, pupils of Jesus and His Word until we are in Heaven.
5. What do you think is the reason God led his children through the desert?
 - To learn and grow in knowing Him and learning to trust Him for everything.
 - They had to learn to depend/trust God completely—that is the purpose of the “desert experiences,” to unlearn self-reliance.
 - To learn lessons on trust, obedience, essentially to live and walk with God.

Highlights of the past ministry year:

- Scholarship attendees to Orange Training Conference
 - Teacher training seminar at Beach Church
 - Resources for Conference use added to the library: The Seven Laws of the Teacher, by Howard Hendricks; Living by The Book, Howard Hendricks; Ultimate Apologetics, by Jason Lisle; Effective Parenting, by Chip Ingram; Gospel in Life, by Timothy Keller; Too Busy Not to Pray, by Bill Hybels, The Global Leadership Summit 2013 DVD.
1. **WHEREAS** the budget was discussed and the levels of funding were sufficient, **BE IT RESOLVED** approved for the coming year 2014.

6070	Meeting/Event Exp.	\$ 300
6100	Posted/Freight	\$ 200
6140	Subscription/Publication	\$2,500
6180	Training/Education	<u>\$3,000</u>
	Total	\$6,000

2. **WHEREAS** the need to identify the best Parenting program or Parenting conference speaker available to our churches **BE IT RESOLVED** that each church needs to plan a parenting program considering using Boundaries with Kids Cloud & Townsend, or Effective Parenting by Chip Ingram.
3. **WHEREAS** there is need to grow the participation of Kids and Youth at BMCR, **BE IT RESOLVED** that camp needs to provide promotional material, with website access earlier, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that some form of installment plan be developed, so cost can be spread over the year. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that leadership teams be encouraged with churches being delegated various aspects of the program.
4. **WHEREAS** there is a need to encourage and impress on our Parents their role as the discipler of their children, **BE IT RESOLVED** that their needs to be a charge to parents to regularly format devotional times with their kids, perhaps at the dinner table, but effectively relay through Bible study and modeling what God is teaching them in their spiritual walk.
5. **WHEREAS** there is a need to be cognizant and aware of how our culture speaks in the parables of cinema and the plethora of content coming from the web, and being aware of what is good, what is trending and what is harmful or insidiously evil, **BE IT RESOLVED** that much prayer, careful pointed event planning and timely curriculum that teaches discernment and creates careful conversations about limits, use, and warnings.
6. **WHEREAS** there is an interest in Right Now Media to research the availability of training and resource materials available on the web, cost seems to be an issue for larger churches, **BE IT RESOLVED** that further exploration and effectiveness be evaluated.
7. **WHEREAS** there is an active reorganization of Western Conference, **BE IT RESOLVED** that Stephen Hamilton will step down from chairman responsibilities and look forward to the new structure of the new “mobilization committee”.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen Hamilton