



A MENTORING ROUND TABLE VP3 • WEST COAST DISCUSSION

Our Purpose:

To cultivate conversation that both explores and seeks to recover a more relational way of life and ministry best modeled by Jesus.

Mentoring Defined:

A companionship in which two or more persons intentionally come together to seek and respond to God's activity in their unique lives.

What is a Round Table?

This format assumes that all voices are equal and curious. We will encourage you to contribute to what we call, "the answers being in the room." Listen well.

What to Expect:

You will be joining about 20 Christian leaders, many of who are friends of VantagePoint3. We will be moving back and forth between a large group and two guided conversations in smaller groups.

Our prayer:

Is that you will leave having been inspired and your imagination stretched by like-minded friends who yearn for this Jesus way of walking alongside others.

Mentoring Discoveries We Have Made:

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Barriers to Mentoring:

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Next Steps? Takeaways I want to remember:

BREAKOUT CONVERSATION #1

Taken from *A Mentoring Guide: Christ • Conversation • Companionship* (pages 8-9)

Jesus lived his life immersed in a network of relationships. Jesus was with people. His life touched theirs. His head, hands, and heart were available to those with whom he lived. He walked the journey with them as a friend. He was not distant from them. On considering how Jesus lived out his mission by developing a learning community of disciples, we must not overlook this most obvious element: personal relationship. He had many other options available to him, but he chose to live out his purposes by being with his followers, life upon life.

Mentoring is a commitment to intentionally walk with others. It is an invitation to be an intentional spiritual companion. At some point along the way a person or a series of people have walked well with us. A grandparent. A teacher. A coworker. A pastor. A friend. A neighbor. Their impact is written all over our life stories. Their attention may have lasted for decades or it may have been a penetrating conversation at a critical time in our lives. Most often such relationships are unspectacular, but when viewed in retrospect, their effects are dramatic.

Testimonies of “coming-alongside-ness” are strewn throughout the Bible. The Spirit calls us to be with people in a way that honors both God’s purposes and our well-being. Who is the Spirit asking you come to come alongside or mentor?

From your experience, how have you been asked, or asked another, to “come alongside” or mentor? What were the circumstances?

Do we over-complicate getting these relationships started? What are you noticing as you listen to each other?

BREAKOUT CONVERSATION #2

What mental models, or hurdles, are getting in the way of adults personally seeking a mentor, being a mentor, or helping others do the same? (Perhaps consider those in the “third-third” of life, or millennials for more focus.)