



## A Testimonial from a So-Cal Pastor of Discipleship

“Owning the reality of Discipleship,” Pastor J. H., Thousand Oaks, CA. As a Christian Ministry major at The Master’s University I had the great joy of getting to know Professor Wegter. And during that time I quickly recognized that his life was uniquely committed to following Jesus. This has led me to write this brief summary of our time together.

*I approached Jay’s ministry at Gospel for Life after I had accepted a new job with my local church where I was now responsible for building a men’s small group ministry and maintaining the existing church-wide small groups.* This has been a great opportunity for me to pour my life into my local believing community. I would like to share three attributes of a godly ministry that I have learned from Gospel For Life.

**First**, Biblical conviction: this was my biggest blind spot. I understood the importance of having my own convictions, but, I was not sure how to go about training other people in their convictions. *GFL showed me how to think about the process of helping people remove the obstacles that hold back their sanctification. And in tandem with this, the necessity of equipping people in systematic theology.* This step scares the average congregant at my church. But, after working with GFL, I could see that this was the missing link. The priority became clear; Christians need to have Biblical convictions that they are able to communicate, as well as have those convictions pour forth from the way they live.



*Birthday dinner with friends of Gospel for Life.*



*Men being challenged to disciple one another.*

**Second**, Christian character. I learned that I need to help people leave behind the *divided life*. *In a divided life, which is all too common, people have two ways of living: their church life and their personal life.* On one hand, you are committed to the riches and glories of Christ, and on the other you are committed to the desires of the world. *But, in order for you to make an impact on people for the sake of the Gospel, you need to see Christ as your ultimate joy, and be utterly intentional about removing sin from your own life.* Warring against the hypocrisy of a “divided life” is a fight of faith; it’s at the heart of true character-building for the sake of His Kingdom (Rom 8:12-13).

**Third**, competency in communicating the Word. In my past I have always thought that if someone has real passion for Christ, this will carry him or her through most of their Christian life. Sadly, this kind of thinking characterizes spiritual immaturity. This shallow mindset needs to be addressed if the congregants of my church are going to shake up their community for the name of Jesus. *The ministry of GFL taught me that what is needed is to gain the ability not only to articulate the words of the Gospel, but also the lofty, exalted things of God which inspire wonder, awe, and gratitude.* Joined to this is the importance of being established in the faith; that means approaching the Word of God absolutely convinced of its certainty, for this in turn will translate into a lifestyle of evangelism and effective disciple-making.

These three attributes are now an indispensable part of my ministry, and with these three tools I will be able to make an impact on my church for the sake of Christ.

*In summary GFL has shown me that my church needs to replace the American dream with the cross of Christ.* For, only in this way will our members be equipped with Christ-like character, rock-solid convictions, and a proactive desire to equip one another for service and maturity. With GFL's contagious vision, and practical equipping, I am confident that the training I have received is impacting the lives touched by my ministry and will bear fruit for years to come.



Some of the faces we see in India that tug at our hearts.



A courageous pastor in Myanmar.

At GFL we are actively training Christ-followers to be disciple-makers. The blessed result is that the local church can become a disciple-making community. If you'd like Jay to present a seminar on **Evangelism, Discipleship, or Christian Worldview** at your church or school, please contact him at [jaywegter@gmail.com](mailto:jaywegter@gmail.com)

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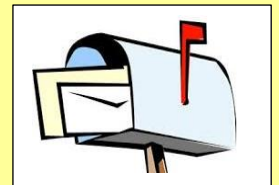
- Please pray for my wife, Michele as she battles stage four spinal cancer. We are seeking a miracle as we look to alternative treatments. Uber Eats gift cards have been a great help. Donations can be sent to 3675 Marlesta Dr, San Diego, CA 92111.
- Please pray for the men that Jay is discipling at his home church, Barabbas Road Church. We are seeing a movement of God as these men are now investing in one another.

*Our mission at GFL is to help equip individuals and churches to more fully embrace The Great Commission.* The training we offer in evangelism and discipleship is 'hands-on' equipping. Instead of training in theory alone, we demonstrate how these Biblical commands can immediately be put to use.

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*Jay, Michele and the GFL Team*