# **Practical Diagnostic Questions for Discipleship**

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Heb. 10:24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds

D.Q's are a tool for discipleship that has greatly impacted my own spiritual walk/growth and those I have used it with. (Including my marriage, small group guys, other friendships and relationships with pastors/staff members at MBC.

# What is this tool? The use of certain kinds of questions that will help you:

- 1. Plunge past the surface to cultivate a deeper relationship
- 2. Diagnose areas of growth that are needed
- 3. Celebrate the evidences of God's grace at work in each other
- 4. Encourage self-assessment and self-evaluation
- 5. Open up dialogue where scriptures can be used for edification and correction.

# What it takes:

- Knowing the right kinds of questions to ask
- It takes vulnerability because you have to be willing to answer the questions too. (This is two way discipleship)
- Follow up for issues that have been discussed/addressed

# Diagnostic questions

- 1. What is God teaching you from his word right now?
- 2. How is God's word making its way to application in your life?
- 3. What is one specific way I can be praying for you right now?
- 4. What areas of growth have you identified in your own spiritual life? What's one area you need to grow in?
- 5. How have you been intentionally beholding the glory/beauty of Christ this week?
- 6. Read Colossians 3:8-10) What aspect of your old man is God calling you to "put off"? What is God calling you to "put on" instead?
- 7. In what ways are you not "being who you are" as a new creation in Christ?
- 8. What are you currently reading that is stimulating your affection for the Lord?
- 9. Where are you finding life right now?

- 10. What verses are you using to fight temptation of impurity?
- 11. When is the last time you looked at pornography?
- 12. What's an area in your life that God wants you to be free of?
- 13. How are you living on mission this week/month?
- 14. Is there an unbeliever in your life that you are intentionally engaging spiritual conversations with?
- 15. Who/how have you been intentional to do edification (building up) with lately? How you could you intentionally encourage (spur on) someone this week?
- 16. How are you hiding God's word in your heart this week? (That you might not sin against God –Psalm 119:11)
- 17. Is there a specific sin area in your life that you are seeing change?
- 18. How can we celebrate God's transforming grace in your life this week/month?
- 19. How are you currently using your finances to Glorify God?
- 20. Are there any upcoming spending decisions that I can speak into or pray for wisdom with you?
- 21. Is there any person in your life whom you are withholding forgiveness towards?
- 22. When is the last time you practiced the Matthew 18 principle of conflict resolution? Is there anyone in your life you currently need to engage in this way?
- 23. Do the people you work with know that you are a believer in Christ?
- 24. How are you being intentional about glorifying Christ in the work place?

#### These are proactive questions to gain critical feedback and evaluation

- 25. Have you detected any area of sin in my life? (the most dangerous deficiency you have is the one you can't see).
- 26. How have you seen me grow over the past few months? What is one area you think I may need to grow in?

- 27. Are you detecting any pride in me in the way I'm dealing with others around me or in the way I am leading others?
- 28. What is one way I've been serving you well and what is one way I can better serve/support you?

# Result of using this tool:

- Two-way discipleship
- Deeper relationship
- More meaningful accountability
- Helps you to know, specifically how you can be praying for them

# When and with whom to use this tool:

- For discipleship with your leaders
- If your married
- In your own sphere of biblical community.
- Impart this to your leaders to use as a tool in their own leadership and with their group members.