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Entrusted: The Few & the Many

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And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. 2Timothy 2:2 NIV

We are instructed to entrust what we have heard to reliable people who will be qualified to teach others. How good are you at entrusting to others? Sometimes it is difficult because it means we have to hand off some of our ministry to others. Then, trust them to follow through. Many avoid developing student leaders/disciplers for this reason. We would rather do it ourselves. It's just easier.

Actually, it's not easier, and it's not Biblical. We are stunting the spiritual growth of those we lead if we do not teach them to be disciple makers. If you are teaching, you are spurred on by your responsibility to others to continue to learn yourself, to answer the questions that are asked. Teaching others implies growth on the part of the teacher. Why wouldn't we want that for our students?

It is practically impossible to make disciples if we don't equip them to teach others. We don't have enough "relational surface area" to disciple everyone. Discipleship in its truest form is relationship. There are only so many hours in the day and only so many people that you can relate with on a deep level at one time. There is a point at which you are no longer being a good steward of the relationships that have been entrusted to you. Give some away to those who are ready to be disciplers.

If your discipling team consists of you and a few adult leaders, you are also stunting the growth of your ministry. Because one person only has so much time and energy to invest, we must make disciples who can make disciples. It is God's plan. Not simple addition, but multiplication. Jesus disciplined a few who invested in the many. The impact? They changed the world. Jesus said in Matthew 28 to go and make disciples of all nations. You and I cannot do that on our own. We must invest well in those we have been given, then trust them to invest in others who will do the same.

Resource recommendation: *Transforming Discipleship* by Greg Ogden is a great book to help students grow as disciples and be ready to disciple others. Find it on [Amazon](#).

