



ROCK TRIBE

Christ as King & the Reclaiming Of Christ's Kingdom

## Relational Discipleship: Becoming Like Christ in the Context of Family

**Word of God:** Mark 3:14; Matthew 13:44-45, 28:18-20; Colossians 1:28

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**Rock Tribe Vision:** To develop a holistic, comprehensive, cradle-to-grave disciple-making movement that helps each person change into the likeness of Christ. We want to see God's people mature by obtaining: 1. Mind of Christ, 2. Heart of Christ, 3. Lifestyle of Christ. Holistic discipleship will involve every aspect of one's life: body, soul, spirit, identity, intimacy, relationships, time, energy, affections, money, occupation, recreation, priorities, vision, values, culture, strategies, faith-goals, habits, mind-sets, worldview, beliefs...and more. Five "C's": Christ, Community, Character, Calling, Competency. Transformation requires Four Dynamics: 1. Instructional, 2. Relational, 3. Experiential, 4. Spiritual. How change happens in the kingdom: New Identity in Christ + Belonging to New Family + Power of God = Transformation. To be a disciple and to make a disciple requires proactive commitment. One sees the "treasure", which is Christ and the Kingdom, and sells all to obtain that reality. We go after high invitation and high commitment because that is the only way one changes and grows in any area of life. We are not obligated to pastor or disciple the unwilling, only those who are passionate, authentic followers of Christ. Primary indicator of what a person really values is the way they spend their money. Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34

**Age & Gender Relevant Training:** Discipleship in the kingdom is holistic and comprehensive. This includes character formation, life skills, decision making, relational and emotional intelligence, interaction with creation, agriculture, animal husbandry, economics, cooking, cleaning, body maintenance, etc. While there is a great deal of commonality between boys and girls and men and women, there is also a great deal of differences. Therefore, as we cultivate disciple-making strategies, we must recognize and train with these gender attributes and distinctives in mind. This in no way minimizes the capacities or contributions made by both genders.

0-1 years old (boy & girl)

2-3 years old (boy & girl)

4-5 years old (boy & girl)

6-7 years old (boy & girl)

8-10 years old (boy & girl)

11-12 years old (boy & girl)

13-15 years old (initiation into adulthood)

16-18 years old

19-20's

30's and so on.

**Five Stages of Maturity:** 1. Infant, 2. Child, 3. Adult, 4. Parent, 5. Elder

Maturity in the kingdom has very little to do with one's chronological age and everything to do with one's relational maturity and capacity to love even one's enemies, along with the level of responsibilities one bears for the lives of others.

**Five jurisdictions** or spheres of life in the kingdom that we need discipleship. Discipleship is learning the will and ways of Christ and then doing them in our everyday lives. Discipleship is stewardship. We are not "owners" in the kingdom, more like "managers". We come under the government of Christ's kingly rule in these five governmental jurisdictions in the kingdom:

1. The stewardship of our personal lives under Christ as King. Each individual is accountable for their lives before God.
2. Marriage & Family.

3. Church Family.
4. Marketplace: business, arts, media, education, entertainment, recreation, etc.
5. Social & Civil

We come under Christ's kingly rule freely and voluntarily because we are drawn by His mercy, grace, and love. No coercion, manipulation, intimidation, or control in the kingdom of God. Even though these jurisdictions in the kingdom influence one another, there are distinct governmental boundaries that must be honored.

**Seven relational discipleship settings facilitated by the Rock Tribe:**

1. Face Time with God – an Immanuel Lifestyle. Living consistently in the conscious Presence of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Seeing God with the eyes of our hearts. Right brain gazing, abiding, communing.
2. DNA Groups – 2-4 people (gender specific) who bond with Christ and one another for the purpose of Discipleship, Nurture, Apostolic Mission. Faith-goals. Cultivating a Pray, Hear, Obey Lifestyle. What are you hearing God say to you and how are you obeying?
3. One's natural family and a Missional Kingdom Families – 5-15ish people (men, women, children) who bond with Christ and one another for the purpose of helping one another become like Christ, worship and glorify God, create a safe and loving family to reinforce gospel identity, intimacy, and mission. To initiate, infiltrate, and incarnate the Person of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world, so that they will come into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ as King.
4. Local congregation like Rock Laramie or Rock Family Kansas City.
5. Family-of-church families like the Rock Tribe which is a catalyst for a.) Father's House of Prayer (24-7 intercession), b.) Micro-church planting, c.) Training & Equipping through entities like All Nations College, d.) Cross-cultural missions, e.) Catalytic events like the Jesus Tribal Gatherings.
6. Connection to our "Tribe" Middle-T like Global Awakening, Global Legacy, Iris Ministries, IHOP
7. Connection to our Tribe Big – T which is the whole Body of Christ.

**Change** happens through intimate, connected relationships. It is in the context of intimate relationships with God and God's people that we receive: 1. Our new identity as sons/daughters of our heavenly Father, 2. Where we sync our minds, hearts, and lives in love-bonded relationships so that we receive and give all that is necessary for growth. No connection...no growth. Organic connection means that there is open and connected minds, hearts, and lives so that all the "nutrients" of God's life and love can be transferred between us. A love-bonded "tribe" with a clear group identity is essential for health, growth, and maturity.

1. Bonding.
2. Group Identity.
3. Relational circuits on.
4. Relational connections.
5. Interactive delight, affection, and gratitude.
6. Healing from trauma.
7. Exercising relational love skills.

**Practical Applications:**

1. Allow Christ to come inside of you as Savior and King.
2. Come into Christ's Body...a specific legitimate "Tribe". Bond, Connect, Embrace Group Identity
3. Pray for protection and come under the influence of Christ's armor of light.
4. Open up your relational circuits to BOTH God and your natural & spiritual family.
5. Face Time & Immanuel Journaling and Lifestyle
6. Connect with a DNA Group and Missional Kingdom Family.
7. Go through Immanuel Healing (Inner-healing).
8. Identify stages of maturity and become self-aware of where you are at developmentally.
9. Learn and practice the relational brain skills identified by The Life Model.
10. Establish faith-goals as you hear God's voice.

11. Be a disciple and make disciples of Christ in DNA Groups and MKF's.
12. Get equipped to be a trainer of DNA & Micro-church leaders.