

GRIP Spring 2018 Envisioning Meeting

January 8th, 6:15-8:00pm
Columbia Crossroads Church

What is GRIP?

GRIP is a set of tracks to help a man take the initiative in the disciple-making process with one other man in his circle with the clear expectation of multiplying this process with other men.

- “a” set of tracks – it’s not **the** only way.
- “in his circle” - relational, strategic, convenient (local church, FLM Forums, etc)
- “multiplying” - The goal is NOT just about individual spiritual maturity; it’s about multiplying our life in others who will invest in yet others (2Tim 2:2).

Who’s your man, What’s your plan? Vision: One man a year for the rest of your life...

Why do we need a set of tracks?

- Just telling men to disciple others doesn’t work. We have to model it in a way they can reproduce.
- Men need some structure to make the discipleship invite “less awkward” and to get the discipleship relationship moving.
- Our goal is not to manage the discipleship relationships...expect God to show up...

What kind of man would benefit from GRIP?

- **FATR** (Faithful, Available, Teachable, Reproducible) – Don’t know for sure until you get started
- **PAUL** - Any guy who is ready and able to take the initiative with one other man and invest in that man’s spiritual success.
- **TIMOTHY** - Any guy who is hungry to grow spiritually and willing to make himself available to mutual challenge, encouragement, and prayer.
- **TEAM SHEPHERD** - Any leader who wants a format to give momentum to a team of disciple makers
- Arrow Diagram – (Bottom line: Join God in the process of moving guys to the right!)

Q: Where do you see yourself on this arrow?

Q: Where do you see the guy you’re taking through GRIP on this arrow?

Q: What are some ways to move a guy to the right in order to score?

Why do we call it GRIP?

When our heart is gripped by God’s hands, then our hands will do what’s on God’s heart!
“Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit” Luke 23:46 “I always do the things that are pleasing to Him” John 8:29

- **Only YOU know** if God has a grip on your heart! Only you really know when you are surrendered and yielded to God.

Q: What kind of GRIP does God have on your heart this past week?

Q: With what truth or principle did God grip your heart with this week that motivates you even more to be ALL IN with Him?

Express in prayer your personal desire that your heart be fully gripped by God this year.

How is GRIP organized?

GRIP has individual, one-on-one, small group, and large gathering components.

What are the core rhythms of GRIP?

- **Action Points** - Identify and pursue growth action points (HAND)
- **Meeting with God** - Regular unhurried time alone with God in His Word with a view toward love-motivated obedience
- **Brother to Brother** – Regularly meet with at least one other brother where encouragement, challenge, and prayer can happen. (No Contact, No Impact)

What are the distinctives of this season?

- Raise the temperature of personal outreach (questions, Equipping, Wired Events, etc)
- Bible Reading plan focused on Mark and Romans. 2 weeks customized. Easter.

Some Terminology

- **Paul** = the man taking the initiative in the GRIP pairing or Triad.
- **Timothy** = the man new to discipleship who aspires to be a Paul
- **Team Shepherd** = the shepherd of the 4-8 guys on your team (table). This man is often a **Paul** also.

Recent GRIP experiences

GRIP Spring 2018 Overview

See sheet.

Q&A

How to Enroll in GRIP?

Demo on the screen

Prayer Time

Lift up this season of discipleship in small bands of prayer around the room. Pray until you hear AMEN.