

stages of growth

back to basics | week three

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Today, we are going to be talking about something many of you have heard before... maybe a lot... **the SCMD Process.**

If we're not careful, it becomes the same as that pot roast... We just do it. We talk about it... we do it because that's what we do. We don't know why.

TODAY, my hope is to answer the questions:

- What do we do?
- Why do we do it?
- Why don't we do it?

What do we do? SCMD isn't a step-by-step process

Share - We share Jesus, we share our lives, we share the gospel, we share what we have with others

Connect - We will connect others to God, to the church, to small groups, to community, to each other

Minister - We will equip others to learn how to play their part in the kingdom of God, discover their spiritual gifts, walk in those, and help them grow as ministers

Disciple - We release them to go disciple others and start this with someone else

Why do we do it?

Because JESUS did this

Let's look at how He lived this out.

S - Share

Story of Zacchaeus | Luke 19:1-10 ESV

- He shared a meal
- He shared the gospel (seek and save the lost)
- He shared himself...
- He shared his reputation

Jesus shared at least 10-15 different meals with people in scripture.

"This practice of eating and drinking with people far from God is what the New Testament writers call 'hospitality.' The word is philoxenia in Greek... It's the act of welcoming the outsider in and, in doing so, turning guests into neighbors and neighbors into family in God." - John Mark Comer (Practicing the Way)

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That word literally means "friend to the stranger" (Philos = friend... Xeno = stranger)

SLOW DOWN ENOUGH TO share your life with people. Share a meal with people. Share your attention with people.

C - Connect

Mark 3:13-14 ESV | John 13:34-35 ESV

13 And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him.
14 And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) **so that they might be with him** and he might send them out to preach

-He spent time with them. He connected with them and got to know them. They got to know Him... And they grew together.

-And the connection of us as believers as people who love each other and walk together is imperative.

M - Equip to minister

Luke 9:1-6 ESV (and Luke 10 with the seventy-two)

How did he equip people?

-He brought them with him.

-He brought Peter, James, and John to the Mount of Transfiguration

-He brought Peter, James, and John to the raising of Jairus' daughter (Luke 8)

-He brought his disciples to raise Lazarus.

-He brought his disciples with him to the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26)

D - Release to Disciple

Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

Why don't we do this?

- Sometimes it is a lack of a clear plan or strategy
- Fear of failure or too busy
- Feeling unqualified or past failures
- We are in a hard season or we aren't experiencing it ourselves

1 John 1:1-4 ESV | Romans 15:7 ESV | John 15:12 ESV | 1 John 4:11 ESV | Ephesians 4:32 ESV

Share - He has shared His life and love and Gospel with me. So I must share with others.

Connect - He has given me connections with people and with the Church body and with His affection. I must invite others into that.

Equipped to minister - He's given me His Holy Spirit to empower and enable acts of service. He is and has been equipping me for ministry.

Released to disciple - He has invited me into His mission and commissioned me on His behalf. I get to invite others to do the same.

