

Oh, the depth of the riches of the
wisdom and knowledge of God!

ROMANS 11:33a (NIV)

Diamond in the Rough

*Discover how God can use you to help "cut and polish"
the women He has entrusted into your care..*

Major Tammy Larson

Diamond in the Rough

...someone that has hidden exceptional characteristics and/or future potential, but currently lacks the final touches that would make them truly stand out from the crowd. The phrase is metaphorical and relates to the fact that naturally occurring diamonds are quite ordinary at first glance, and that their true beauty as jewels is only realized through the cutting and polishing process.

And we all, who with unveiled faces
contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed
into his image with ever-increasing glory,
which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)



Table Talk

Who has had great influence on you?

What were some of the qualities of people you found inspiring as you were formulating your walk with the Lord?

The key to DISCIPLING is NOT in the Technique, but in the Heart.



What is a Disciple?

Luke 6:39-40	
Luke 14:25-27	
Luke 14:33	
John 8:31-32	
John 13:34-35	
John 15:8	

How do you enhance those Qualities?

Matthew 4:19	
Acts 13:52	
Romans 15:14	
2 Timothy 2:2	

Table Talk

Based on our discussion and the Word,
what is your definition of a disciple?

*What can hinder us from being an
Effective Disciple?*

Physical Reproduction	Spiritual Reproduction
Not being “united” with Someone	Not being saved-not in a relationship w/Jesus
Disease or impairment to a part of the body needed for reproduction	Spiritual Disease is Sin
Immaturity—little kids can not reproduce	Not growing up in Christ No Spiritual Disciplines

Why Disciple?

Matthew 28:19	
Matthew 9:37	

Salvation	Salvation	Initial	Freedom from the <u>Penalty of Sin</u>
Salvation	Sanctification	Continual	Freedom from the <u>Power of Sin</u>
Salvation	Glorification	Ultimate	Freedom from the <u>Presence of Sin</u>

Our Christian Journey is the Process of being conformed to the Image of Christ for the sake of Others.

Invitation to a Journey by Mulholland

*“Too often the Christian life is viewed as
a Ticket to Heaven
rather than a
Journey of Transformation.”*

The Adventure of Discipling Others (pg. 158)
Ron Bennett and John Purvis

How can I become a better Discippler?

Proverbs 17:17	
John 14:21	
Romans 8:28	
Galatians 3:3	
Hebrews 12:11	

*Discipling others is Intentional,
Focused, and Personal.*

Conclusion

Conformity to the image of Christ
is the journey of discipleship.

I can not disciple others until
I first become a disciple.

It starts with me,
but is not about
me.

It's for the sake
of others.



Resource Recommendation List

Spiritual Formation

The Adventure of Discipling Others

Author: Ron Bennett and John Purvis

Becoming a Woman of Excellence

(other “Becoming” titles)

Author: Cynthia Heald

Celebration of Discipline

Author: Richard Foster

C.L.A.S.S. 301 from Saddleback Church

Pastor Rick Warren

Crazy Love

Author: Francis Chan

Design for Discipleship Series

NAV Press

Face to Face

Author: Kenneth Boa

Foundations

Author: Holladay Warren

Resource Recommendation List

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Spiritual Formation

Invitation to a Journey

Author: Robert Mulholland

Lies Women Believe

Author: Nancy Leigh DeMoss

The Me I Want to Be

Author: John Ortberg

Prayer

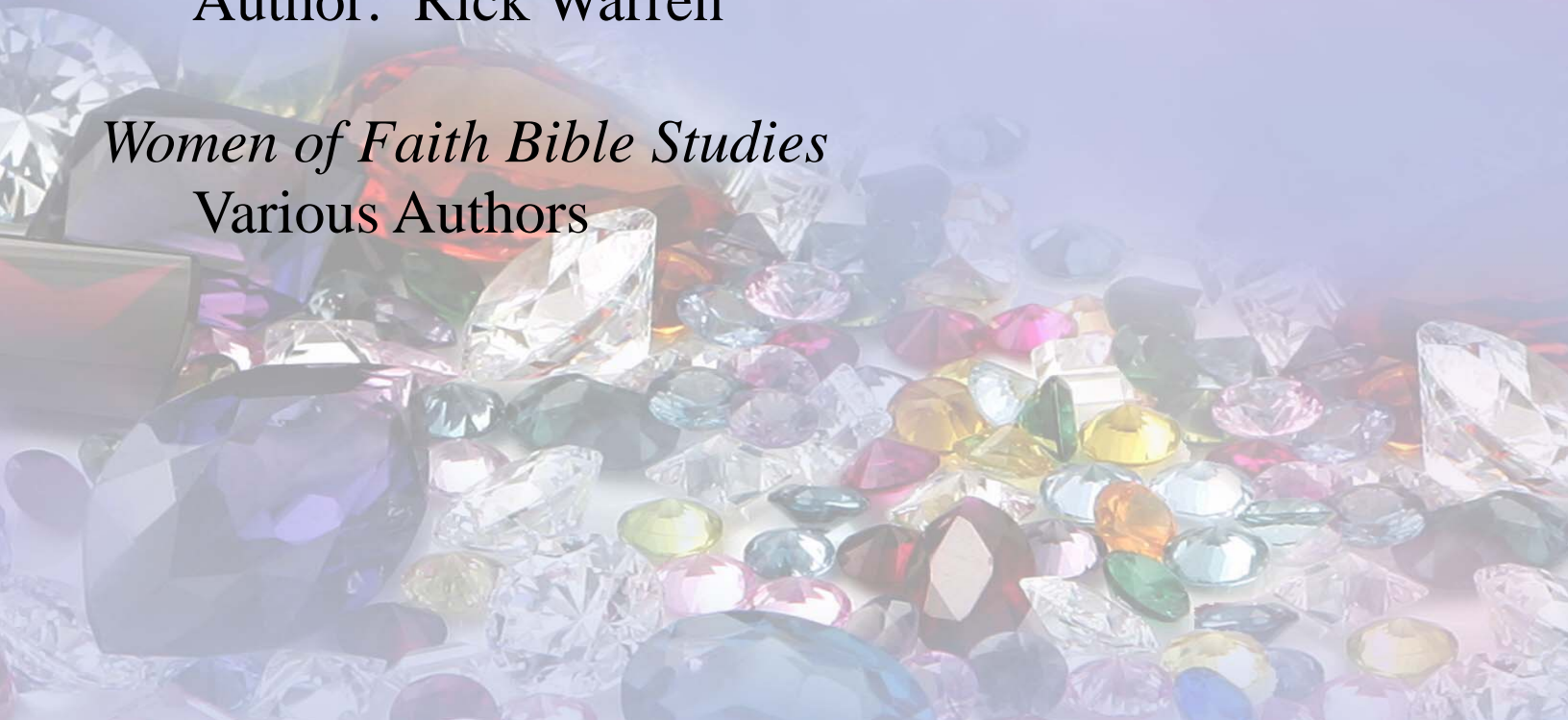
Author: Richard Foster

Purpose Driven Life

Author: Rick Warren

Women of Faith Bible Studies

Various Authors



Notes



Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20, MSG

