

Core Seminars – Christian Living
Discipling
Week 8 – January 26, 2003

Why Disciple Using Christian Books?

- I. Why Use Christian Books in Discipling?**
 - a. Should Christians read books other than Scripture?
 - b. Books are like a conversation with a Christian you never knew.
 - c. Books are like a conversation with a Christian from another time.
 - d. Books are teaching prepared by another Christian, for the benefit of you and your friend.

- II. How to Read a Book in a Discipling Relationship.**
 - a. Mark up the book!
 - b. Read the book in two different ways.

c. Ask good questions.

d. Don't ask bad questions.

e. Examples of good questions.

III. Choosing a Book.

a. Two kinds of books: doctrinal and devotional.

b. Balancing needs and interests.

c. Choose good books...not just books that look good!

IV. Reading Things Other Than Christian Books.

a. Confessional documents

b. Articles from Magazines

c. Learning to read for world views.

V. Five Good Christian Books

a. *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church*, Mark Dever

b. *Call to Spiritual Reformation*, D.A. Carson

c. *Gospel and Kingdom*, Graeme Goldsworthy

d. *The Pleasures of God*, John Piper

e. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, Don Whitney

VI. How to Get Started Reading with Someone

a. Be brave and willing to risk.

b. Be willing to make the selection.

c. Reflect on how you have been encouraged.

Next Week? Encouraging a Passion for Evangelism.