

Chat for Friday 6/25 Q&A and Dan Schafer's session

Mark Landerholm!!!! THANK YOU!!!

Andy Bowen!! Holly M, Nathan Waggoner, Kevin Zirkle, John and Beth M, Don, Michel K, Elimelec....
Three cheers for a TON of hard work +Jesus!!

From Billy Coppedge to Everyone: 08:10 AM
Thank you, Planning Team. We are all so so grateful.

From Jeff to Everyone: 08:10 AM
Thanks all for your hard work and heart for this wonderful experience.

From Jon Steury to Everyone: 08:10 AM
AND Katy Beth, the faithful scribe.
From Andy Bowen to Everyone: 08:11 AM
Amen, John, and much more!
Jon, that is.

From John Muehleisen to Everyone: 08:12 AM
HQ Prayer Requests
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THANK YOU, Deidre!!!!
Thank you, Rick!
And Fred, Hany, Gábor!!!! So rich, deep--every session!!

From Christine to Everyone: 08:27 AM
YES!!!! We give thanks to our Father, guiding through His Spirit, ministering through you all to us all!

From Me to Everyone: 08:35 AM
What is your God sighting for this week?
Practical suggestions for grabbing hold of God sightings so they don't slip away?
Ask yourself am I making time to stop and ask where I have seen God this week?
Where are you spying God's activity in the land?
The Inspire Network. Phil Meadows. Cultivate discipline of how God's been at work this week.
Mealtime. Here's where we've come from, this is what God's done, and this is what He is doing. Include your kids--let them ask the question too.
Where have I seen the fruits of the Spirit this week in the world around me?
Where have you seen an act of mercy around you, toward you?
Practical as saying, "We're of God together, how have we seen Him this week?"
Ordinary acts of God's indwelling and inbreaking. Lining ourselves up with the Lord's Prayer. Where have we seen the Will of the Father this week?
Collecting the witness. Sharing the witness. Telling the witness and honoring different voices.
Might be in rebuke or challenge. It's deep and real, in real life!
Relationships not programs, how do we make space within the structures and programs for discipleship and relationships?

Jesus and his 12. When He put together His plan to reach the Gentiles, He chose a Pharisee.
Pharisee--professional missionary? He can use us! :-). There is a place for us even with structures and programs!
Look at how we need to change to start.
Not how do we turn WGM into a disciple making entity--leads to conflict.
Instead, how do I become a disciple maker? How does Jesus do that in me? Then as He works in me, it has a ripple effect in my community, organization etc.
Discipleship is caught more than taught.
Bubbles up, doesn't come from top down.
Get out and meet people and see what Jesus does in and through you!

Keep programs limited, in place.
Keep the beast of the church tamed. :-)
Rootedness...bottom up from God Himself!
Culture carriers--carrying Christ and His ways!
Shaping the world around us as being.
Jubilee--took a season and didn't run programs but committed time to eating and being together, discipleship and fruit came.
God gives us people.
We construct projects and programs, yet we are gifted with people.

Holy Spirit creates cultures around Jesus, and they sometimes surprise us at what they look like!
Conflict is ok sometimes. Way of learning.
Robust questioning among disciples, stern warnings--but all of it centered around Jesus.
WGM as institution finds right place. The truth of the Kingdom is the mustard seed. Often the Kingdom is hidden and unseen to North Americans.
Growth not numbers.
Small and micro and gathering to send and be dispersed really important to Kingdom witness we want to bear.
communities of discipleship, not individualism
Mark 4:26-29
Farmer puts in seed, and it grows, and he doesn't know how.
Quality of seed, soil and harvesting.
Importance of message, messenger, relationships of those who need message.
ACT discipling relationship.

A Access

Access to someone's life.
Discipling and Christian Education both important.
Love God and Love your neighbor--teaching ones to do this is discipling!
Shared lives. Discipleship is local.

C Commitment

You need to commit to this one. Be intentional, deliberate to accompany them in their journey to Jesus.
From Me to Everyone: 09:06 AM
It's significant. 2-3 relationships at a time. It's an investment. Emotional, time--huge investment
T Trust they need to see me as a resource, a trustworthy guide in pursuing Jesus.
Discipleship with unbeliever. :-) Moving them toward Jesus!
Intentional, organic, not program.
In places without natural connections, trying to get access--it's hard!
Takes courage.
Become a volunteer with existing org.
Opportunities share Jesus with ones who work at non-Christian org.
Dog walking. :-)
Love people because they are people. I love them. Jesus loves them. People aren't projects.
Getting into discipleship relationships changes me. We enter these relationships to love God and the one we're loving.
Let go of agenda. No performance mentality.

Do we feel like we are paid to go and produce instead of following Jesus in obedience, led by the Spirit and trusting Him with what He's doing?
Bring it all to the cross.
If I don't make plans, nothing happens.
If I make plans, something else happens.
Hold plans lightly and let God do what He's doing IN me as well as through me.

T TIME Longevity of relationship. Takes time to build trust, earn right to speak, diminish suspicions,
Fruitfulness over time.
Michael Frost Blessing others
Eat together with one person each week with whom you do not live.
Listen to the Spirit.

Learn Christ.

From John Rinehimer

Here's the book: <https://www.amazon.com/Surprise-World-Habits-Highly-Missional/dp/1631465163>

Understand that you are SENT by God into the lives of others!

Kindness, going into places, being pleasant, eating with people. This is what Jesus did!

From John Rinehimer 09:11 AM

Also Dave Ferguson also has BLESS practices that he shared with some of the staff if anyone wants to be aware:

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Honor others and ask for permission before you share their story.

From Patricia Ladi Ali to Everyone: 09:14 AM

That's a real dilemma for young missionaries as myself, Deidre. I wonder how we can balance telling these wonderful stories, and the information we share with our supporters through our newsletter.

Who we are has much bigger impact on our ministry than any program?

Put yourself in positions to be taught, invested in, keep yourself in Christian community. Give space for silence to hear Holy Spirit.

Reflection--take time to look back. Be strategic in your own spiritual development.

Important to find people who ask honest questions about your spiritual life, about your life!

It takes courage to ask for honest input and to be asked for honest input.

Openheartedness to honest questions about your inner being.

Are you willing to be asked?

Listen...takes time to get to truth....to hear it as well as to speak it.

Nothing shocks God! And for those in ministry, we aren't shocked either...we can hear truth.

What if we gave 30 minutes each--how is your inner being?

Let's hold each other accountable on short accounts to prevent the car crashes!

Are you following Jesus today?

Have you put your body anywhere it shouldn't be this week?

Have you spent your money as Jesus would this week?

Have you said anything you wouldn't say in front of Jesus this week?

Have you told anyone about Jesus this week?

Have you just lied to me?

Are we willing to have the relationships that the disciples had with Jesus?

Places of correction are places of growth.

Be careful with deep intimacy--yet there is a way to do this well and rightly.

From Deirdre to Everyone: 09:37 AM

Thank you so much for your lovely prayer. It's been so lovely to be with you all.

From Mark & Serena to Everyone: 09:38 AM

Thank you so much Deirdre for speaking into our lives!

From Andy Bowen to Everyone: 09:38 AM

Such a blessing you've been to us!

From Jeff to Everyone: 09:38 AM

Yes, Deirdre, your participation and Godly insights and wisdom have been a tremendous blessing.

From Christine to Everyone: 09:39 AM

Thank you, Dierdre and Rick, for speaking truth, giving us practical ideas, stimulating our imagination, and reminding

us/calling us back to our First Love and our need to be WITH Him always; not doing FOR Him, but being WITH Him always. We are forever grateful.

From Billy Coppedge to Everyone: 09:40 AM
Thank you Nathan! Well done!

From Jeff to Everyone: 09:43 AM
Well done, Nathan. Thanks!

From Jonathan Mayo to Me: (Direct Message) 09:43 AM
Good morning! Is it possible to get the chat text from Rick's session yesterday afternoon? I have been saving your notes, but yesterday my internet cut out before I could save the file. Thank you so much for taking the notes. We appreciate them very much and appreciate you.

From Me to Jonathan Mayo: (Direct Message) 09:44 AM
Yes, I can send them. I think we're going to post them. :-)

From Laura Lea Sims to Everyone: 09:44 AM
Thank you everyone involved! God used all the effort to speak to us in a mighty way. Again it was all a labor of love to the family.

Dan Schafer's Closing Remarks:

Preparing the Way of the Lord. Foundational conversation--
Lifting up Christ.

So that people will come to know Christ.

We prepare the way of the Lord by lifting up Christ so that people will come to know Jesus.

Why--KNOWING CHRIST

The reason we do what we do is that people will know Jesus as their personal Lord.

Surpassing value of knowing Christ.

How--Lifting up Christ.

This is how we help people come to know Jesus. This is our philosophy. I will draw ALL men unto Myself.

Need--Preparing the way of the Lord. Our tactics to bring people to Christ, that compose our methods. Mark 1;2-3
Isaiah 40:3-4

Prepare the way of the Lord is our calling.

Our Mantra--We are pursuing the ultimate value of knowing Christ.

We are LIFTing up Christ so that others can know Him.

We are preparing the way of the Lord.

Above everything else, WGM we are pursuing the value of knowing Christ Jesus.

Implementing strategy--LIFTing up Christ so that others might know Him.

If you are working on tactics, setting goals--prepare the way of the Lord.

Living sacrifice--Holiness--are we giving ourselves away to God? Investing in others, in prayers, in serving

Facilitating

Transforming

PLEASE fill out the survey--we want to hear from you!!! :-)

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From Chrissy (Greenwell) Charles to Everyone: 09:57 AM

Are the Spanish videos also there?

From Andy Bowen to Everyone: 09:57 AM

Chrissy: yes.

From Holly Muehleisen to Everyone: 09:57 AM

Spanish and Arabic are being uploaded

From Andy Bowen to Everyone: 09:57 AM

Also Arabic, for those who want them.

From Pastor Bob to Everyone: 09:59 AM
Great job everyone! Thank you!!

From Mike Brown to Everyone: 09:59 AM
So much excellent work. Thank you.

From John Muehleisen to Everyone: 10:00 AM
<https://wgimpact.org/survey>
<https://wgimpact.org/video>

From DeeAnn Rich to Everyone: 10:00 AM
Great job everyone!! Thank you.

As we close out Impact 2021, it is clear that despite the new challenges of our moment, our call is the same—to be deeply rooted in the love of our heavenly Father as disciples of King Jesus and to invite others along. Our rootedness is essential not only for ourselves but for those around us. Deep roots keep hill sides from collapsing, trees from tumbling, and dust bowls from happening. Our rootedness as disciples is not just for us, it is for those around us, our families, our neighbors, our co-workers, the communities and countries we live in; they will be injured if our roots don't go deep. So, let's make sure that we are continuing to grow as disciples, not just making disciples, let's continually ask each other if we're satisfied with who we are becoming, and how it is with our spirits. Let's submit to the mutual discipleship so that our roots can go deep.

From Christine to Everyone: 10:02 AM
So grateful for the virtual format because more of us were able to attend than would have been intended or possible if it had been in person in Hungary. Sorry that original plan did not happen; grateful for what did happen. Thank you, all, for your hard work, deep investment, rich sharing of yourselves and your dreams for WGM...for each of us. We are eternally grateful! Thank you.

From Laura Lea Sims to Everyone: 10:04 AM
Amen!

From Andy Bowen to Everyone: 10:04 AM
Amen!

From Chrissy (Greenwell) Charles to Everyone: 10:04 AM
Amen. Thank you!!