

BIG IDEA

Living like a Hero Maker requires a shift from “information sharing” to “life sharing” as we intentionally overlap our lives with others.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:12-13, John 3:22

POINTS TO CONSIDER

1. In John 3:22, it says Jesus spent time with his disciples. No big deal, right? Actually, it was very big deal! The word for “spend time” in the original language is the Greek word “diatribo” (dia-TREE-bo). Now diatribo is a composite of two words: “dia” which means “against,” and “tribo” which means “to rub.” So diatribo literally means “to rub against” or “to rub off.” It means “time spent together rubbing off on each other.”
2. There are many examples of Jesus spending time with his disciples. He told them stories, he taught them plainly, he sent them out on assignments and debriefed with them, and he called them to pray with him at the very end. There are many more you could mention. The point is, Jesus made it a point to keep these key people near him so his life could rub off on them.
3. Listen to people’s challenges around hero making. There may be people in the group that feel like they have nothing to offer another person either because they don’t have it all figured out or they don’t know enough. Help the group see that this kind of “rubbing off on one another” isn’t just one way. When we connect with others at different levels of maturity in our faith journey it stretches everyone involved, and that’s a good thing.
4. One thing that is vital to the five-step process of apprenticeship is the talking at the end. When we are learning a new job or role, we may inflate an error to be bigger than it is in our minds and feel badly about our performance, or we may think too highly of ourselves. Good communication and feedback is vital to learning a new skill or process.
5. The best part about becoming a hero maker is that it will help you in every aspect of your life. Practice it in your work, parenting, and in your most intimate relationships. We may fear that we will lose influence if we empower others, but it usually has the opposite effect. It widens our influence.