

2020 HDR

Where do we want to go in 2020?

- Where is “our” THERE?

THERE at top of Mountain is Garden like communities all over our city?

What are some stops that we need to make along the way?

- Base camp: Everyone in HDR.

Everyone in an HDR?

- What is an HDR?
- High Definition Relationship
- Healthy Discipling Relationship

WHY in an HDR?

1. We are supposed to be heading somewhere.
2. Our Hearts are deceitful.
3. That our Hearts won't grow hard.
4. We need Partnership & Connection.

HDR is at the center of who we are as a congregation.

- If we can't get this right, nothing else matters.
- Jesus with the twelve, helping, training teaching.
- We aren't primarily called to go to church, but to be the church.

This is the engine Room.

- Sunday's is the outside of the Ocean liner.
- HDR's is the engine room that make the ship go forward.

What is work in the engine room like?

- Paul says, till Christ in formed in you (pains of child birth).
- Never stopped warning you night and day.

Galatians 4:19–20 ¹⁹ My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, ²⁰ how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!

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What is the “bare minimum” required for an HDR?

- To a degree they are in order.

CONSISTENCY

Mark 3:13–14 ¹³ Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.

Having called his men, Jesus made a practice of being with them.

- This was the essence of his training program ...
- Just letting his disciples follow him.

Jesus had an incredibly simple way of training people.

- Jesus had no formal school, no seminaries, no outlined course of study ...
- No periodic membership classes in which he enrolled his followers.
- None of these highly organized procedures considered so necessary today ...
- Entered into his ministry.

Amazing as it may seem ...

- All Jesus did to teach these men his way was to draw them close to himself.
- He was his own school and curriculum.

It is said that parenting is caught and not taught.

- But just as my kids won't "catch" anything if I barely see them.
- So, we will not be catching things from each other.
- If we don't see each other.

Therefore, the point of consistency.

- An HDR needs to have consistency.
- And have it in two ways.

Consistency

- 1. Daily Element**
- 2. Dedicated Time**

1. Daily Element

Hebrews 3:13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

My first discipling partner was an absolute master at this.

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Acts 2:46⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

2. Dedicated Time

In marriage we do life together, but we also need “dedicated time.”

- My guess is that an HDR is not much different.
- If you can do it weekly it would be first prize.

I know many of us have very full schedules.

- Second prize would be every other week.

My experience has been that in HDR’s there is not really a third prize.

Consistency beats intensity.

OWNERSHIP

1 Timothy 4:7–8⁷ Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train **YOURSELF** to be godly.

Why?⁸ For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

Who responsibility is it for me to be godly?

- The church?
- My discipling partner?
- My wife?
- My family group?

NO!!!!

- It is my responsibility.
- Train yourself to be godly?

That is me?

- What about you?

Whose responsibility is it for you to be godly.

- Is it the church's responsibility?
- Your discipling partners?
- Your spouse?
- Your family group's?

NO!!! It is your responsibility.

Whose responsibility is my relationship with God?

- It is mine.

Whose responsibility is your relationship with God?

- It is yours.

What about your marriage?

- Your kids?

Your role in the garden?

- Your transformation into the image of Christ?
- Your responsibility!

IT'S YOUR SHIP

Almost 15 years ago I read a book that has impacted me forever.

- It is called, ***It's your Ship***, by Michael Abrashoff

He was promoted to take leadership of Benfold, as US destroyer.

- Before he took command, his Crew was known for ...
- Poor performance and even poorer morale.
- They were disunified and dispirited, they were underperforming.

In less than 2 years he turned that crew around to

- The most unifying and highest performing ship in the entire US navy.

How did he do it?

If I could summarize it for you in one principle it would be this.

- He did it through **creating ownership**.

His standard & favourite line with his crew was ***It's your Ship***.

- It is not my Ship, it is your ship.

It is yours to endure, if you just want to endure it.

- It is yours to be miserable on, if you want to be miserable on it.
- It is yours to be embarrassed about.
- Yours to resign from.

OR

It is yours to improve.

- Yours to enjoy serving on.
- It is yours to be proud of.
- How do you want your ship?

Signs that you are the owner?

- You are in constant and consistent communication.
- You initiate time and make sure that it is consistently happening.
- You come prepared, you have thought through and prayed through.

You are initiating the conversation.

- This is what is happening.
- This is what I am thinking.
- Been studying, praying ...

What do you think?

Signs that you are not the owner

- You need to be begged.
- ...
- ...

But, what if I am weak?

- Own it!
- Pray with me, read with me ...

What if you don't know the Bible?

- Own it!

What if you don't know how to read the bible?

- Own it!

What if your prayer life is flat?

- Own it!

In order for us to move from here to there ...

- For us to expand the garden and bear his image into it.
- For us to have HDR.
- We are going to have to be a little bit more like these seagulls.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-3e0EkvIEM>

RELATIONSHIP

Be Sincerely Interested

Romans 12:9 "Love must be sincere."

Vulnerability

2 Corinthians 6:11–13 ¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. ¹² We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. ¹³ As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

Have Fun