

1st Quarter Training 2009
The Presence of Christ

Purpose: This training is designed to help our mentors have a deeper understanding of what it means to be “the presence of Christ” in the life of their mentee. It is also designed to provide our mentors with very practical ways they can be the presence of Christ to their mentee.

Approach: Since the topic is “The Presence of Christ,” we asked ourselves, “What was it like to be in the presence of Jesus when he was on earth?” Reading through the book of Matthew we took note of some of the major themes that provide us with a good idea of what it was like to be in the presence of Jesus Christ.

Design: This training was developed to be done in a group setting. The larger group will split into smaller groups. Each smaller group takes on a group of passages to read (either group A, B, C, and so on) and discuss the central theme presented in the passages. Once the smaller groups have identified their central theme they will take turns presenting their themes to the larger group. As each theme is being presented the larger group will discuss practical ways to implement that theme into a mentoring relationship.

Practical Application: Once all the themes have been identified and presented each person will take a few minutes to choose between 1 and 4 themes they would like to implement into their mentoring relationship. Each person will also write down specific ways they can implement the themes they chose into their mentoring relationship. Each person will then share with the group which themes they would like to implement and specific ways they will implement each theme. Depending on the size of the group this can be shared with the entire group or with the smaller groups.

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How to be the “presence of Christ” to your mentee

A. _____

- Matthew 8:5 – 13, 9:1 – 3, 9:22, 9:27 – 29, 14:25 – 30, 15:21 – 28, 17:20, 20:29 – 34

B. _____

- Matthew 4:18 – 22, 9:9, 16:21, 17:22 – 23, 20:17 – 19, 28:18 – 20

C. _____

- Matthew 11:2 – 6. What did Jesus’ words give John the Baptist?
- Matthew 15:30, 14:34 – 36, 14:13, 13:2, 12:15, 8:1, 5:1, 19:2. Why did people want to be close to Jesus?

D. _____

- John 14:6; Matthew 22:15 – 16
- Truth is mentioned 31 times in Matthew, 14 in Mark, 10 in Luke, and over 40 in John.

E. _____

- Matthew 16:13 – 17, 21:9 – 11, 27:54
- John 1:41, 4:1 – 42

F. _____

- Matthew 9:10 – 13, 12:7, 15:1 – 11

Practical Application

Take a few minutes to reflect upon the themes listed above. Think about which themes you would like to incorporate into your mentoring relationship. List between 1 and 4 themes you would like to incorporate into your match in the space provided below. Also list practical ways you can incorporate each theme into your mentoring relationship.

Theme 1

Ways to incorporate into relationship:

- A.
- B.
- C.

Theme 2

Ways to incorporate into relationship:

- A.
- B.
- C.

Theme 3

Ways to incorporate into relationship:

- A.
- B.
- C.

Theme 4

Ways to incorporate into relationship:

- A.
- B.
- C.

Theme Answer Key

- A. Jesus recognized and encouraged great faith.
- B. Jesus provided his followers with a sense of purpose and direction. He gave them a “calling,” let them know where he was headed (even if they didn’t understand or agree), and left them with clear instructions.
- C. Jesus inspired hope.
- D. Jesus constantly pointed people to the Truth and spoke truth.
- E. People knew who he was (or at least that he was special) after spending time with him.
- F. Jesus accepted people instead of judging and condemning them (as opposed to the religious leaders of the time).