

Caring for All and Connecting with a Few

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Training Notes

License

The ministry of Jesus

- Mass crowds
- Hand-picked followers/disciples
- A few (Peter, James, John)
- One—John (John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:20)

The 5-3-1 Principle

Pray for discernment

Reflection questions:

To get the most out of your online video experience we encourage you to take some time to answer the following questions:

- How would you describe how you are currently caring for teenagers?
- Overall, how well do you think your youth ministry cares for teenagers?
- What are some names of the teenagers who fit into Doug's 5-3-1 categories for you?
 - a. I'm currently caring for these **5 students**:
 - b. I see these **3 students** leaning toward growth or interest:
 - c. This is the **1 student** I will most likely disciple for a long period of time:
- What do you most want this one student to know, do, and experience as a part of the discipleship process?
- Finish this sentence: "Occasionally in my ministry to teenagers, I feel guilty because..."
- **NOTE:** Please don't beat yourself up--it is so difficult to balance ministry and other responsibilities, while maintaining good boundaries. Do your best to care for students--help them feel heard and loved in the moment, but don't make the mistake of spiraling into a guilt-trip that would cause you to compromise your margin or priorities. (Remember, something is better than nothing.) You need to be a healthy leader if you're going to lead in healthy ways.



If you'd like to receive a DYMU certificate at the end of this course, be sure to answer the questions online.

Talk it over:

- Consider sharing what you've learned with others.
- Process this information with another leader on your team.
- Write out specific questions you want to ask someone on your leadership team.
- Leave a comment in the space below the video window and engage with other DYMU participants.



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