

ACTS REVITALIZATION



Disciple-Making Priority 3

People Attachment
In Everyday Spaces

Disciple-Making

5 Adjustments to Bring it Back



LESS

More

5

Accumulating People



Deploying

4

Trying to Measure Up

Spirit
Reliance

3

Counting Attendance

Connecting
With People

2

Doctrinal Downloads (Info
evangelism)

Taking People Into
Your Own Life Rhythms

1

Outreach Programs/events

Investment in
Disciple-Making

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What we Want to do

⑤ Deploy

④ Thrive

③ Attach

② Train

① Define

Process



Send out

Empowered
by Spirit

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More
life on life Training

**Relational Understanding
of What a Disciple is**



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The Problem with Attendance Focus





People Attachment In Everyday Spaces

1. The Church becomes all about attraction, which means you are always under the gun to provide the best programs possible.

Often this means you are competing with other churches nearby that may have better programs than you. Or just competing with your peoples attention span.

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“You don’t attend church. You are the church. Merely attending church doesn’t make you much of a church because sitting in a back row consuming church doesn’t make you very good at being the church. I think being the church has something to do with living your life for Christ, demonstrating God’s love by serving others and sharing your faith with people. That’s very different than consuming church in a back row, which you can just as easily do on your back deck.”

Carey Nieuwhof



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2. The attendance focus usually means the church is becoming primarily consumers of a program they prefer to participate in or worse, just take in.

This usually means the church begins slipping into a “this is for us” mentality garbed in a verbalized desire to reach the lost.

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3. We don't attend Jesus. We attach to Him.

Would your spouse be happy with an attended marriage? Two become one
by attaching to each other.

It's time we create a culture of attachment and leave attendance in the dust.



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5 Attachment Spaces: Devine Space





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Why Attachment?

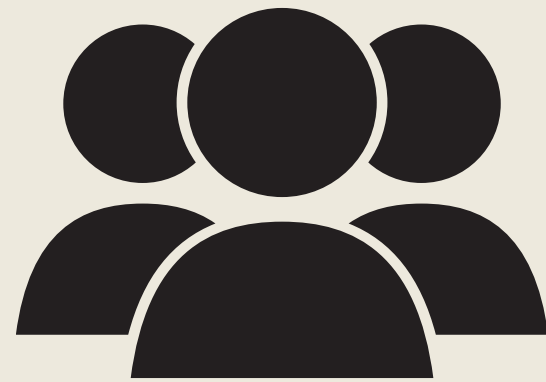
“This is why 1 John 4 says that we love God because God first loved us. John continues by saying that if we know (relational engagement) and abide (attachment) in God (who is love), we will abide in love and will love others as a result.”

Jeff Vanderstelt

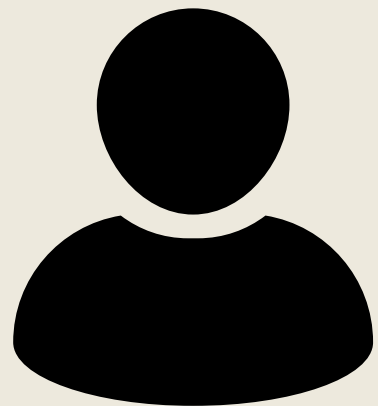
Jesus Attachment Love Model



Intimate
Space
You and 1-3
others



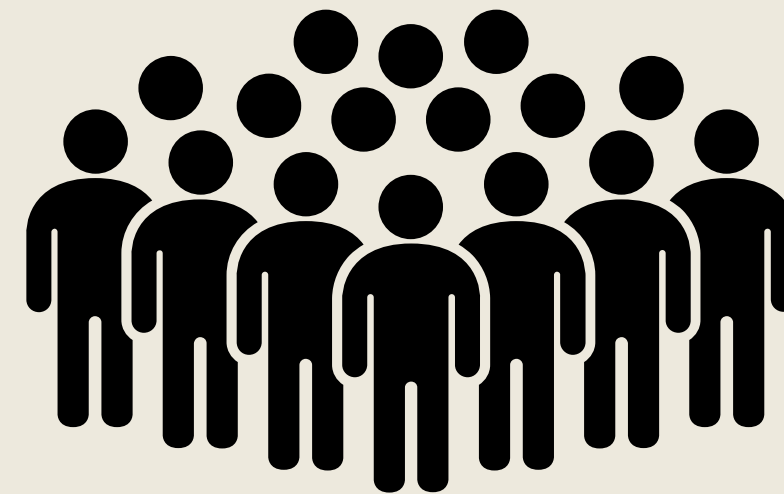
Devine
Space
Just you and
God



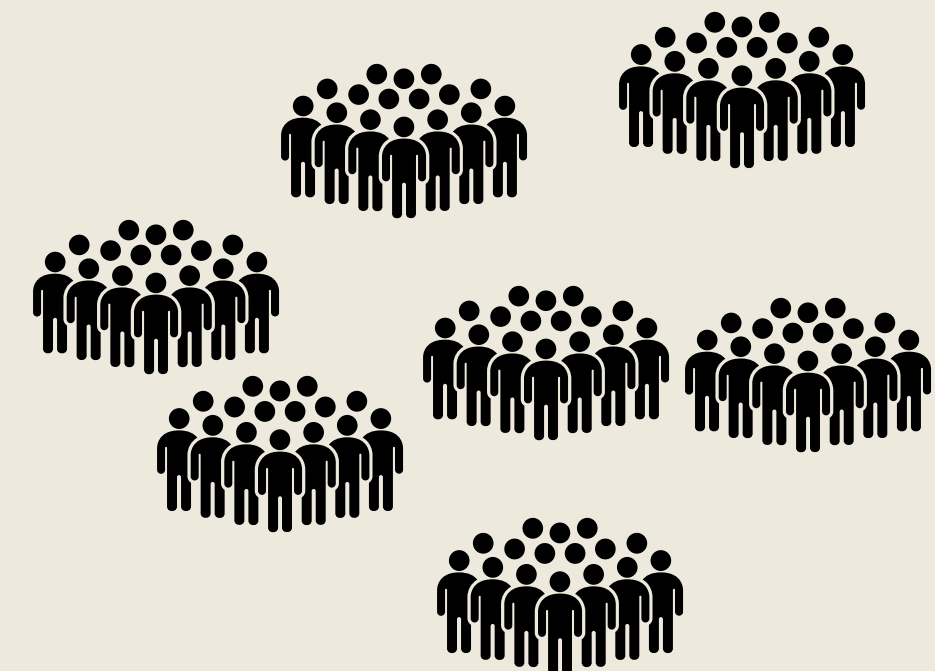
Small
Space
You and 15-20
others



Large Group
Space You and
70-150 others



Larger Group
You and a
Community at
Large





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Why Attachment?

Relational engagement is how anyone actually learns and “knows” someone else. And because we are Gods children we want all our attachment grounded in the Fathers love. Jesus tells us to abide (attachment) in Him so all our knowing is motivated by love.



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Devine Space

It's about spending time in His presence with the two of you. Jesus did this with the Father and made the way for us to do this. Jesus faith grows in us as we
Know Him and the Father better.



Devine Space Practices

1. Sabbath
2. Fasting
3. Prayer
4. Solitude
5. Scripture

Remember God is not a list of things or a system but a loving Father. Using the right brain here is key



Attachment and Our Brain Problem

“McGilchrist points out that the left and right hemispheres of our brains have differing insights, values, and priorities. Each has a distinct ‘take’ on the world—most strikingly, the right hemisphere sees itself as connected to the world, whereas the left hemisphere stands aloof from it...We now more fully understand that character formation is primarily a function of the right brain hemisphere. We also now know that the right hemisphere is the main brain function that allows for whole person integration.

Tom Nelson



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5 Attachment Spaces: Devine Space

5 Attachment Spaces: Transparent space



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The Transparent or Intimate Space

This is the inner circle Like Jesus had. The Peter James and John Circle.

“This is where we get back to Genesis 2 and learn to be figuratively “naked and unashamed”⁶ with a few others.”

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- Vulnerability
- Transparency
- Honesty
- Boldness in Love

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“Transparent space is where a few others know our full story, understand our struggles, and see how we do or do not care for our body, mind, and soul. These people journey with us through the highs and lows of life and remind us of how loved we are and what is true for us in Christ.”

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“While wise individual rational choices are vitally important for our spiritual growth, they are not sufficient in themselves. Spiritual disciplines are also an essential part of our training in greater Christlikeness, but they are not only engaged in as isolated individuals. The spiritual disciplines find their greatest transforming power when we experience secure attachment love with God and others lived out relationally in the context of joy-filled spiritual community. Our loving relationship with God and others transform us.”

Tom Nelson



Intimate Space Practices

1. Gratitude
2. Confession
3. Listening
4. Praying together
5. Ask “What do you need? (Not just solve problems)”
6. Truth in Love
7. Eating



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5 Attachment Spaces: Small Space



People Attachment
In Everyday Spaces

We would call these Small Groups, Micro Church, or Missional Communities. I (personally) avoid the phrase Small Groups just because many people have a bad taste in their mouths from failed groups in the past, likely due to high left-brain-driven leaders.

This is where relational connections in the church can grow and thrive. Community, Leader development, and Disciple-Making thrive in these spaces.

The close friend's group

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“It is in this space that we learn to practice hospitality, making space for people to feel at home with us just as they are. This is where the sojourner and the stranger can find community. Outsiders have the opportunity to become friends in this space. It is also through this space where a larger group of people can collectively serve others, making a significant impact on a particular people and place.”

Jeff Vanderstelt



Small Space Practices

1. Sabbath
2. HOSPITALITY!
3. Prayer
4. Eating
5. Scripture
6. Group Fasting Rhythm
7. Singing
8. Lords Supper



Practice the One Another's

- Comfort one another (2 Cor. 13:11)
- Agree with one another (2 Cor. 13:11)
- Live in peace with one another (2 Cor. 13:11)
 - Greet one another (2 Cor. 13:11)
- Bear one another's burdens—which in context refers to confronting sin and being burdened for the sinful brother (Gal. 6:2)
 - Bear with one another (Eph. 4:2)
 - Encourage one another (1 Thess. 5:11)
 - Build one another up (1 Thess. 5:11)
- Do not grumble against one another (Jas. 5:9)
- Do not speak evil against one another (Jas. 4:11)



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People Attachment In Everyday Spaces

This space would largely be considered what we now call the local church. It gathers on weekends to celebrate corporately what God is doing in our city. It's a place to help us see God is doing a larger thing than what is in our house or neighborhood. It is valuable in creating synergy and finding out how our small spaces can help other small spaces and even at times serve the city from a larger perspective.

This would be a group you may invite to weddings or large events

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“This space usually includes more than 70 people... The focus in this space is on engaging with something outside us, rather than building relational depth with others who also happen to be there...For the Church, this is often our weekly gathering.

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Large Space Practices

1. Healthy Relevant Liturgy*
2. Scripture
3. Prayer
4. Story
5. Singing
6. Testimony

*“The goal of liturgy is to lead people through experiential practices that inform and equip them to engage in these same practices in daily life.”

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This Larger Space Can be Described as 2 Different Things

1. The public space. How do we attach with love to the world around us? How do we see other drivers and people around us at events, banks, stores, etc...

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“Jesus certainly engaged this space but didn’t expect much from it. He spoke to the crowds and fed them, when necessary, but he also saw that his time with the crowds had little lasting impact...This can be a public event like a concert, a sporting event, or a recreational activity.”

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2. Your Tribe, or maybe the NCC conference or the larger network of churches.



Public Space Practices

Fruits of the Spirit Type Practices

1. Compassion

2. Brotherly Love

3. Controlling Anger

4. If your happy and you know it
tell your face

5. Share your church with other
churches



People Attachment In Everyday Spaces

The bottom line is Jesus came and literally attached to (became one with) us becoming Adam 2. It was love that drove Him and Love that He told us to share with each other. Jesus wants more than our attendance. He wants us to attach to him (John 15) in love so He can show us how to attach to others in love.