

# 2019 Nurture and Retention Summit

## Disciplining, Nurturing, and Reclaiming



# Membership or Discipleship?

What you aim for is what you get.

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*'And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.'* Mark 8:30 NRSV

WHY?



If we focus on telling people about Jesus and his message and life in crowds we end up with *believers*.

If we focus on Jesus model of self-discovery and doing things in groups we end up with *disciples*.



# Guiding Principles Glenn

## **Discipleship is a Process**

- The goal and the process determine the out come
- Disciple making is a process not an event
- Disciple making is everyone's responsibility

## **Relationships are key**

- Relationships are the key to discipleship
- Relationships and involvement ensure retention

## **New small churches will nurture and involve new disciples**

- New disciples do better in new churches



# Guiding Principles Continued Glenn

## **Compelling Vision**

**Align structure and finance with vision**

## **Clear Frames**

- Farming Cycle & All-by-itself Principle
- 5 Invitations of Jesus
- Revelation 14:6-13

## **Simple, reproducible, any one can do, skills**

- Pastors as equippers
- Discovery Bible Reading
- Member-led house churches



A thriving Adventist movement  
living our hope in Jesus and  
transforming the Pacific



# Compelling Vision Glenn

## Great Commission - Matt 28:16-20

I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

Therefore, go and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.





# Compelling Vision Glenn

- CPC President - describes large events as 'backslider factories'
- Port Moresby Elders - no more big events
- TPUM President - not invite visiting evangelists into TPUM instead equip elders, women and youth to do evangelism



# Our Mission:

Make disciples of Jesus Christ who live as His loving witnesses and proclaim to all people the everlasting gospel of the Three Angels' Messages in preparation for His soon return (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Revelation 14:6-12)



# Compelling Vision Leigh



**A disciple is a person who in every way is becoming more like Jesus Christ. (Eph 4:15)**



# Compelling Vision Leigh

## Membership vs Discipleship

### Characteristics of Disciples (Andrew and Phillip (John 1) Woman at the Well (John 4))

- Have met Jesus and have a story to tell, and
- Invite others to 'come and see'

President of the West African Division

Member	Disciple
Has head knowledge	Has heart Knowledge
Depends on the pastor	Involved in ministry
Likes to be complimented	Is a living sacrifice
Gives a portion of his finances	Gives her life
Gives prayer requests	Prays for others
Influenced by the world	Transforms the world
Wants to be in heaven	Works for others to be in heaven



# Clear Frames Glenn

## Farming Cycle - Mark 4:1-9



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# Clear Frames Leigh

## All by itself principal - Mark 4:26-29

### Verse 27

- Night and day, while he's asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows

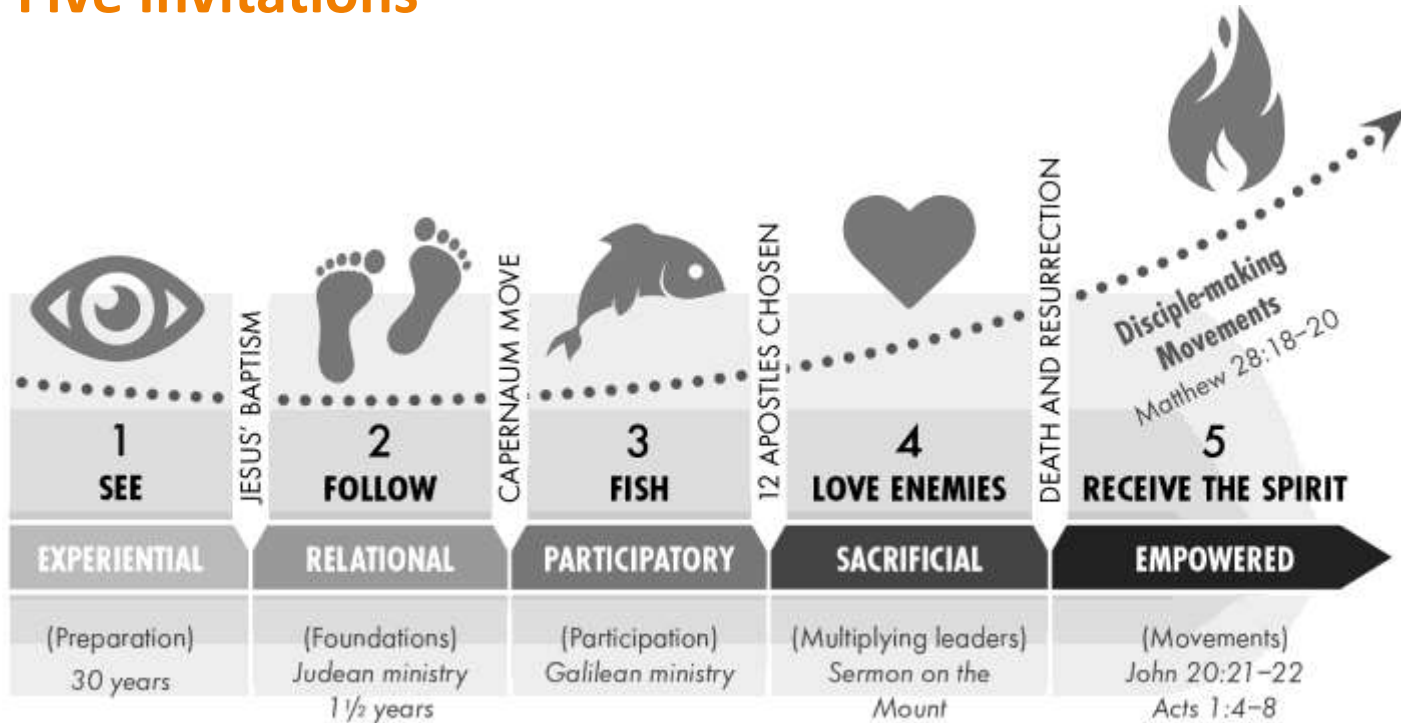
### Verse 28

- The earth produces the crops on its own. NTL
- All by itself the soil produces grain NIV
- For the earth brings out fruit of itself NKJV
- The earth produces by itself ESV



# Clear Frames Leigh

## Five Invitations





# Clear Frames Leigh

## JESUS METHOD OF DISCIPLE MAKING — LUKE 10



**Prepare &  
Pray**

Luke 10:1-  
4,16,24



**Teams  
"two by two"**



**Sent to  
intentional  
locations  
(close)**



**Person of  
Peace**

Luke 10:5-7  
a. Hospitable  
b. Receptive  
c. Reputation  
d. Influence



**1**

**Eat their food  
and listen to  
their story**



**2**

**Heal them  
and share  
your story**

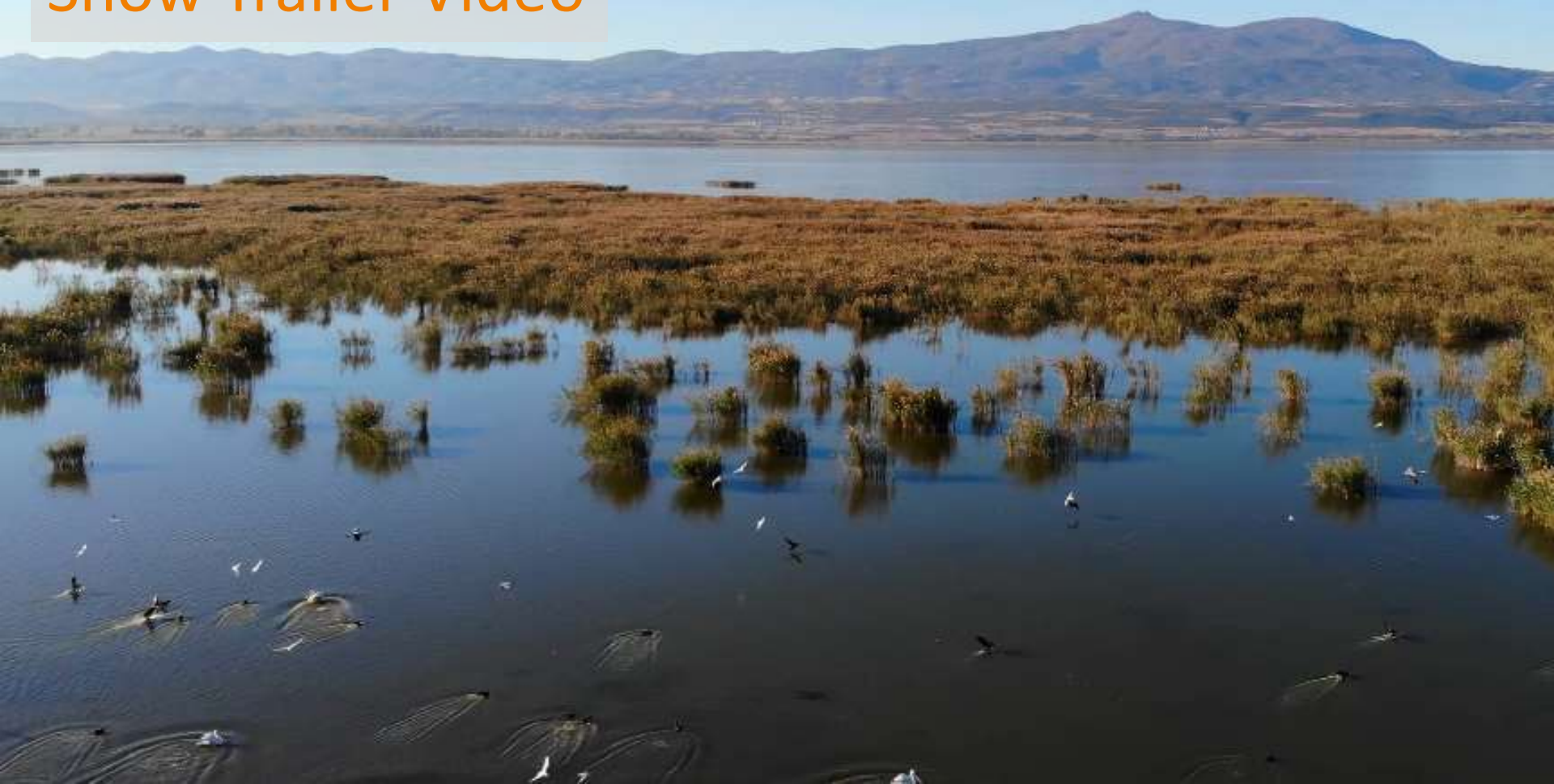


**3**

**Tell God's  
story**  
Mark 16:19-20  
1 Cor 15:1-11  
Rom 3:21-26



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# Clear Frames Leigh

## Revelation 14:6-13

- Our **Method** as well as our **Message**



# Clear Frames Leigh

## DISCIPLING INSIGHTS FROM REVELATION 14:6-13



### STAGE 1

Relate to the  
context of  
people (to every  
nation)



### STAGE 2

Tell the story  
of Jesus  
(everlasting  
gospel)



### STAGE 3

Share how  
to practice  
Christian living  
(fear God &  
worship)



### STAGE 4

Explore  
Adventist  
doctrines  
(creator,  
Sabbath,  
judgement)



### STAGE 5

Explore major  
prophetic  
themes  
(prophetic  
symbols in  
Daniel &  
Revelation)



### STAGE 6

Multiply  
disciples



# Simple reproducible skills Leigh

## Discovery Bible Reading

- Reading one story at a time (Start at the beginning of Mark)
- Read each story through twice
- One person retells the story in their own words
- Discuss the story using 5 questions:
  1. What is new?
  2. What surprises you?
  3. What don't you understand?
  4. What will you obey or apply?
  5. What will you share with someone this week?





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# Reports on DBR Glenn

- South Queensland - young adult ministries
- Central Coast Adventist School
- Cabramatta (Sydney) - youth
- Vanuatu Mission - movement



# Central Coast Adventist School







# South Queensland Young Adults





# Cabramatta Youth (Sydney)



# Cabramatta Youth (Sydney)



# Vanuatu Mission









Whitelight Pictures



















































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Seventh-day  
Adventist Church

*South Pacific*

