

1. Discipleship that Transforms

Matthew 11:25 - 30

Jesus Thanks His Father

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Some questions to think about:

- What kind of people was Jesus talking to in Matthew 11:25 – 30?
- What are the biggest issues young people who are disengaging from education and therefore from society facing?
- Why is education a good starting point to engage marginalised young people?
- Why do some of the most marginalised young people turn out to experience some of the most dramatic transformation?
- Can you begin engaging a young person in discipleship before they have made a decision to come to faith. Is it right to do that?
- Can you expect young people from unchurched backgrounds to integrate into church based youth groups? What are the barriers? What is the alternative
- Are our discipleship strategies / youth groups challenging enough for young people today. What would make them more challenging?
- What should church "look like", to cater for the need of young people excluded from school?
- God is more interested in the direction we are going, than where we are on the journey? Discuss with excluded young people and compared to our own lives in mind.
- To what extent is the church living up to the three pronged challenge of Micah 6:8?