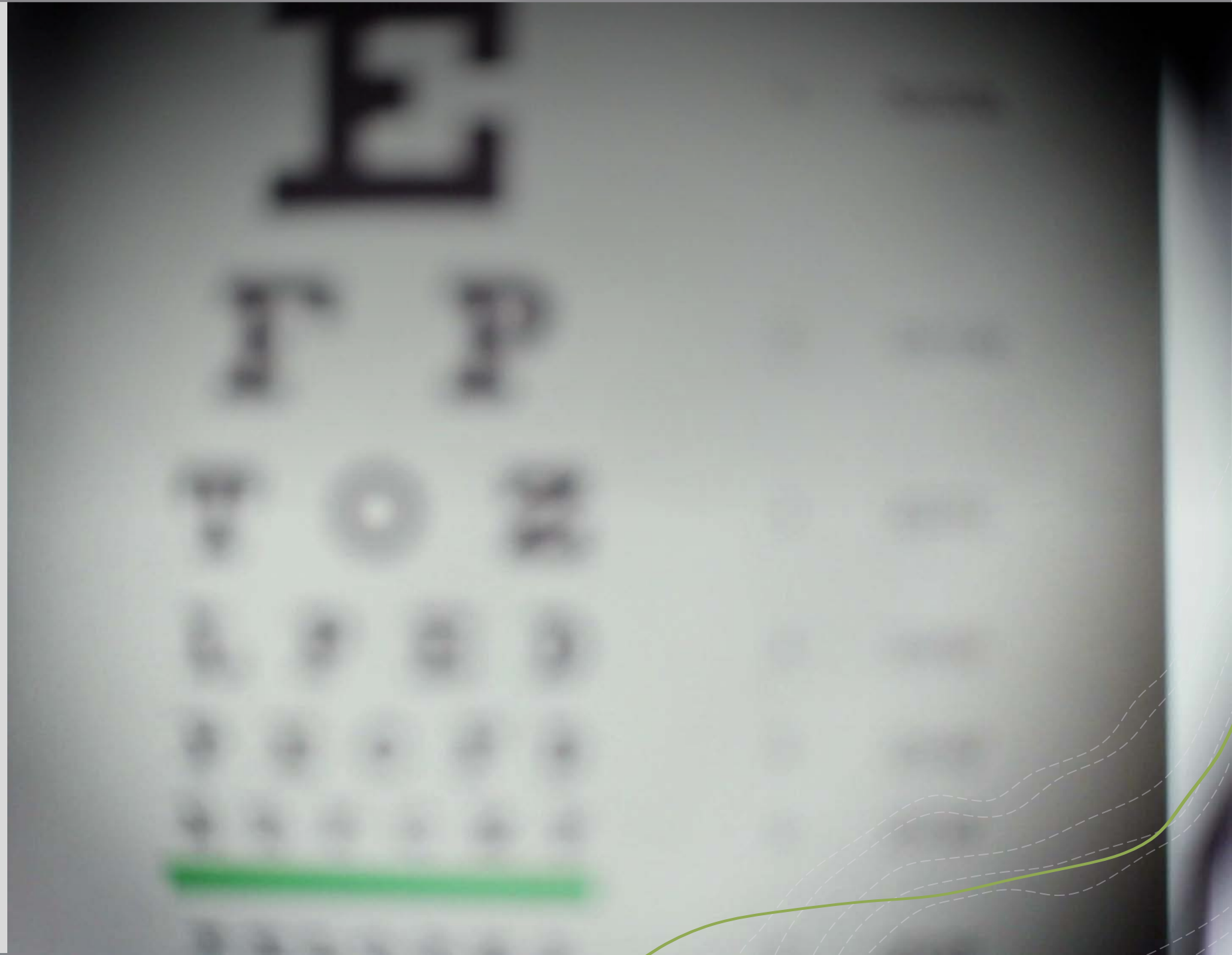


# **Measuring Discipleship**

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# **Three Essential Factors for Measuring Discipleship:**

**1. Measurements are not perfect**

**2. There is great variety in how the life of Christ is manifested in his followers' lives**

**3. The Life of Christ & teachings of scripture are the basis for measuring discipleship**

# Questions for Huddle #1

Please introduce yourself to each other in your group:

- Role in ministry
- Location for ministry
- Primary reason for selecting this huddle

How have you *permanently* pivoted like Acts 8.1 in your church?

How have you seen assessments/measurements used in an inappropriate way?

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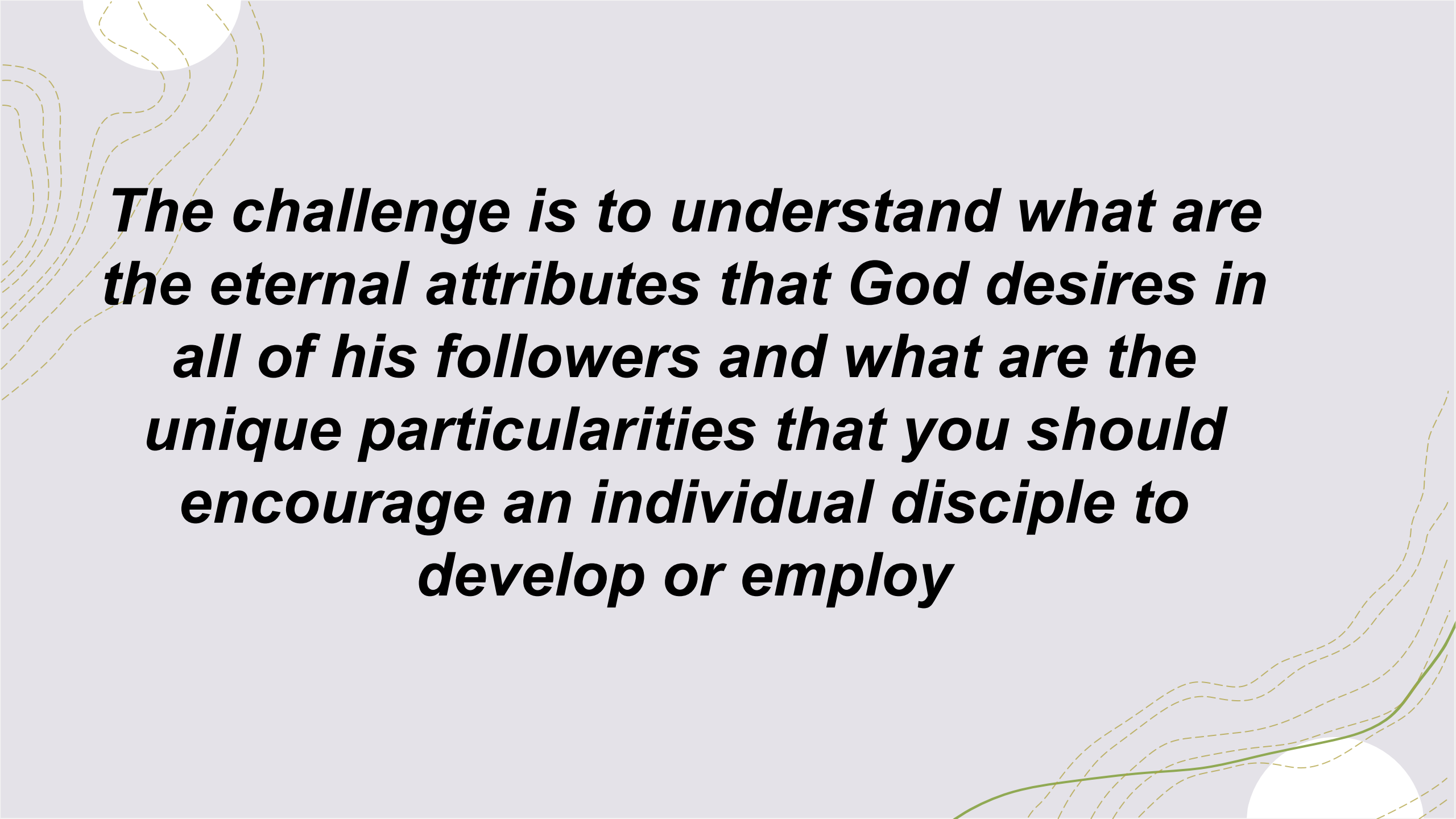
What measures have you seen become targets and how have they then failed to be useful measures?

What would be some new measures for digital discipleship?



# God is a Creative God





***The challenge is to understand what are the eternal attributes that God desires in all of his followers and what are the unique particularities that you should encourage an individual disciple to develop or employ***

# Six seasons of spiritual formation

## 1. Explore      Discovering

+ *General awareness of something more to life but not fully committed to a life of faith in Christ.*

## 2. Build      Developing

+ *General awareness of the need to grow in their faith in Christ and taking these steps toward maturity.*

## 3. Own      Deploying

+ *General awareness of the need for deep intimacy through Christ and ministry to others through their gifts.*

# Six seasons of spiritual formation

## 4. Wilderness      Deconstructing

- + *General awareness of the need to rethink spiritual maturity as more nuanced than once thought and struggle with deeper issues of faith.*

## 5. Thrive      Delighting

- + *General awareness that their life is a gift of God which they live daily in gratitude, freedom and service to him.*

## 6. Beyond      Detaching

- + *General awareness that faith has culminated in a content, confident, and compassionate lifestyle lived simply as they ready themselves to meet their Savior, Jesus.*



# Questions for Huddle #2

In your disciple making of individuals in the past, how have you accounted for different styles or seasons?

Everyone in the group pick at least one NT disciple from this list and give a brief description of their unique distinctiveness: Peter, John, Mary, Barnabas, Paul, Timothy, Lydia, Apollos, Priscilla, Titus

Which, if any of the following six seasons of spiritual development best describes you currently and why?

Explore-Discovering

Build-Developing

Own-Deploying

Wilderness-Deconstructing

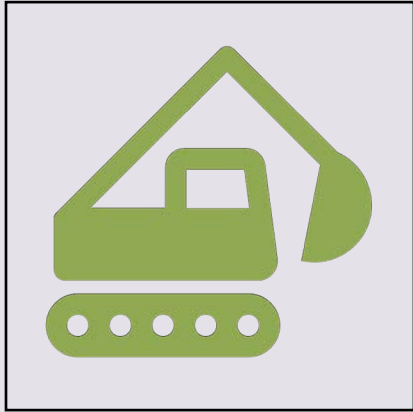
Thrive-Delighting

Beyond-Detaching

From your life, what unique issues did you notice at various stages of your spiritual growth?

How were you not allowed to be uniquely you as you were disciplined?

# Two competing approaches

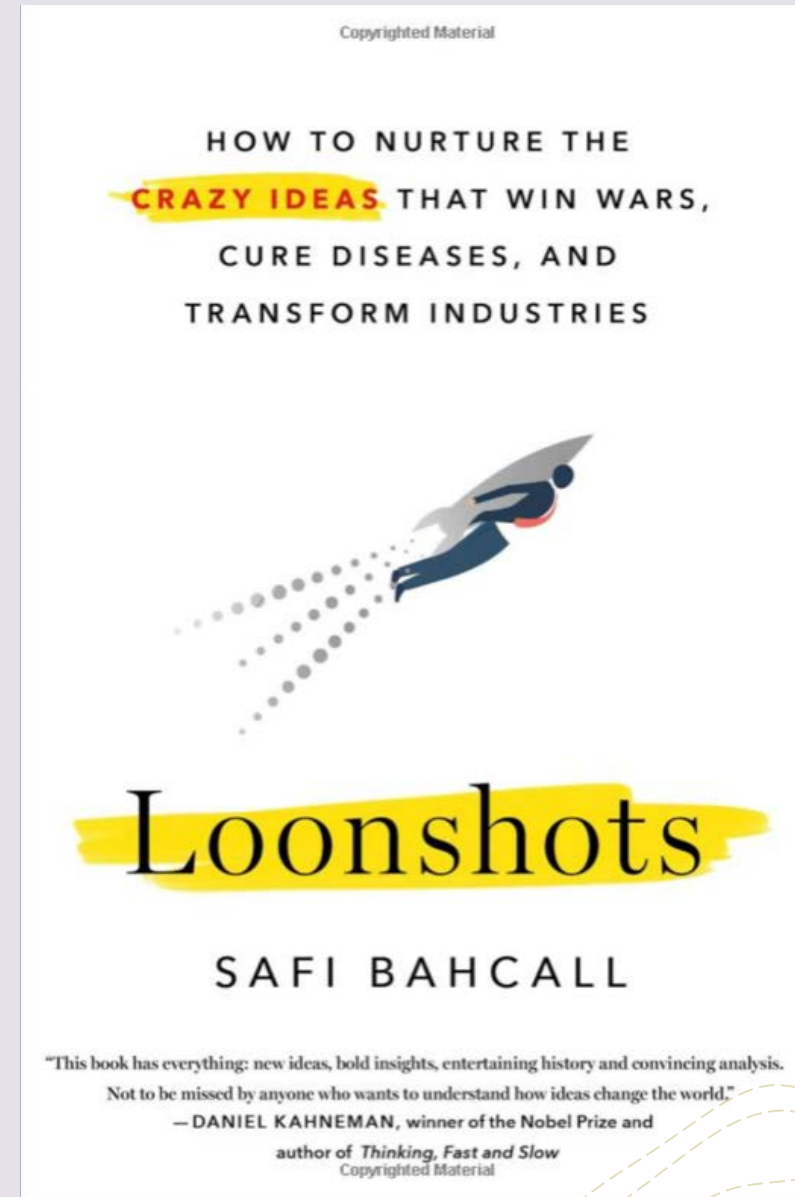


**Build & Employ**



**Catch & Release**

# Sodalic Versus Modalic





# **Northpoint's measures of Spiritual health**

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1. Connection with God

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2. Identity in Christ

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3. Belonging through  
Community

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4. Purpose through  
engaging in Mission



# **1. Connection with God**

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View of God

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Time with God

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Experience of God

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Faith / Trusting God

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Prayer

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Scripture



## **2. Identity in Christ**

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Self-Knowledge

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Differentiation

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Sense of Worth

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Focus on Self





## **3. Belonging through Community**

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### **Interdependent Relationships**

Give and receive, see self as part of the body of Christ, community

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### **Openness and Trust**

Authenticity, vulnerability, accountability

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### **Difference**

Recognize difference, empathy

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### **Forgiveness**



## **4. Purpose through engaging in Mission**

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Living for others

Justice

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Discipleship

Multiplication

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Defined sense of calling

Work & faith integration, something bigger

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Evangelism

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Generosity

# Questions for Huddle #3

What do you notice about John's discipling of Gaius in 3 John? (especially v3, 9-10 & 13-14)

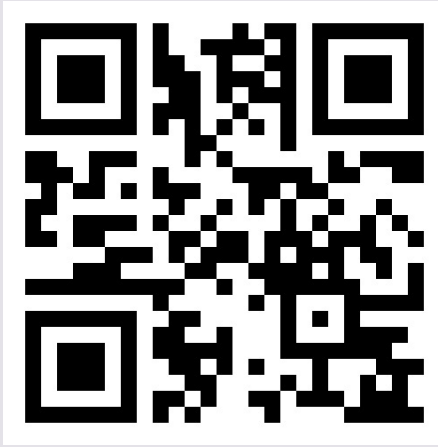
Give examples of Paul's discipling of others digitally?

How did he allow for life on life to take place when he wrote so much?

What can we learn from his approach?

What is one thing you have learned about measuring discipleship which will impact how you disciple from this point forward?

If you want to be part of the developing *The Spiritual Formation Inventory*, text "discipleship" to 55498 to be on the North Point Inner-Circle.



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