

# **The “How” of Jesus' Discipleship Training**

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## Introduction

Why do we care about the “how” of Jesus' discipleship training?

Jesus has set the timeless patterns of disciple making ministry.

Jesus presented the best model of disciple making ministry.

We all know that we must learn from Jesus.

**BUT...**

## But we have problems:

“If Jesus could do so much in just 3 ½ years, why can't I even raise one person after 10 years?”

“Maybe I'm supposed to be like Noah who only had his 8 family members. Maybe I'm destined to deliver message to my family members only.”

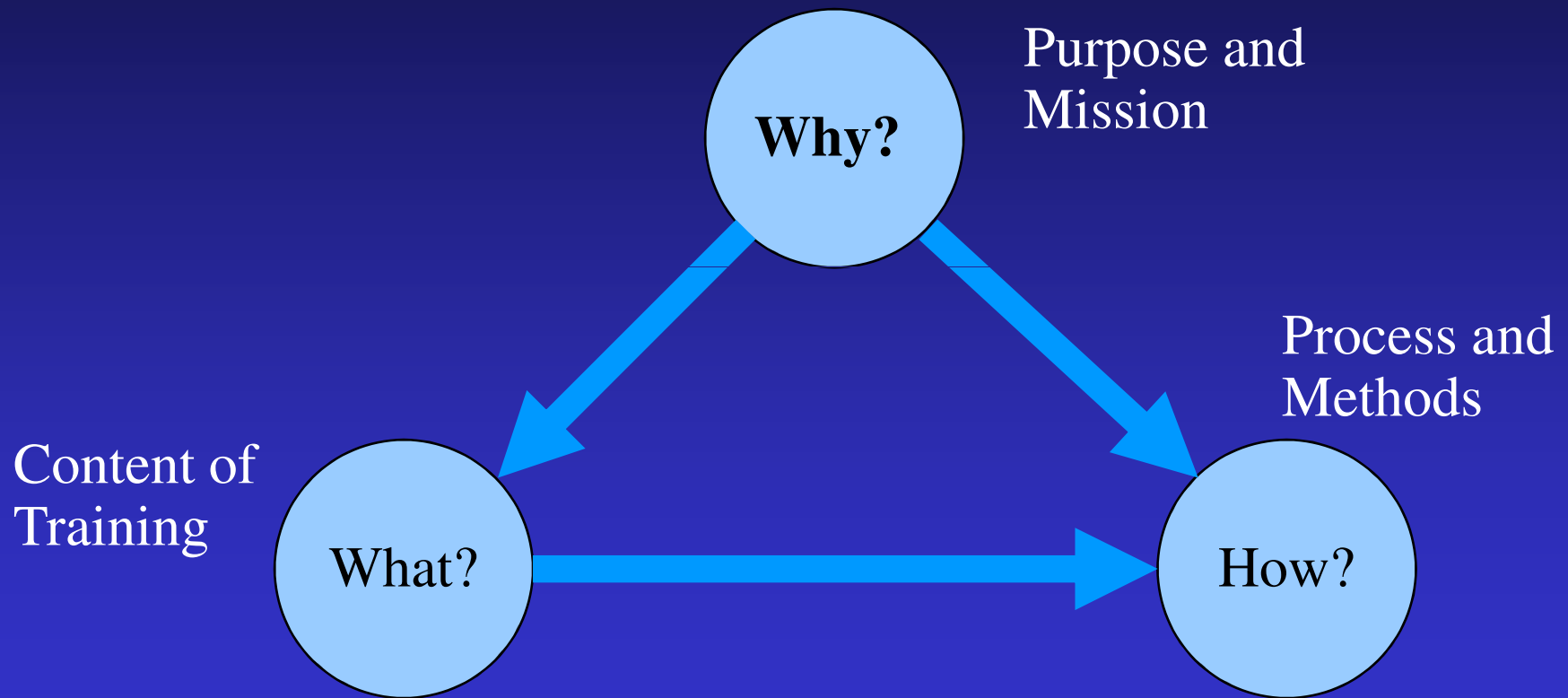
“Many people talk about how fruitful they are, but I don't know where to start and how to go about it.”

Let's search together for principles *relevant*  
and *practical* to our ministries today.

Let's discover a sense of *hope* that disciple-  
making is possible here in America and  
Canada.

Let's learn *how*.

# A Framework of Jesus' Disciple Making Ministry



# The Contents of Jesus' Disciple-Making Ministry

## Purpose

Mk 3:14,15

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Life Together

## Method

Bible Study

Sense of History

Fieldwork

Key Leaders



# The "How" (methods) of Jesus' Disciple Making Ministry

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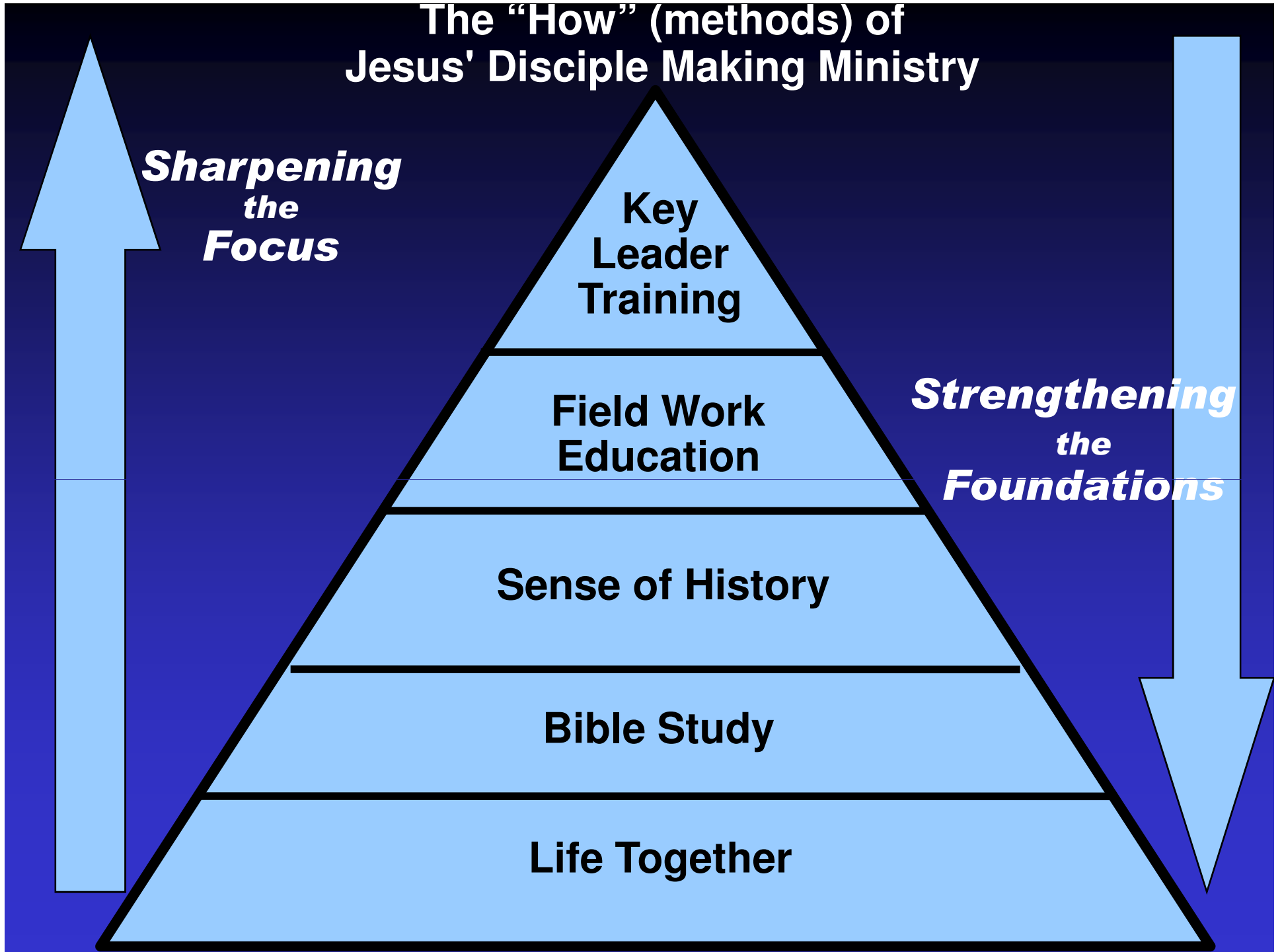
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**1. The foundational element of Jesus' disciple making ministry was a relationship...life together.**

- Jesus invited 12 apostles for common life together for 3 and a half years
- This was just like having a non-stop leadership conference for 3 and a half years.
- What if Jesus had 3 and a half years of leaders meetings in only the Marriott hotel?
- This requires diverse settings, events and wide exposure to the world.

**Through life together, Jesus tried to accomplish the following:**

**First**, Jesus wanted a personal love relationship with his disciples.

**Second**, Jesus wanted his disciples to learn Jesus' personality and imitate his life style.

**Third**, Jesus wanted to protect his disciples from the evil influence of the world.

## 2. The second foundational element of Jesus' ministry was Bible study.

- Jesus taught the Bible diligently in every situation and environment.
  - First, Jesus wanted to plant faith in their hearts.
  - Second, Jesus wanted his disciples to have spiritual and God-centered ideas and value system.
  - Third, Jesus wanted them to give up their worldly hope and have a new hope in the kingdom of God.
  
- Jesus helped them to consider the Word of God carefully
  
- Jesus taught them important things repeatedly.
  
- Jesus raised them as Bible teachers

### **3. The third element of Jesus' disciple-making ministry is a sense of history**

- We believe in the living God today, based on our understanding of God's work in the past
- We trust God in the future, based on our experience of the living God today
- With a sense of history we participate in God's world salvation work.

## **4. The fourth element is fieldwork training.**

**First**, Jesus Trained his Disciples Case-by-Case

**Second**, Jesus Trained them through Practice

## **5. The fifth element is Key Leader training.**

Jesus not only trained the twelve disciples but also raised the top three disciples.

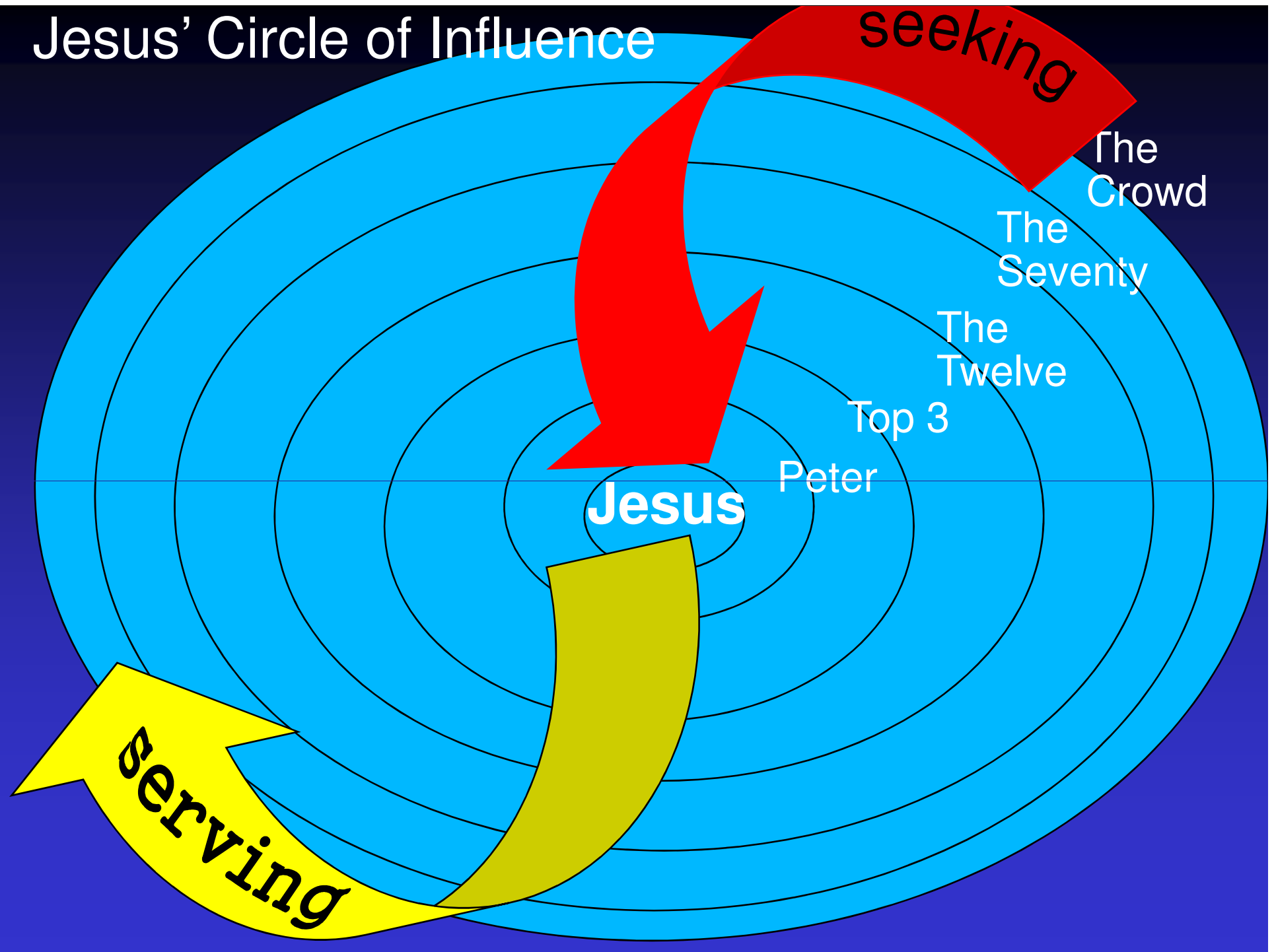
He paid special attention to one person, Peter.

**First**, Jesus formed the top disciples' nucleus

**Second**, he raised them as serving servants

**Third**, he made them his partners

# Jesus' Circle of Influence



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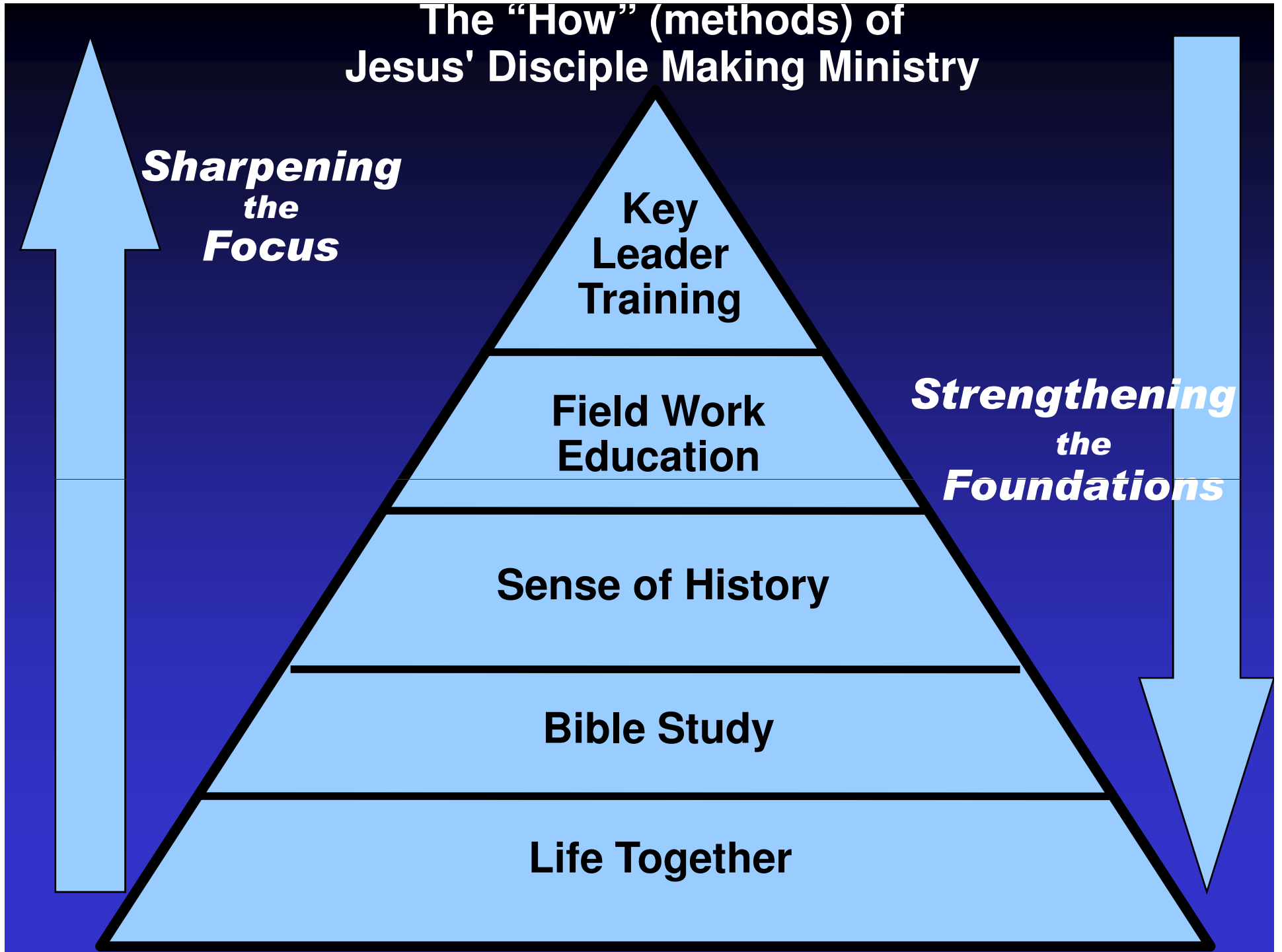
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# Conclusion

**First, Big Picture.** We must have a clear big picture of disciple making ministry.

**Second, Step by step, life-long ministry.**  
We must not hurry, but have a life-long vision to raise disciples consistently and persistently.

**Third, Key leader training.** We must focus on key leader training for the kingdom of God, not our own ministry.

**One Word:**

**Never give up  
disciple-making  
ministry!**

**Never, never, never, never!**