

# The Discipleship & Leadership Square

In April 2017, I had a dream. I believe that it was from the Lord. I will submit that to your discernment too! It has caused me to reflect on how we can grow in our journey of discipleship and leadership together.

This might be called a 'reflective tool' to help us find a place to begin to examine our hearts and our growth.

As you reflect, perhaps ask yourself;

1. Where am I at the moment in this square?
2. Which element do I most relate to today?
3. What do I need to prioritise at this time to go forward?
4. What next step can I take?
5. What might God be saying to me and how is He maturing me and stretching me in my discipleship and leadership journey?

## Honesty:

*Being open, humble and real with God and one another. We share and also receive honesty with grace and humility. "Search me, O God, and know my heart." (Ps 139:23) & 1 John 1:7*

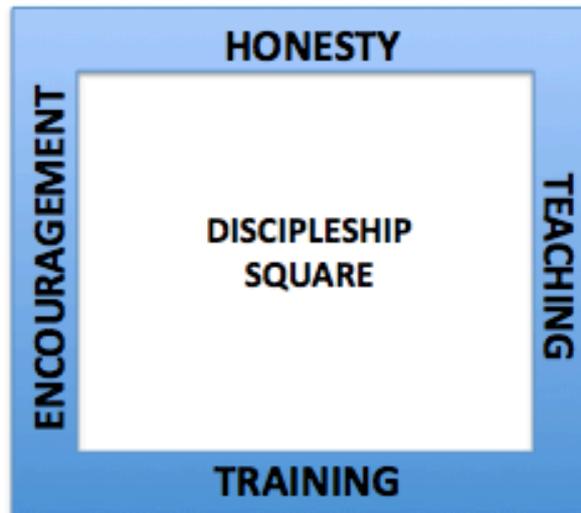
## Encouragement:

*Sharing with others what God is doing in our lives and also what we see Him doing in others.*

*Seeing people as God sees them and sharing with them to build them up.*

*"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up."*

(1 Thess 5:11)



## Teaching:

*Learning God's word and how to apply it to life today in the power of the Spirit.*

*"He is the one we proclaim. Admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so we may present everyone fully mature in Christ."*

(Colossians 1:28)

## Training:

*Intentionally and purposefully putting God's word into practice in my daily life.*

*"...train yourself to be godly."*

(1 Timothy 4:7-13. See also Luke 6:40)

**If you need to lead more from honesty you may be thinking:**

- In a safe and supportive place where it is okay to be real; I would like to share how I am today.
- I want to share some everyday issues that are much on my mind.
- I am willing to become more vulnerable and open, so I want to share that [fill in the gap].
- As I seek to live in more honesty and vulnerability, here is how I can see God's grace at work in me this week...

**If you need to lead more from teaching you may be thinking:**

- I am learning something new from the Bible about God, the world around me or myself.
- I want to get better equipped from scripture and in the power of the Spirit to live for God in our challenging culture.
- I feel there are big gaps in my knowledge of God and would love to grow in that.
- I am teachable and a learner.
- Here's what I have learned this week as I read the Word and prayed...

**If you need to lead more from training you may be thinking:**

- I am learning to make more progress in Christian maturity and be more trained in different areas of biblical discipleship.
- I believe God is training me at the moment in...
- It's not been easy, but I can see how God has been working through circumstances to train me to...

**If you need to lead more from encouragement you may be thinking:**

- I want to grow in both giving and receiving encouragement.
- Here's what encouraged me this week...
- I am learning [fill in the gap] at the moment and feel encouraged that [fill in the gap] has happened.