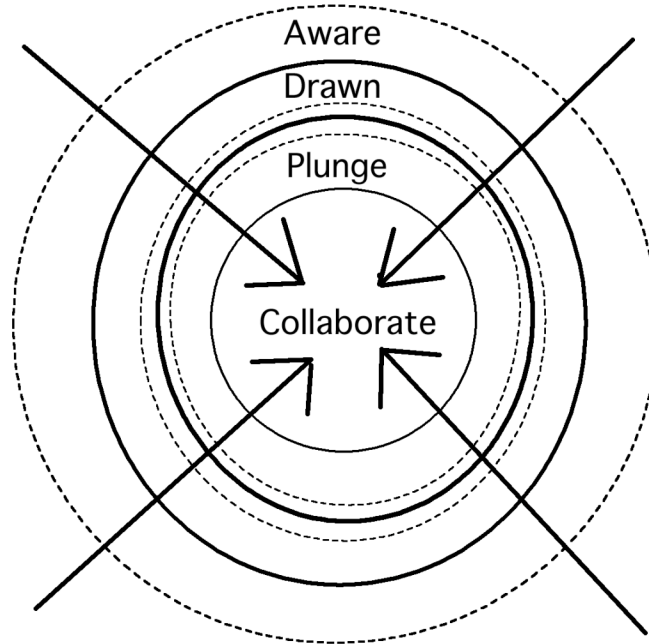


A Model for a Process of Discipleship



Aware: This person is aware of the church, may attend sporadically, or at least is in contact with disciples. They are interested to a certain extent, and find themselves asking questions of Christians in their life. Or they came in contact with something about Jesus somehow and seek to discover more about him. They are open to friendships with Christians and won't necessarily feel threatened by an invitation to church.

Aware Church Members: Alternatively, there are almost definitely people sitting in your church pews who are members of your church who have actually never moved beyond this stage of discipleship. In some ways, it is much tougher to move someone who has peacefully existed at this stage for years to the "drawn" stage, than it is to draw someone who is un-churched.

Drawn: This person is drawn to Christ. They begin to participate in church and other "Christian" activities. They are interested in everything from retreats to mission's trips, but may or may not have come to a place of consciously choosing to put their faith in Christ.

Church Members: In the case of a church member who finally starts to "get it," this stage would entail deeper involvement with things to do with discipleship and the mission of the church.

Plunge: This person has made a conscious choice to choose Jesus as Lord, and is aware of being actively discipled and is participating as a disciple. This person has chosen to become an "apprentice" of Jesus. The difference between the "plunge" stage and the "drawn" stage is more nebulous than the step from merely being aware of Jesus to deciding to follow him to some extent, and thus is represented by a solid line surrounded by two permeable lines as the person may be hard to locate on this scheme until they reach the "collaborate" stage.

Collaborate: This person is not only an active disciple, but then chooses to take part in making disciples. This is everyone from the person in the pew who starts mentoring/discipling someone in their world who is in the "aware" stage to lay ministers, to clergy.