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- Welcome! Opening prayer and introductions
- FCCI news/update
- Today's topic: **Are you *really* a disciple?**

“From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no longer with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.” --John 6:66-69

Having been involved in FCCI for 23 years, I admit that I'm still somewhat surprised when people enquire about the ministry, come to a meeting, and really want a Christian business networking group. At its core, FCCI is a peer-to-peer discipleship ministry ***without ulterior motives of financial gain***. It's for Christian business leaders who really get it. Who discern that God has given them a business that is a platform for ministry in the real, rough-and-tumble mission field of the workplace. Does that preclude us from doing business with each other? Of course not, but getting business from each other must not be the core motive. If it is, we're missing the mark individually and collectively.

I'm also still somewhat surprised when some Christian business leaders come, perceive the teachings to be too challenging, too counter-cultural, too radical—and walk away. That happened two years ago, when I shared a tax season message on rendering unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. That message was a lightning bolt striking our group. We still haven't "recovered" numerically. I'm still in touch with these folks, but they choose to watch and applaud from the sidelines.

So today, my question is, are we really disciples? What does a true disciple look like? I recently read a book on discipleship by George Barna, the noted Christian sociologist. One of the effective discipleship models he observed is called the Competencies Model, an integrated model based on the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. This morning, we're going to review this model and take a self-assessment. Based on this model, how do we shape up?

10 CORE BELIEFS	10 CORE PRACTICES	10 CORE VIRTUES
The Trinity	Worship	Joy
Salvation by Grace	Prayer	Peace
Authority of the Bible	Single-mindedness	Faithfulness
Personal God	Bible study	Self-control
Identity in Christ	Total commitment	Humility
Church	Biblical community	Love
Humanity	Give away your time	Patience
Compassion	Give away your money	Integrity
Eternity	Give away your faith	Kindness
Stewardship	Give away your life	Gentleness

- What is hindering you in your journey of discipleship?
- Upcoming news/events
- Closing prayer