

## ENDORSEMENTS

### LIFE-GIVING DISCIPLESHIP: A Skill-Based Guidebook for a Lifetime of Spiritual Growth and Influence

by Dr. Grant Kaul

Grant Kaul has engaged in fruitful discipleship for decades. His excellent book, *LIFE-Giving Discipleship: A Skill-Based Guidebook for a Lifetime of Spiritual Growth and Influence*, presents an exceptional resource for pastors and churches committed to equipping faithful followers of Christ for joyful ministry.

Dr. Kaul blends insightful biblical teaching with wisdom for implementing this strategy discovered through years of using this approach in his growing church. This book will help many make progress toward maturity while encouraging leaders to prepare fruitful multipliers.

**Dr. Ken Horton**  
President, Ministry Catalysts  
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I am happy to endorse and recommend Grant Kaul's guidebook, *Life-Giving Discipleship*. Grant is a well-trained and seasoned pastor who has honed the principles of personal disciple-making, which Christians can use to practice and teach the principles of discipleship that Jesus made central in His "Great Commission." Along with his guidebook, Grant provides links to sermons, which he has presented on each of the topics addressed in his book. *Life-Giving Discipleship* is a proven resource for Christians and Christian leaders who want to obey the command of Jesus to "make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19).

**Dr. J. Carl Laney, Faculty Emeritus**  
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Dr. Howard G. Hendricks, a much loved and legendary seminary professor, used to say, "Every disciple needs three types of relationships in his life. He needs a 'Paul' who can mentor him and challenge him. He needs a 'Barnabas' who can come alongside him and encourage him. And he needs a 'Timothy,' someone that he can pour his life into." This book will help you to do all three of these things as Pastor Grant Kaul shares what he has learned from more than four decades of life and ministry to help equip us to be reproducing disciples who impact our families, friends, churches, and communities for the cause of Jesus Christ.

**Dr. Roger Poupart**  
Senior Pastor, Wayside Chapel, San Antonio, Texas  
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Grant Kaul has manifested a heart for making disciples since I first met him over thirty years ago. That heart has manifested itself in very practical ways. In other words, he has been doing it! When he speaks or writes about making disciples, it is not mere theory; what he says flows from a lifetime of doing it.

Grant has also manifested and maintained a heart for God's Word. Even a cursory glance at his *LIFE-Giving Discipleship* guidebook will reveal that it is saturated with Scripture and scriptural principles. An added value to this guidebook is that it leads the reader (both the discipler and the disciple) through 2 Timothy, Paul's last words to one of his key disciples.

As noted in the introduction, Grant has refined this material over a lifetime of investing his life in the lives of others, in one-on-one relationships, in small group settings, and in a blessed and fruitful pastoral ministry. I pray you will find this tool a very practical and scriptural means to increasing both your heart for and your ability to not only follow our Lord Jesus Christ but encourage and equip others to do the same.

**Dr. Scott Gilchrist**

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Discipleship is like love. Everyone believes in the concept, but far less agree on how to go about achieving it in real life. As a result, many books on discipleship start with a group of disconnected verses before launching into the author's own how-to program for making disciples. A few should even come with Solomon's warning in Ecclesiastes 12:12. "Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body."

With that sense of wariness and weariness, I approached Grant Kaul's book on *LIFE-Giving Discipleship*. But something in the Introduction piqued my interest. This wasn't a how-to book offering a recipe for producing cookie-cutter disciples with a few Bible verses mixed in for good measure. It's an exposition of 2 Timothy—Paul's final letter where he reached out to help his young disciple Timothy grow in his faith and reproduce that faith in others. Grant's guidebook on discipleship turned out to be an insightful commentary on 2 Timothy *and* a practical guide for taking people today through the process of becoming disciples of Christ.

What I liked best was that Grant continually kept my focus on THE Book! By taking readers through the Book of 2 Timothy applicationally, Grant offers a guidebook on discipleship and spiritual growth that flows directly from the pen of the apostle Paul himself. As I said earlier, many books on discipleship should come with Solomon's words of warning from Ecclesiastes 12:12. Thankfully, *LIFE-Giving Discipleship* more closely aligns with Solomon's timely words one verse earlier. "The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings like firmly embedded nails—given by one Shepherd" (v. 11).

Grant set out to produce a skill-based guidebook for a lifetime of spiritual growth and influence. By aligning the guidebook with the final words of Paul in 2 Timothy, he has succeeded!

**Dr. Charlie Dyer**

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**Host of *The Land and the Book* radio program**