

Discipleship

Relationship

If you do not know each other well, take several weeks to "just get to know one another" and establish a good relationship before starting content. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Prayer

To leave out praying for those you disciple is to leave God out of the situation. Prayer is the ministry.

Content

Content needs to be planned in advance and headed toward a goal. And it can be adapted for the level of maturity and understanding of each individual, or designed to sharpen in weak areas. Look for "teachable" moments and needs as you meet.

Discipleship needs all three legs in order to be true discipleship.

If you just have relationship and prayer, you are simply prayer partners.

If you just have prayer and content, you have many modern churches.

With just relationship and content, you have a lecture-learner situation, like in a university setting.

With relationship, prayer (for and with the person), and content (directed to that person's needs and level) you have discipleship.

Evaluate your discipleship relationships. Are you lacking in one area? Is there an area (or two) you need to develop so that each "leg" is equal?