

INSTRUMENTS OF TRANSFORMATION

OUTCOMES OF CHRISTIAN OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP

Five Smooth Stones of Wilderness Theology	TEMPO Jesus had a rhythm of hard work and regular retreat “The Eleven went to Galilee...”	TERRAIN & TIMING Jesus made His ideas STICK: <u>S</u> etting + <u>T</u> iming + <u>I</u> ntentional <u>C</u> ontent=ties the <u>K</u> not The Disciples went “to the mountain”	TRIALS Physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual challenges forge our character into the likeness of Christ “they worshipped... but some doubted...”	TRUST Jesus’ Disciples are marked by trust in Him. There is <u>no actual</u> risk in trusting God. All <u>perceived</u> risk is false. “All authority... has been given to Me...”	TRAINING Leadership is more about who you are than what you do. Healthy leaders reproduce healthy ministry. “therefore go make disciples.”
AWARENESS of God’s existence and character	Wilderness provides vistas for new perspectives Ch. 7	Mountains inspire awe of God Ch. 2	Adventure expands our comfort zones Ch. 3	The Desert elicits trust. We realize it is by <i>grace</i> we are chosen and saved. Ch. 3	Through intense decision-making scenarios God used the wilderness to draw out leaders
BELIEF in Jesus Christ	The wilderness prepares us for spiritual conflict & helps us discern Kingdom strategy Ch. 1 & 7	Fearful situations can evoke belief Ch. 3	God questions us to examine our integrity Ch. 3	Peter’s reinstatement: God is faithful even when we are faithless Ch. 4	Because of its lack of distraction, the wilderness was a common scene for commissioning leaders Ch. 5
COMMUNITY Experiencing Biblical fellowship	Experiencing Biblical community changes our view of God, ourselves, and others. Ch. 7	Jesus redefines success & failure through desert solitude Ch. 2	Working together in adventure teaches us the foundation of Biblical community is grace Ch. 3 & 4	Jesus’ relationship w/ the Father epitomizes how trust is the foundation for relationships. Ch. 4 & 7	Jesus intentionally involved His Disciples & we are called to do the same for others. Ch. 13
DISCIPLINE Finding freedom and joy through spiritual disciplines	Limitations are good and have a spiritual purpose Ch. 1	Hunger, thirst, & physical trials in the wilderness forged character development Ch. 2	Through intentional resistance God exposes whether we fear Him or man Ch. 3	God interrupts those whom He chooses to reshape their identity Ch. 4	Pack light for maximum effectiveness in advancing the Gospel Ch. 5
EXAMEN A habit of Christ-centered contemplation	Wilderness experiences help us remember God’s faithfulness Ch. 1	Silence & solitude exposes the emptiness that results from hiding from God. Ch. 3 & 7	Wilderness teaches us the rhythm of the Psalms: orientation, disorientation, new orientation, Ch. 9	The desert challenges our pride: take the pressure off yourself, this is God’s work! Ch. 7	The wilderness teaches us the difference between positional and legitimate authority. Ch. 5