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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to give the Church of Jesus Christ the ability to articulate essential variables that can propel her design effective methods in the discipleship ministry, with particular emphasis on the Mega Church. There is a growing perception in the church today that presupposes that a ministry or a church is more successful when it has a huge congregation. This leaves the question as to whether Mega churches in the milieu of huge numbers and rapid growth are able to carry out discipleship effectively and whether discipleship is well understood in their programs and practices to bring forth mature Christians. This study, investigated the understanding of the Evangelical Mega Churches on discipleship, with particular focus on Jesus Celebration Centre The study adopted a qualitative research method using a case study design which was Jesus Celebration Centre Church (JCC) Mombasa. The research instruments used were; Questionnaires, participant observation and interviews. Out of the sixty five questionnaires given out forty three were returned. This included thirty three Jesus Celebration Church members and ten discipleship group leaders and other department leaders within JCC. The findings revealed that both the members and the leaders to a large extent understand and undertake discipleship appropriately. However, it was also discovered that there is still a knowledge gap of discipleship in JCC and that majority of respondents expressed need for training. It was also discovered that in of spite JCC being successful in numerical and spiritual growth of members; and being reputed as an evangelistic and discipleship driven church, the study also revealed that on a personal capacity, witnessing and follow-up is wanting in the church and this was attributed to poor time management at both the Individual and corporate level church. The researcher recommends that the Church engages in discipleship theological training, discipleship group training, as well as appraise the current discipleship training modules for both individual and corporate effectiveness. Further recommendation, the church develops a progress report through a continuous evaluation process and journalizing of activities to assess impact. That, empirical research on individual discipleship to appraise the emotional, psychological and mental impact of current programs be addressed. That the Church develops a mechanism or a framework to trade-off between zeal to fulfill the great commission and GCC Vision and quest for quality discipleship to make adequate impact. Lastly, researcher recommends that leadership addresses the current discipleship gap in the church by introducing an independent discipleship training school; workshops to put emphasize more on spiritual growth than numerical growth.