Study Guide # 6 – Asianization Discipleship Training in China (Chapter 14)

This chapter 14, by Peter Fu explores the complexities of discipleship training for Christians in contemporary China, highlighting both the difficulties faced and the potential avenues for growth. It provides background on the different types of churches in China, examines perceptions of discipleship, discusses theological contextualization and the government's role, and considers appropriate methodologies and materials for training. The guide below offers six questions to help you engage with the key concepts presented in the chapter.

Here are 6 questions for the Study Guide based on chapter 14:

Question 1: According to Peter Fu, what are the two primary types of Protestant churches in China discussed in Chapter 14, and what is a key characteristic of the government-controlled type?

Question 2: How is the concept of discipleship training often misperceived in China, according to the author?

Question 3: What is "sinicization" in the context of Christianity in China as described in the chapter, and what is one way churches are responding to this policy?

Question 4: Chapter 14 discusses several perspectives on the fit between Christianity and Chinese culture. Describe one perspective mentioned by a Christian scholar.

Question 5: According to Chapter 14, what is one example of a specific strategy being used or suggested for discipleship training in China that represents a departure from previous approaches?

Question 6: What is identified as a challenge regarding discipleship training materials in China, and how can traditional Chinese stories potentially help address this challenge?