

MENTORING

God's Plan For Kingdom Growth

The Decision | Commitment | Discipline
Growth | Character Development | Serving
Mentoring | Training | Empowering | Releasing

Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations..."

Part 1 • THE GREAT COMMISSION

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Acts 1:8 *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Suggested Reading for the course

- Connecting: The Mentoring Relationships You Need to Succeed (Paul Stanley and Robert Clinton)
- Mentoring 101: What Every Leader Needs to Know (John Maxwell)
- Disciples of a Nation (John Amstutz)

DISCIPLESHIP, GOD'S INTENTION AFTER SALVATION

1. God's purpose for us is to be in an intimate, fruitful relationship with Him and the process He uses is discipleship. This is clearly seen in Acts 2:42-47...
 - *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*
2. The root word for disciple is _____. Disciples who follow Jesus Christ allow God's Word to guide their thoughts and behavior.
 - Matthew 7:21-29 *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven... Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock..."*

3. Discipleship is a wholehearted _____ we determine to make to follow Christ at all cost.

- Luke 9:57-62 ...*But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."*
- This is a usability issue. A disciple cannot have a double focus.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A DISCIPLE

1. Their faith is an active trust in and reliance upon Christ. (James 2:14-19)
 - Acts 16:29-31 *Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved,... (John 3:3; Romans 10:9-10)*
2. The relationship with Christ is the most important relationship.
 - Matthew 6:24 *No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*
 - Luke 14:26 *If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters – yes, even his own life – he cannot be my disciple.*
 - Revelation 2:4-5, the command to maintain our first love.
3. They have _____ their former lifestyle.
 - Jesus made no apologies for the type of denial it took to be His disciple. Matthew 16:24-25 *Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.*
4. They have accepted the _____ of following Jesus.
 - Luke 14:25-34 ...*Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.*
5. Disciples are learners of Jesus Christ.
 - Matthew 11:28-30 ...*Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls...*
6. The teachings of Jesus are the _____ for their life.
 - John 8:31-32 *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in (hold to) My word, you are My disciples indeed. ... (John 14:15, 24)*
 - The evidence of loving Jesus is to do what He commanded Luke 6:46-49 *But why do you call Me "Lord, Lord," and not do the things which I say?*
7. They have made a public commitment through water baptism.
 - Acts 2:38-39 *Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...*

8. Genuine love is the hallmark of a true disciple.
 - John 13:34-35 *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*

9. A disciple is a _____, someone who has personally experienced something.
 - Acts 1:8 *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

10. Disciples reproduce disciples with the same passion to serve Christ.
 - Matthew 28:18-20 *...Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;...*



JESUS TAUGHT DISCIPLESHIP

1. The Sermon On the Mount is the title given to Jesus' teachings in Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7. Although many were present, this sermon seems to have been taught primarily to His disciples.
 - Matthew 5:1-2 *And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:...*

2. The central theme is summarized in Matthew 5:48 *Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.* The word "perfect" means to be full-grown, having reached the goal for that which the person was created. In other words, a mature disciple.

3. Here is an overview of the main principles Jesus taught through this sermon...
 - A. Discipleship deals with deeper Truth, responsibility, and eternal reward (5:1-12).
 - B. A wholehearted disciple influences society by being "salt and light" (5:13-16). Salt permeates, light declares.

- C. Christ fulfills the Law and gives us the ability to overcome sin through the power of the Spirit by going to the root of the issue (5:17-48).
- D. Jesus taught on our motives and gave us a pattern for an effective life of prayer and fasting (6:1-18).
- E. As disciples we are able to have an eternal perspective on temporal things (6:19-34).
- F. Discipleship deals with the “Root Fruit” principle (7:1-23).
- G. A disciple builds his or her life on obedience to Christ’s words (7:24-29).

THE TASK OF DISCIPLING OTHERS

As we begin the task of discipling others we must not fashion them “in our image.” It is clear that we are to disciple others to follow Christ and as their mentor we must assist their spiritual growth in the following ways. **We must...**

- 1. Instruct them in God’s _____. (Exodus 33:12-13)
- 2. Model God’s two Great Commandments: to love the Lord with all our being and to love others as we love ourselves. (Matthew 22:36-40)
- 3. Understand their unique and particular calling and giftedness given to them by the Holy Spirit. Then we must facilitate the process of equipping, empowering and releasing them to be the person they were created to be. (Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11)
- 4. Facilitate the process of maturing and _____building. (Psalm 139:13-18; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 14:20; Colossians 1:28-29; Hebrews 5:11-14)
- 5. Develop in them a genuine commitment to stand firm through tribulation and to be effective in spiritual warfare. (2 Corinthians 10:3-6; Ephesians 6:10-18; James 1:2-8)
- 6. Teach them to lead someone to a relationship with Christ.
- 7. Make sure they understand how to disciple others in obedience to the Great Commandment. (2 Timothy 2:2)
 - A. The Great Commission instructs us to make disciples _____ about their daily activities. We find this commission/commandment to go and make disciples in Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:45-53; as well as in Acts 1:8.
 - Acts 1:8 is part of the Great Commission because this is only accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are to be Christ’s witnesses, fulfilling the Great Commission in our cities (Jerusalem), in our states (Judea and Samaria), and anywhere else God sends us (to the ends of the earth).
 - B. Read Matthew 28 on the next page and list the three main parts of the Great Commission.



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— Matthew 28:18-20 —

Learning *about discipling* is only “one side of the coin.” Our knowledge about discipling is of no effect unless we begin to implement this knowledge and actually begin to enter into mentoring relationships. That is the purpose of this Discipleship Institute module, to obey Christ and to become a disciple who, in turn, disciplines others to be healthy and dedicated disciples after Christ.

“GREAT QUOTES”

1. Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn. — Benjamin Franklin
2. Spoon feeding in the long run teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon. — E.M. Forster
3. If you cannot see where you are going, ask someone who has been there before. — J. Loren Norris
4. Change is inevitable... growth is optional. — John Maxwell

HOMEWORK

1. Use the Weekly Time Sheet and check what you do each day. This will show you where you may need to focus a little more time and energy.
2. Read Matthew 5, 6, and 7 and journal the things the Holy Spirit is telling you. Suggestion: read one chapter a day and journal.
3. Memorize Matthew 28:18-20
4. Meet with your accountability team. Use the half sheet on class mentoring.

ANSWERS — DISCIPLESHIP

discipline

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