



**Eternal Life Fellowship  
& Global Network**

**Minister Training (202)  
Modern Day Discipleship  
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# **Apostolic Thrust**

## **Vision**

**Building people and transforming lives!**

## **Mission**

**'Deliverance' by Evangelism, 'Discipleship' by Education,  
'Development' by Empowerment and 'Deployment' by Enterprising.**

## **Ethos**

**"Whole life = Whole person" (Mind - Body - Soul)**

## **Assignment**

**"Worshipping God and Serving people"**

## **Five Fold Ministry Gifts**

**For the perfecting of the Saints, For the work of the Ministry,  
and for the Edification of God through Christ.**

# Course Objectives

- **LEARN** – Value of Apostolic authority in the modern era.
- **DISCOVER** – The importance of Apostolic authority in today's church.
- **EXPLORE** – The impact of Apostolic authority in the Millennium Ministry Concept.
- **PLAN** – To engage Apostolic Leadership/Oversight in Millennium Ministry.
- **EXECUTE** – Apostolic authority and oversight throughout Eternal Life and our Global Network.

# Origin of Discipleship

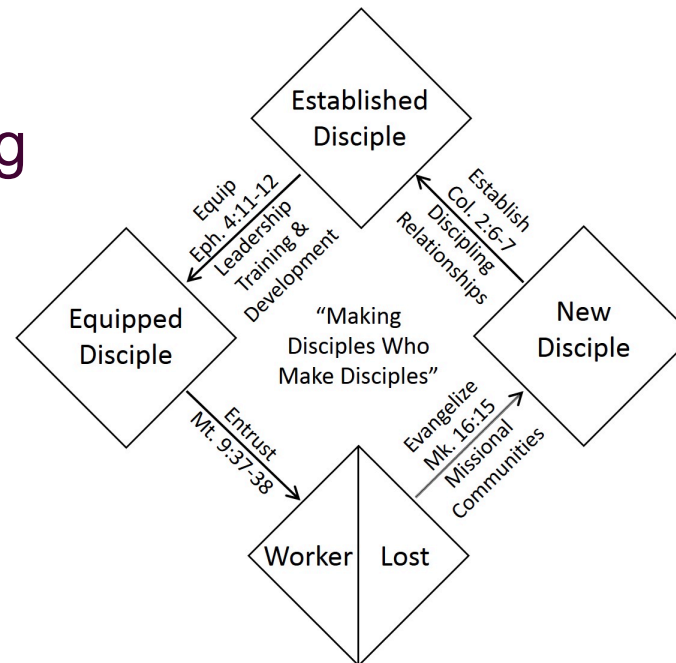
## What is Discipleship?

- ✓ Jesus promised His disciples that He would make them fishers of men.
- ✓ He also taught them how to make fishermen.
- ✓ We are not only fish, but we also a fisherman.
- ✓ God wants every believer to fish.
- ✓ The kingdom of God is like a small seed that grows into a huge tree.
- ✓ Every believer has to learn to live in majesty. (Abundantly)
  - ❖ Live regal lives
  - ❖ Full of abundance and blessing from God

# Origin of Discipleship

## What is a disciple?

- One who engages in learning through instruction.
- Pupil, Apprentice, a Learner.
- Personal follower of Christ...
- Is that all?
- Is there more to it?



## Etymology

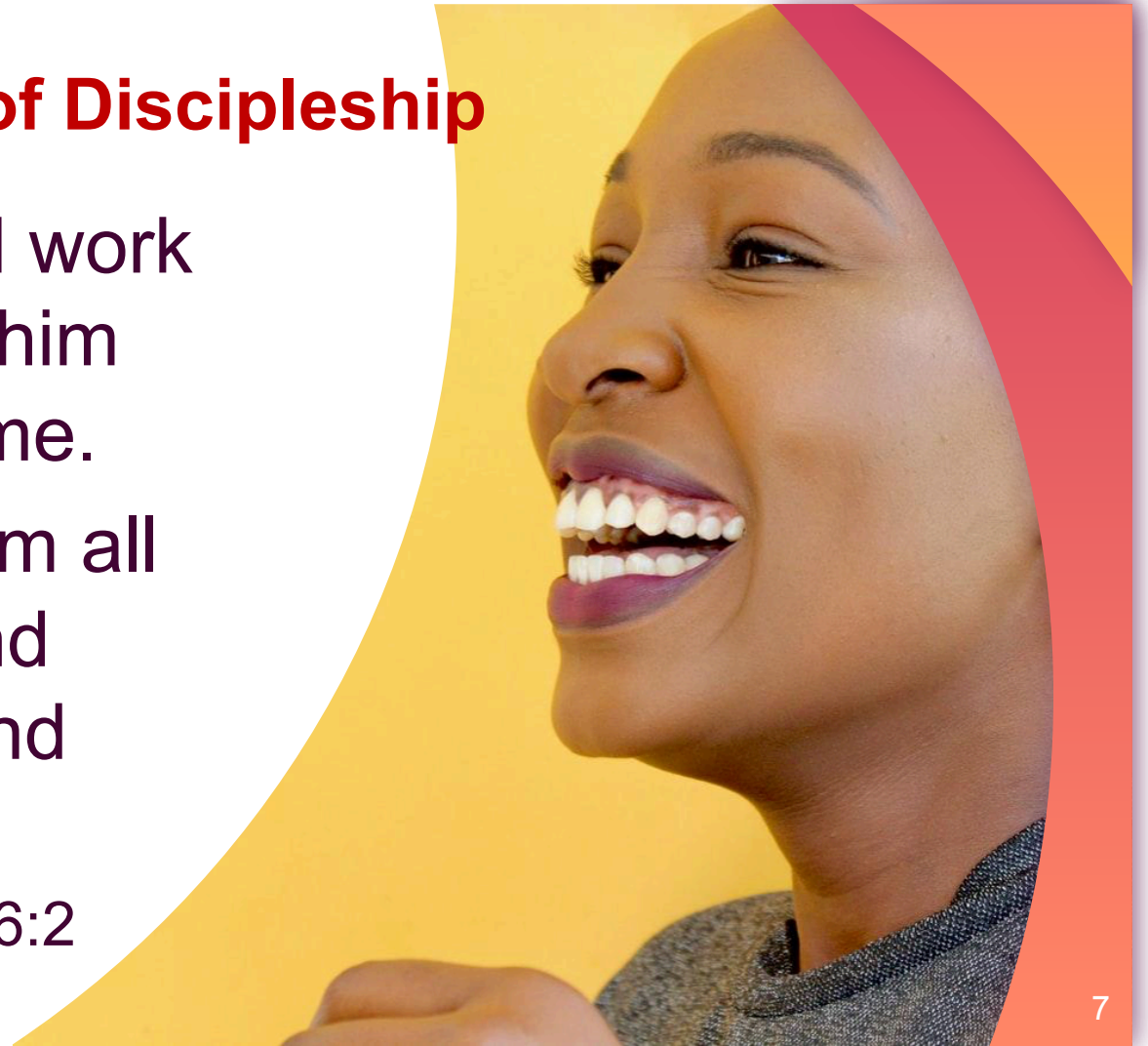
- The word “Disciple” is derived from the Greek word “Mathetes”.
- Literally meaning – Learner.
- **Mathetes** is one who directs his mind to something – a pupil or a student.
- Hence **Disciple** is one who attaches himself to a teacher and follows their teachings.



## Origin of Discipleship

- The words and work of Jesus gave him remarkable fame.
- The people from all parts of the land came to see and hear him.

» John 6:2



## Origin of Discipleship

- This interest in Jesus was so great that, even it became a disturbance for his ministry
  - » Mark 3:9 – 12
  - » Luke 12:1





## Crowd & Disciples

- Crowd heard His word gladly.
- They brought their sick before Him to heal...
- They brought demon possessed to be delivered.
- They brought their questions to be answered.



## Crowd & Disciples

- Jesus went out again beside the sea.
- The entire crowd kept coming to him.
- He continued teaching them.

» Mark 2:13



## Crowd & Disciples

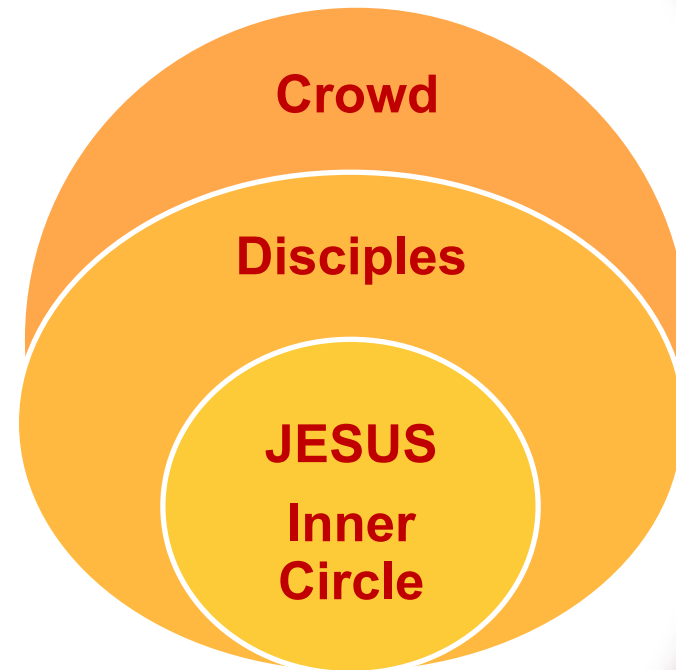
- Then Jesus began to teach again beside the sea.
- Such a **large crowd** gathered around that ,he got into a boat and sat in it, while the **entire crowd** remained beside the sea on the shore.

» Mark 4:1



## Origin of Discipleship

- The people trailing **Jesus** were not all of the same kind. They must have grouped around him in concentric circles.
  - **The Crowd (Public)**
  - **The Disciples (Devotees)**



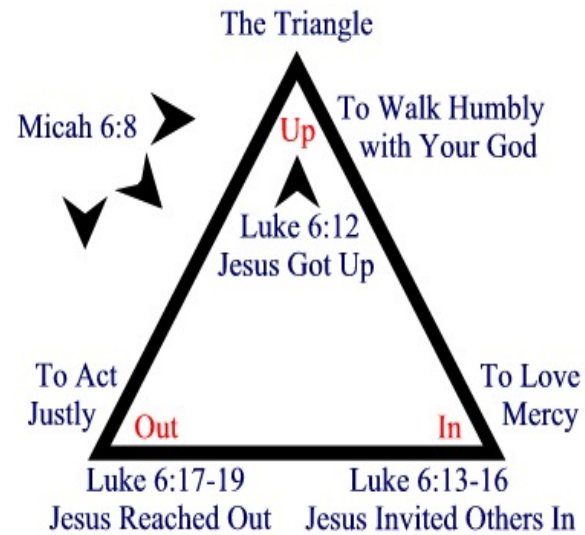
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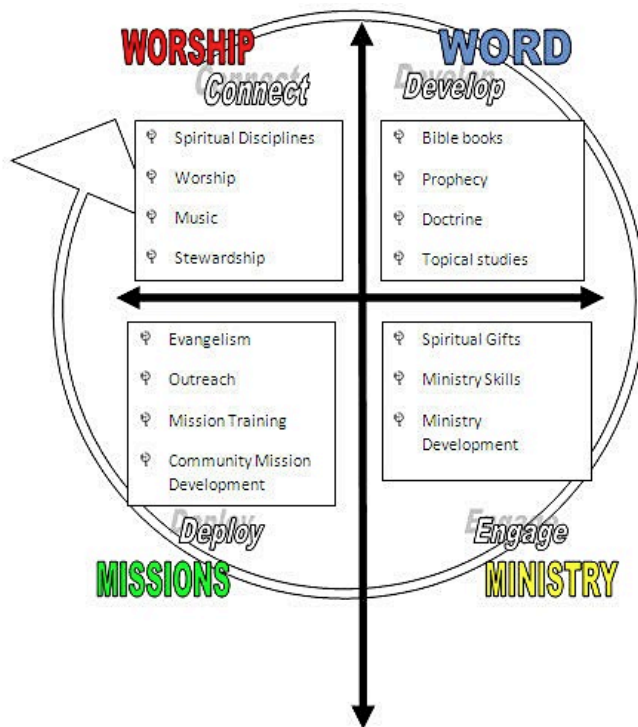
- Jesus to spent formal and informal time with his disciples...
  - » Mark 3:13,14
  - » Mark 4:33,34

# Origin of Discipleship

- Jesus was three dimensional.
- Life Shape Triangle
  - » Luke 6:12
  - » Luke 6:17-19
  - » Luke 6:13-16



# Origin of Discipleship

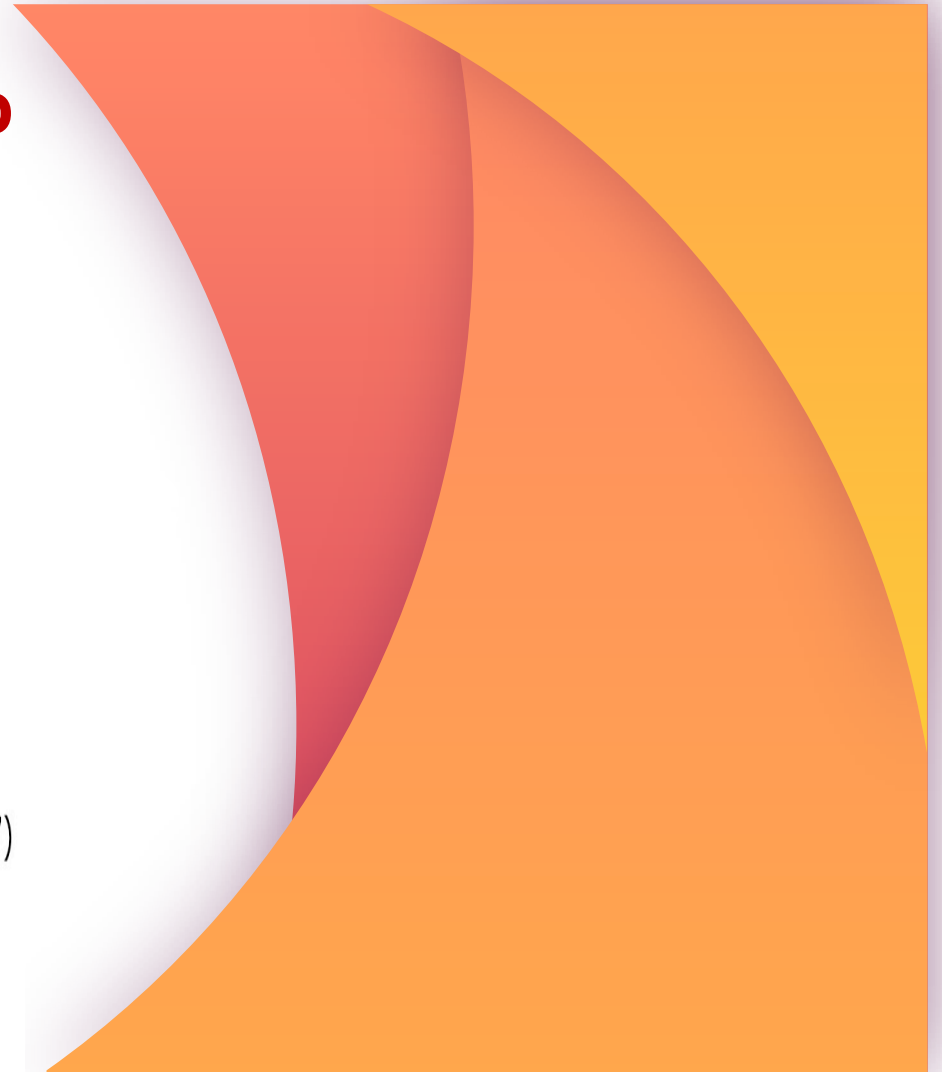


- Leaders model a biblical life...
- Disciples follow and practice from the leader...
- Disciples become disciple makers and multiply through Disciples Path...

# Origin of Discipleship

## A Disciple is:

- D** - Disciplined in his/her relationship with God (2 Timothy 2:15)
- I** - Involved in a gathering of believers (Hebrews 10:25)
- S** - Spirit-filled & Spirit led (Romans 8:14, Ephesians 5:18)
- C** - Concerned for others rather than self (Philippians 2:3-4)
- I** - Involved in serving in his/her area of giftedness (1 Peter 4:11)
- P** - Prayerful in all things (Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- L** - Leading others to become disciples (2 Timothy 2:2)
- E** - Enjoying God always (Isaiah 61:10, 1 Thessalonians 5:16)





## Origin of Discipleship

- But some became adherents of his message.
- In response to his call they were not merely following Jesus but they were with Jesus as Disciples



# Origin of Discipleship



## The Challenge from Modern Day Discipleship

1. “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men...”
2. “Go and make disciples of all nations...”

## Origin of Discipleship

Disciple is one who.....

**Hear or learn from their Rabbi (Teacher)**

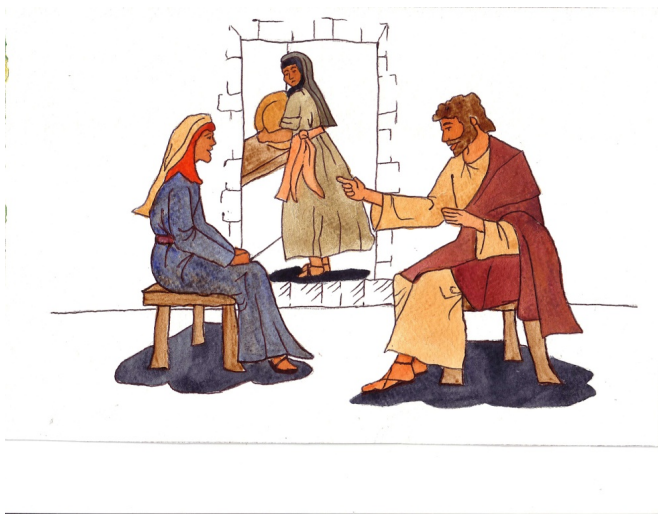
- Once Jesus was praying. After he had finished, one of his disciples said  
“Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples”.  
» Luke 11:1



## Discipleship

Disciple is one who.....

**Hear or learn from their Rabbi (Teacher)**



- Martha gave priority to hear from Jesus when she had other options
- Hence analyze our priorities

» Luke 10: 38 - 42

# Origin of Discipleship

## John 10: 1 - 28

- What is our understanding regarding Jesus – the good shepherd?
- What do Jesus expect from his disciples?
- What is our responsibilities as His adherents?

## John 9: 1 - 41

- How did the blind man grow in his understanding about Jesus?
- How can we grow?
- Your thoughts about the Blind man healed - as an adherent?

# Discipleship

Disciple is one who.....

**Knows their Rabbi (Teacher)**



- **Sheep knows its shepherd.**
- **Sheep will know the Shepherd's voice.**
- **Do we really know our master?**

» John 10 : 26 - 28

# Discipleship

Disciple is one who.....  
**Obeys their Rabbi**

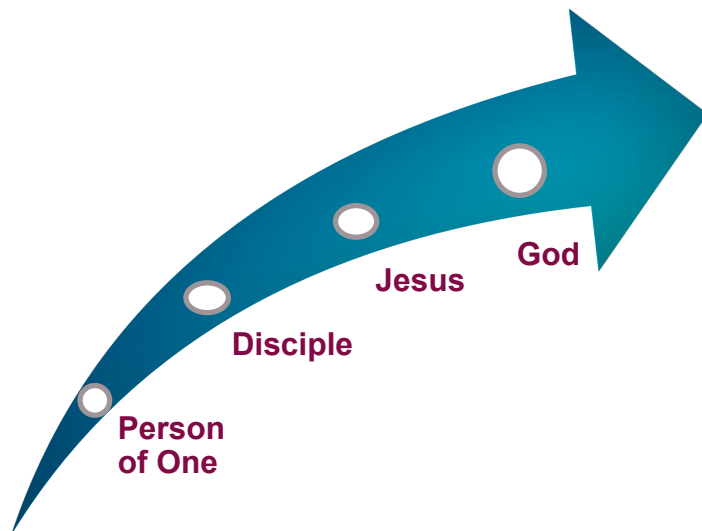
- Peter and Andrew responded to His call with an open heart
- Do we have willingness to know His will and to obey?

» Mark 1 :16 - 20



# Discipleship

Disciple is one who.....  
**Knows their Rabbi (Teacher)**



- **Blind man grew in his understanding about his savior.**
- **How can we grow?**

» John 9 : 11 , 17, 27, 38

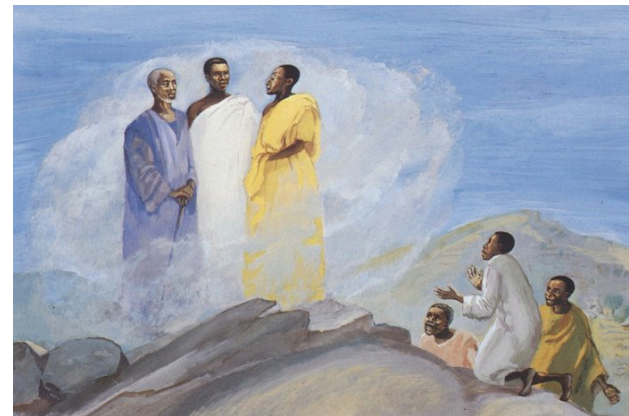


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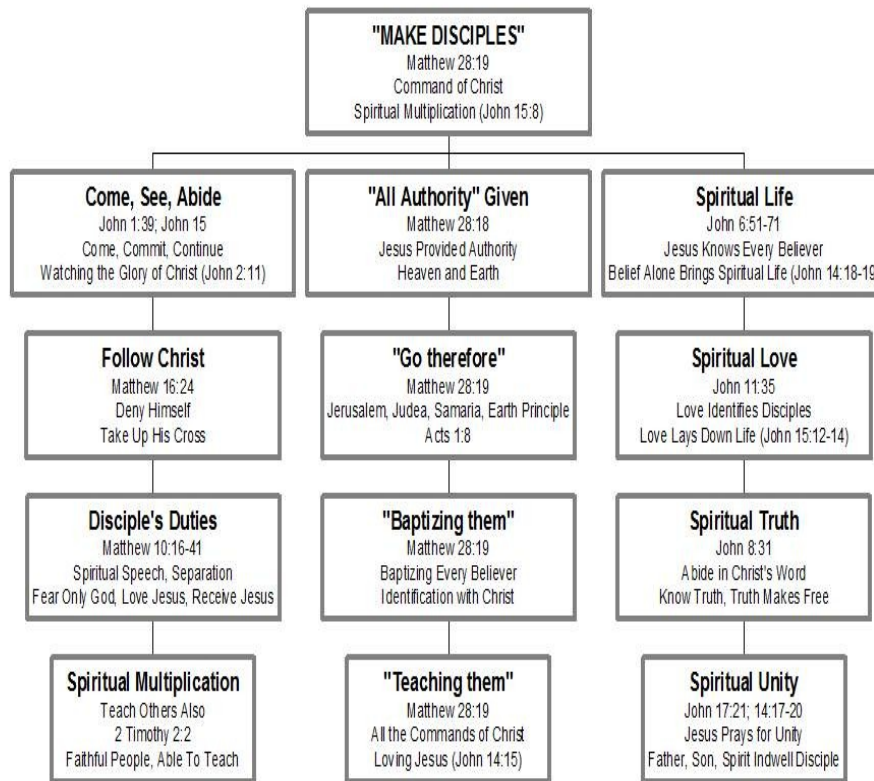
**Enjoys time with their Rabbi (Teacher)**

- The bold response of Peter...  
Being with the master at all times...
- Do we have that passion?  
» **John 6:66 - 71**



# First Steps in Christ

## DISCIPLESHIP



# Discipleship

## Authority

**Matthew 28:18**

**“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying,  
All authority has been given to Me in heaven  
and on earth.”**

# Making Disciples

**Matthew 28:19-20**

**“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

# Discipleship

## Go Therefore!

- ❖ God draws believers to learn from Him.
- ❖ You learn from a master.
- ❖ You will never be greater than your master.
- ❖ Only Master is Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Jesus commanded all of His disciples to make more disciples.
- ❖ We must go into all the world to make disciples.
- ❖ We go out because Jesus' authority in heaven and on earth.
- ❖ We are sent under His authority, and empowered us with His love.

# Discipleship

## Make Disciples

- ❖ Jesus intends that we make disciples.
- ❖ We make disciples by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with unbelievers
- ❖ Explain how to become a Christian.
- ❖ A person does not receive salvation by faith alone.
- ❖ Discipleship starts immediately.
- ❖ Making disciples means spending time with the new believer.
- ❖ Jesus calls all of us to share our faith and to make more disciples.
- ❖ In his name. (Name of Jesus)

# Discipleship

## Baptizing Them

- ❖ Every believer should be baptized by immersion in water.
- ❖ Notice that only believers may be baptized, because baptism requires a saving faith first.
- ❖ Baptism identifies believers with Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Proclaims to the world faith in Jesus Christ.
- ❖ In the Name of Jesus is preferred to close all baptisms.

Note: “In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit...” is permissible and is NOT a condemnation.

# Discipleship

## Teach Them

- ❖ Jesus also commanded His disciples to teach the new disciples all the commandments.
- ❖ Jesus taught many things, and issued many commands.
- ❖ Each command provides an expression of God's will for our lives.
- ❖ Commands comes with a promise of God's power to fulfill them.
- ❖ God will provide the power by faith for us to obey his commands.
- ❖ Our lives change and we love God and people more.
- ❖ We become stable in our faith and happier in our lives.



# Discipleship

## Come & See

John 1:39

**“He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’ So they came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.”**

- ❖ Jesus extends a personal invitation to everyone to come and see.
- ❖ We can spend time with Him and learn from Him.
- ❖ We will abide with Christ as believers, and He will live within us.
- ❖ For all eternity, we will stay with Jesus. He will never leave us or forsake us.
- ❖ We remain eternally secure in Jesus Christ.

# Discipleship

## We Follow Christ

Matthew 16:24

**“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.’”**

- ❖ Jesus also demands our entire lives. (Mind-Body-Soul)
- ❖ Follow only Him.
- ❖ Many distractions will arise in our lives.
- ❖ Being a disciple means that I follow Jesus all the time.
- ❖ If we wander away from Jesus, confess the sin, receive the joy of His forgiveness, be cleansed from all unrighteousness, and continue the walk with Jesus.
- ❖ Being a disciples means we follow only Jesus and count on Him every day to lead us to His glory.

# Discipleship

## A Disciple's Responsibility

Matthew 10:16

**“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.”**

- ❖ Jesus sent out His disciples as sheep into the midst of wolves.
- ❖ We live and work in the midst of wolves.
- ❖ Will you live as a disciple, trusting and following Jesus?
- ❖ Disciples must be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.

# Discipleship

## Beware of Spiritual Multiplication

- ❖ Discipleship does not always involves multiplication. (Life Shape Square)
- ❖ Jesus directed His disciples to select faithful men.
- ❖ Following this divine pattern, the disciple then entrusted faithful men.
- ❖ What disciples received from the Word of God.
- ❖ Notice that one of the qualities of the faithful men that they will be able to teach others also.
- ❖ This process of multiplying disciples allows Jesus to spread His Word throughout the entire world.
- ❖ Jesus did not envision only seminary-trained people spreading His word. Instead, He trained a group of very diverse people to teach others.

# Discipleship

## Spiritual Life

John 6:53

**“So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.’”**

- ❖ Jesus focused upon the spiritual life of His disciples.
- ❖ He spoke to them frequently in spiritual terms.
- ❖ When Jesus said people must eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, He spoke in spiritual terms.
- ❖ He meant that Jesus must be born again by believing His words as if they were eating His flesh and drinking His blood.
- ❖ Jesus used this same symbolism at the breaking of bread with His disciples.
- ❖ He explained that His body bore our sins on the cross.
- ❖ His blood cleansed us from all sins. In order to gain spiritual life, people must receive Jesus spiritually, in their hearts, minds and spirits.

# Discipleship

## Spiritual Love

**John 11:35 “Jesus Wept.”**

### **Ephesians 4:30**

- ❖ Jesus also had great love for people.
- ❖ At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus wept.
- ❖ He was moved with compassion for the suffering of His friends, and concerned about the unbelief of all the people.
- ❖ Even so, Jesus displayed true tears, expressing true human emotions.
- ❖ God also weeps over our sins.

# Discipleship

## Spiritual Truth

John 8:31-32

**“So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, ‘If you continue in my word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’”**

- ❖ Jesus taught the truth.
- ❖ Jesus is truth! Jesus is the Word!
- ❖ Jesus also declared that His word is truth.
- ❖ Jesus explained that the people who continue in His word prove to be true disciples.
- ❖ We will know the truth and the truth will make us free.
- ❖ Jesus means freedom from the bondage of sin.

# Discipleship

## Spiritual Unity

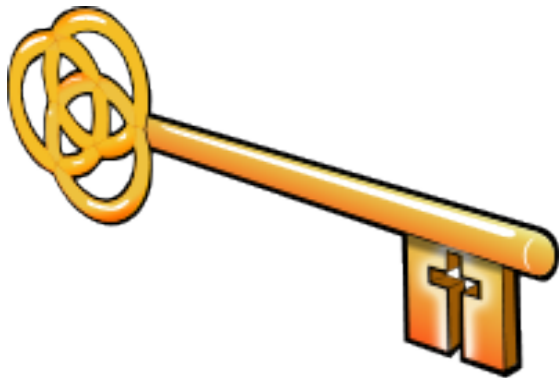
John 18:21

**“That they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent me.”**

- ❖ Jesus prayed that the world would believe in Him because of unity His disciples.
- ❖ Jesus wanted all of His disciples to be one with Him, and to abide in Him, just as He is one with the Father.
- ❖ This standard of absolute unity must be a goal of every disciple.
- ❖ We unite around the Person of Christ and His doctrine.
- ❖ Doctrinal error often divides believers, but accurately handling the Word of God will bring unity among disciples.
- ❖ Jesus prayed for the unity of disciples as a testimony to the world. He valued that unity highly and intended for disciples to multiply in number.



# True Discipleship



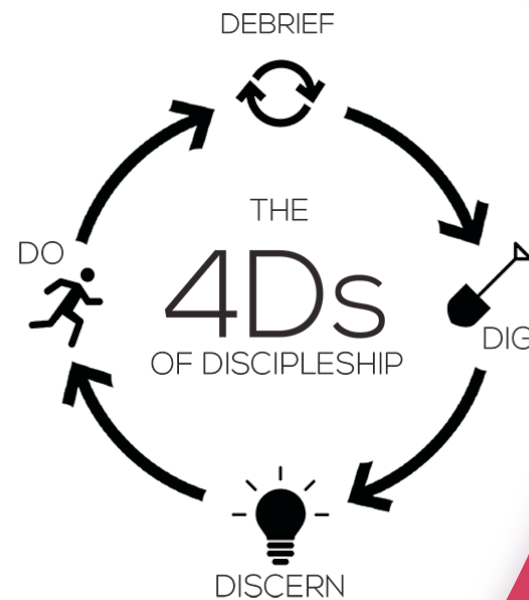
- When God is the center of our lives, we live to please Him.
- When we please God, we want Him to influence each area of our lives.
- This is discipleship.

# True Discipleship

The Disciples of Christ  
Mark 3:13-14

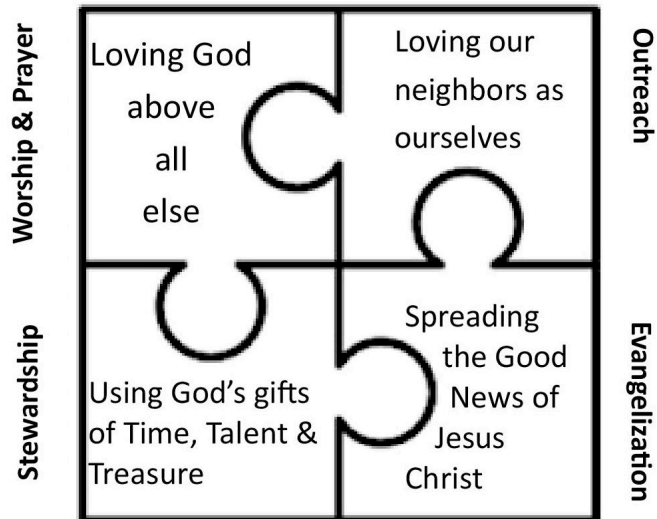
“And He went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach,”

They were chosen and called by Jesus



# True Discipleship

## DISCIPLESHIP



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Discipleship (Equals)  
Fellowship (Times)

Following (Times) Learning

Most people ask Jesus to follow them to help them if there is a problem, but we are called to follow him!

# Questions



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