***Let's Change Your School***

***A Workbook for Students***



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This workbook is a companion aid in performing your Obedience Assignments for ***Changing Your School***. Each assignment is included in the book and this workbook to provide a record of completion of your assignments. Just reading about needed changes is inadequate to bring about change. It will take action, by you, to make corrections.

If you agree that God exists, the Bible is His inspired word, your school needs changing, and you are willing to do your part to change it, perform the obedience assignments in this workbook, and encourage others to do so.

Do you believe your school needs changing?

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***Obedience Assignment:***

Are you going through life aimlessly? Alternatively, do you know what your objective in life is beyond just existing? The Bible declares that we each have a special purpose and your life can be gratifying if you are fulfilling your purpose. What do you think your purpose in life is? Briefly write it:

1. Write the purpose of your life

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[**Jeremiah 29:11**](http://www.biblica.com/en-us/bible/online-bible/niv/jeremiah/29/) "For I know the plans **I have for** you", declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give **you** hope and a future".

**1, Authentic Faith - Know Your Purpose**

If you have been provided an ES Student Binder, briefly fill out the first part of form ES1, My Story. What is your relationship with Jesus? That is to be your story.

2. Use your ES1 form to write your story. Be very brief.

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If you are unable to express your purpose in life and your relationship with Jesus, you need to slow down and seek help from God. You need to take a sabbatical from as many responsibilities as practical and focus on daily times of prayer, Bible study, and journaling.

3. Locate a Secret Place.

Keep your Bible, Journal, and binder there.

Locate a Secret Place away from all human sounds. Keep your Bible, Journal, and ES Binder there. This should be a well-lighted, comfortable place where you are assured privacy.

Use your secret place for ***daily*** times of prayer, Bible study, and journaling. Developing your relationship with Jesus is your most important task in life.

Do not let good things crowd out this BESTdiscipline, which is necessary to change your life into one of freedom and purpose.

Describe your secret place:

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Look up John 3:16 in your Bible. Study the depth of the message contained in this one Bible verse. This is Great News. We call it the Gospel (Good News).

4. Use your ES1 form to write John 3:16. This is the Good News: The Gospel. Memorize it.

Write this verse in your ES1 form and memorize it. Mentally repeat John 3:16 over and over in your mind as you go through your days.

5. Use your ES1 form to write a brief bridge from your story to the Gospel (John 3:16).

Think of a link between your story and the Gospel. Write it in your ES1 form.

We will call the link between Your Story and the Gospel Your Bridge. Also, write your bridge here:

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You now have written Your Story, the Gospel, and a Bridge linking them. Meditate on these three written statements daily. Always be prepared to verbalize these three statements to yourself.

No one likes to be held accountable. Goal setting is generally a private matter and no one is to know if the goals are accomplished or not but you.

Nothing is gained by setting goals that are not accomplished. If you are a true follower of Jesus, you must realize that He expect you to be a disciplined follower (a Disciple). You best demonstrate your love and obedience to Him by assuming accountability for your life goals.

6. Use your journal to write why it is important to be accountable for reporting your goals

Think of some goals you will accomplish this following year. Write them here and in your journal.

7. Write the goals you expect to accomplish this year.

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What are some longer range life-goals you expect to accomplish this year and following graduation:

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Here are some suggestions you might set as goals this year:

1. Add new friends of the other gender
2. Spend less time looking at electronic screens and using the extra time to talk with people.
3. Do a good deed for a different person each week
4. Express your appreciation to people with authority
5. Share your story with fellow students each week
6. Introduce at least one student to ES each week
7. Become a helper in an ES group

One of the hardest things to practice in Christianity is selflessness. Culture has emphasized putting yourself before others so much, that you will seem odd if you are not selfish. Jesus asks you to "**Follow Me**". Use your secret place to study the four Gospel books: Matthey, Mark, Luke, and John. Why do you think Jesus commands you to deny your selfishness?

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When Jesus lived amongst us, Rome dominated His nation of Israel. Their method for executing criminals was by crucifixion. Jesus was falsely accused of being a traitor and was nailed to a cross to die. Though He had never broken a civil or moral law, He was treated as a common criminal. He knew that He was to be crucified and have your sins put on him. He dreaded the cross so much that He begged His Heavenly Father to spare Him if there be any other way. His dread was not the pain, it was the shame of having your sins all put on Him while he hung on that cross.

"*For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him*" (II Corinthians 5:21). This is the most amazing benefit of Christianity. Think of John 3:16 along with this verse. Your faith in Jesus and what He has done for you results in His righteousness being exchanged for your sins.

The cross has now become the most popular symbol of Jesus' sacrifice for you. If you do not currently wear a cross, do so as a symbol that you follow Jesus.

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**2. Spiritual Disciplines**

There are several spiritual disciplines listed in the Bible but not all are listed together nor is there a complete list.

Some of the spiritual disciplines are prayer, study, fasting, journaling, solitude, sharing your faith, and meditation.

To change your school, you must first develop and maintain a close, daily, communion with Jesus. A Disciple of Christ is like being an apprentice to a Master Craftsman. Discipline yourself to use your secret place daily. Record your times in your secret place by making dated entries in your journal.

10. Use your Secret Place.

Make dated journal entries.

To become an effective Disciple of Christ, you must be willing to trust and obey Him. This is a radical departure from cultural habits. Jesus' call to follow Him is demanding and few there are that are willing to do so. Many "Christians" want to trust Jesus for salvation and forgiveness but are reluctant to abandon their selfishness.

11. Memorize Proverbs 3:5-6

***The Purpose of ES is to Equip Christian Students to take the Gospel onto their Campuses, into their City, and to the Uttermost Parts of the World!***

Write the purpose of ES in your journal. Meditate on it. This is an awesome responsibility.

12. Use your journal to write the purpose of ES.

You will not be able to accomplish the above changes alone. The good news is that Jesus promises to share His yoke with you and accept you as one of His co-laborers.

A Master Craftsman never lets His apprentice work alone. He shows His apprentice (disciple) how to perform and checks his work. Jesus made a startling claim in Matthew 28:20, "**All authority and power in heaven and earth has been given to Me and I am always with you**!"

13. Use your journal to describe a Disciple of Christ.

What is a Disciple of Christ?

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What are some spiritual disciplines you can practice in your secret place and what are some spiritual disciplines you can practice in your community (school)?

Use your journal to list some spiritual disciplines you can practice in your school.

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You will likely have to give up some of the things that fill your time when you start a daily discipline of prayer, Bible reading, and journaling in your secret place.

15. Agree with Jesus to practice the three daily disciplines in your secret place: Study, Prayer, and Journaling.

What are some of the things you have given up?

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16. Memorize Acts 1:8.

Acts 1:8 instructs you to tell others your story about your relationship with Jesus, your bridge to the Gospel and John3:16. Most important is the assurance that you are not to do this alone. You will receive power from the Holy Spirit before you are to share this three part message.

**3, Moral Boundaries**

Confession of know sins is not an easy thing to do. Pride causes you to think that you can overcome it and will not repeat it. Daily confession, however, will cause you to resist the temptation to sin knowing that you will come before Jesus again the next day and need to repeat your confession. Confession helps you overcome sins.

17. Do you hesitate to confess known sins? ( Y) ( N)

18. Use your journal to list some things you have given up.

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What are some of the things you have given up?

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A Disciple of Christ need to develop a renewed mind. Be becoming a co-laborer with Jesus, you ***Can Do*** things that seem risky. Just trust Jesus and try.

19. If you have a fear of failure or rejection, ask Jesus to help you develop a "Can Do" attitude.

You may find it awkward but if you have difficulty relating to the other gender, set as a goal this week to do a good deed for someone of the other gender.

20. Make a mental boundary regarding sex that you will not cross.

Why do you think it will help you to perform a good deed for someone of the opposite gender?

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21. Do you agree that morality related to gender is perverted in your school?

( Y) ( N)

If you observe conduct by fellow students that are beyond the moral boundary you have set for your life, pray for those that participate in such conduct and try to make friends with them.

Being a Disciples of Christ is not for the faint of heart. It requires boldness. However, trust in the promises that you will receive spiritual power to do the right thing.

***I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.***

22. Memorize Philippines 4:13. Meditate on your bridge to the Gospel and this verse often.

Be sure to not openly criticize

**4, Moral Boundaries Continued**

If practicing daily times with Jesus in your secret place is new to you, make an honest entry in your journal about your attitude change about Jesus and sharing your life with Him.

23. Honestly record in your journal your attitude about spending time with Jesus in your secret place.

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24. Pray for those on your list and for you classmates

Keep your list of students you know that are away from God in your secret place. Read their names to Jesus and ask Him to bless them.

To develop proper moral sexual boundaries, you must establish friendly relationships with students of both genders. If you have students on your list of the other gender, do a good deed for them.

25. Do a good deed for a student of the opposite gender

You must take the initiative to develop friends with students of the opposite gender. They will generally be favorably responsive. However, be prepared to be rejected.

26. Why do you think it will help you to do a good deed for someone of the opposite gender?

Single out a student of the other gender that is on your list, perhaps one that you have done a good deed for and speak to him/her.

27. Enter in your journal the name of a student of the opposite gender on your list that you will speak to.

**Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me."**

28. Memorize Luke 9:23.

Practicing this verse is one of the most difficult to obey since you have been conditioned by your culture to be selfish. Jesus set the example for this verse by submitting Himself to a cross of execution for you.

**5, Healthy Friendships**

You probably have close friends who are fellow students. As you trust your life more and more to Jesus and refine your fellowship with Him with prayer and Bible study in your secret place, you will begin enjoying a sense of purpose and freedom. Take notice of your student friends lives. Use your ES2 form to list the names of our student friends that are away from God:

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29. Do you want to be a Disciple of Christ? ( Y) ( N)

Do you take up your cross to selfishness daily?

( Y) ( N)

God designed your sex for a purpose. He made approximately half of all humans male and the other He made female. There is a proper and improper way to develop your relationship with the other sex.

30. Do you sense that you are changing spiritually? ( Y) ( N)

Are you enjoying a closer fellowship with Jesus ( Y) ( N)

It is never too early or too late to start developing proper sexual relationships.

**Jesus said, "Follow Me and I'll make you fishers of men".**

31. Memorize Matthew 4:19.

Following Jesus will result in being like Him as an apprentice. He will begin to transform you as you spend time with Him in your secret place.

Always be alert for students that do not appear to have friends. Take the initiative by joining them and gradually open conversations with them.

32. Eat lunch with a student that is eating alone.

Once you have developed a friendship, include your story about your relationship with Jesus and explain your use of your secret place. Tell them that Jesus is your friend and wants to be friends with them.

33. Tell your story to a student that does not seem to have a friend. Tell him/her that you would like to be their friend.

Explain your small ES group and how you are benefiting from the disciplined life ES is giving you.

Give then opportunity to ask about ES and ask if they would be interested in joining an ES group.

34. Tell your new friend about ES and ask if they would be interested in joining an ES group.

**6. Wise Choices**

We all make choices and each choice has consequences. No one can make you choose though some will exert peer pressure to choose as they do. You have a free will so you need to make wise choices. Time with Jesus in your secret place will help you make good choices.

Jesus told you that if you would follow Him, He would make you a fisher of men. What do you think that Jesus means by this statement?

35. What does it mean to be a fisher of men?

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You are invited to become a co-laborer with Jesus to lead your fellow students to follow Jesus and become Disciples of Christ. Your story, bridge, and citation of John 3:16 should encourage them.

36. Envision your campus being transformed into many Disciples of Christ.

Write improvements you would expect if many of your peer students choose to become Disciples of Christ:

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As a Disciple of Christ, you need to become a spiritual visionary.

37. Memorize Proverbs 29:18

Do you make choices out of habit or do you make an assessment of your changing situations and choose to fit the cultural correct expectation? Do you sometime ponder if you are being urged by the Holy Spirit?

38. Think about how you determine your choices.

**7, Ultimate Authority**

Sharing your relationship with Jesus in your secret place with student friends that you know that are away from God is how you can Change Your School.

By becoming a co-laborer with Jesus, you can effective start a sustained spiritual revolution on your campus that will spread to student homes, other campuses, your community, churches, and the uttermost parts of the world according to Matthew 28:18-20, which is called the Great Commission.

39. How do you rate the spiritual state of your school?

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Think about the spiritual state of your school. With 1 being athestic and 10 being spiritually sound, how would you rate your school?

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40. Recommend an ES Discipleship course to another peer student.

Learn the names of people in your community with authority. Write their names and pray for them.

41. Name people in your community that have authority.

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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Show your respect for authority by baking some cookies for police at your local police station and tell them how much you appreciate their service.

42. Visit a local police station. Bake some cookies for them and tell them how you appreciate their service.

Share your impression about how vast the universe is: God has absolute authority over all of His creation:

43. Tell a student friend about the vastness of God's creation.

* Planets
* Solar System
* Galaxies

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

44. Memorize Matthew 28:18-20

This is the Great Commission. All Christians are to respond to Jesus who has all authority. You are not expected to do this alone. He promises to always be with you and accept you as His co-laborer.

Continue to tell peer students your story, bridge, and John 3:16. He has promised to use you as His co-laborer and employ His authority.

45. Share Your Story, Bridge, and the Gospel with a peer student.

**8, Others First**

Have you ever imagined what heaven is like? If you are a Disciple of Christ, He has promised to prepare a place for you in that perfect place with Him.

46. Listen to the lyrics of *I Can Only Imagine* by Mercyme

The background music to our website, www.equippingstudents.com is ***I Can Only Imagine*** by Mercyme. Listen to the lyrics of this song very closely.

Material objects must be left on earth. Souls of students are eternal and will either spend eternity in heaven or hell. You can accumulate rewards by being used to help peer students to enter Jesus' Kingdom.

47. List deeds in your journal that will result in rewards in heaven.

Living a Christlike life will result in multiple rewards to be enjoyed eternally in heaven.

48. Do a kind deed for another fellow student.

While you were a sinner, Jesus died for you and for your student peers. He declared that he did not come to live amongst us to be served but to serve. As a Disciple of Jesus, He wants you to prefer others over self like He did.

49. Memorize Romans 5:8