

Biblical Discipleship

The Calls of Christ

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- **John 1:38-46** - 38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, **What seek ye?** They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? 39 He saith unto them, **Come and see.** They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. 42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone. 43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. 44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. 46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, **Come and see.**
- **John 4:28-29** - 28 The woman at the well then left her water pot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29 **Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did:** is not this the Christ?
- Goal: Win the Seeker (seeking the lost)
- Invitation: come and see
- Process: Evangelize
 - Revival is the work of the Spirit in the church
 - Evangelism is the work of the church in the community
- Objective: Matriculation
 - **Jude 1:3 Beloved**, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should **earnestly contend for the faith** which was once delivered unto the saints.
 - **Psalms 34:8 O taste and see** that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- Benefits: Deliverance
 - **Matthew 11:28-30** - 28 **Come unto me**, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 **Take my yoke** upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
 - **Romans 8:1** There is therefore now **no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
 - **John 8:36** If the Son therefore shall make you free, **ye shall be free indeed.**
- **Matthew 4:18-20** - 18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, **Come and Follow me**, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.
- Goal: Build up the Believer (the saved)
- Invitation: Come and Follow
- Process: Establish
 - **1 Timothy 3:15** But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the **pillar and ground of the truth.**
 - **Revelation 3:12** Him that overcometh will I make a **pillar in the temple of my God**, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God
- Objective: Maturity
 - **Proverbs 19:2** Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good;
 - and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.

- In other words: Even zeal is no good without knowledge, and he who hurries his footsteps misses the mark.
- Benefit: Development
 - **Ephesians 4:13-15** - 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
- **Luke 6:12-13** -12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;
 - Notice: prayer in the life of the believer precedes a belief in God that works.
 - **James 2:18** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.
- **John 10:27-28** - 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
- **Revelation 14:4** ...these are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.
- Invitation: Come and Believe with me
- Goal: Equip the Worker (Servant)
 - **1 Corinthians 7:20-23** - 20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. 21 Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather. 22 For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. 23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.
- Process: Equip
 - **2 Timothy 3:16-17** - 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
 - Greek word here for furnished is equipped.
 - We must be perfectly equipped with scripture for every situation we will come across in this life.
 - Until we do this, we are not where God needs us to be.
 - Paul is explaining to Timothy the sufficiency of scripture. Everything that God will ever call us to do can be overcome by right use of scripture. It is perfectly sufficient to help us in all aspects of life.
- Objective: Ministry
 - **1 Timothy 4:6** If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of FAITH and of GOOD DOCTRINE, whereunto thou hast attained.
 - **1 Timothy 6:1** Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the NAME of God and his DOCTRINE be not blasphemed.
 - **John 7:16-17** - 16 Jesus answered them, and said, My DOCTRINE is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the DOCTRINE;
 - Counter objective
 - **Mark 12:24** And Jesus answering said unto them, You do ERR, because ye KNOW NOT the scriptures, neither the power of God?
- Benefit: Deployment
 - **John 14:12** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
 - By this Christ did not mean that the disciples' work would be of a more exalted character than

His, but that it would have GREATER EXTENT. He did not refer merely to miracle working, but to ALL that would take place under the working of the Holy Spirit. – {DA 664.5}

- **John 15:4-5** - 4 **Abide in me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it **abide** in the vine; no more can ye, except ye **abide** in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that **abideth in me, and I in him**, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
- **John 15:7-8** - 7 If ye **abide in me**, and **my words abide in you**, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; **so shall ye be my disciples**.
- **John 15:15-16** - 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: **but I have called you friends**; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. 16 Ye have not chosen me, but **I have chosen you**, and ordained you, **that ye should go and bring forth fruit**, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.
- Invitation: Come and Abide with Me
 - Don't you see, **Christ came to win back the soul who was lost, build up the saved, equip his servants, and multiply his saints!**
- Process: Expand
 - **Matthew 28:19-20** - 19 **Go** ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 **Teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
 - "Thus Christ gave His disciples their commission. He made full provision for the prosecution of the work, and took upon Himself the responsibility for its success. So long as they obeyed His word, and worked in connection with Him, they could not fail. Go to all nations, He bade them. Go to the farthest part of the habitable globe, but know that My presence will be there. Labor in faith and confidence, for the time will never come when I will forsake you." {DA 822}
- Objective: Mission
 - **1 Chronicles 9:33** And these are the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, who **remaining** in the chambers were **free**: for they were **employed** in that **work day and night**.
 - **Matthew 3:11** John the Baptist said, I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, **whose shoes I am not worthy to untie**: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:
 - **Romans 10:14-15** - 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not **believed?** and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not **heard?** and how shall they hear without a **preacher?** 15 And how shall they preach, except they be **sent?** as it is written, How **beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace**, and bring glad tidings of good things!
- Benefit: Duplication
 - **Isaiah 61:1-2** The Lord hath **anointed Me to preach** good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to **bind up the brokenhearted**, to **proclaim** liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”
 - **Proverbs 11:30** The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and **he that winneth souls is wise**.
 - **Daniel 12:3** And **they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament**; and they that turn many to righteousness as the **stars** for ever and ever.

Discipleship pathway: Win, Build, Equip, Multiply

Target at each stage: Soul, Saved, Servant, Saint

Invitation: Come and See, Come and Follow, Come and Believe, Come and Abide

Process: Evangelize, Establish, Equip, Expand

Objective: Matriculation, Maturity, Ministry, Mission

Benefits: Deliverance, Development, Deployment, Duplication

