

DISCIPLESHIP 101



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Introduction

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Welcome to Discipleship 101! This material was born out of a response to students who wanted to be faithful to Jesus' command to "Go, make disciples..." They also realized, as you are beginning to, that there is a level of abundant life which we will never experience until we follow Him in discipleship.

Discipleship implies certain disciplines as well as the necessary discipline to put them into action. Spiritual disciplines such as a Daily Quiet Time are like the plywood forms used in creating reinforced concrete buildings. As we daily put the plywood together, by faith we trust that God will fill it with the steel and concrete of the Holy Spirit. This filling begins in our time with Him and as we practice by faith what He is teaching us, His character begins to "set" within us. Our daily (plywood) spiritual disciplines are temporary yet vital if the steel and concrete of His personhood is to become a reality in our lives.

Discipleship 101 fosters the habit of a Daily Quiet Time with God. "Daily" because that is how often it needs to happen. "Quiet" because unless we withdraw from the press of distractions, they will crowd out His "still small voice." And "Time" because that is what it takes. Each week we will need to devote at least five half hour blocks of time for your Daily Quiet Time and commit one and a half hours a week to meet with your Discipleship Group. I really encourage you to use Monday through Friday as your five days each week because these days are structured and it is easier to build a Daily Quiet Time habit during the week than it is on weekends.

It is important to discipline yourself to do only one day at a time. Cramming several days together just before our weekly meetings will not allow the time to let the things God wants to teach you to sink in and become part of our lives.

A recent survey of evangelical Christians revealed that only 18% of this group are having a Daily Quiet Time. This means that 82% of the Christians in this country who should be most committed to Christ are entering each day poorly prepared to help others and enjoy the fullness of life that God has for them. Your participation in Discipleship 101 indicates you want to be part of the 18% that is really making a difference in the world and allowing God to fill you with Himself, daily!

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Week 1 Day 1

The most important experience we will ever have is that of knowing Jesus Christ personally and entering into a growing relationship with Him. He came into the world to show us who God is and how we can get to know Him. If we are to grow in our relationship with Jesus, we must get to know Him better by seeking to understand more fully who He is, why He came, and what He desires to do in our lives.

Who is Jesus?

Unless we have a clear understanding of who Jesus is, our faith will be headed in a wrong direction. It is possible to have a limited or distorted view of who Jesus is. So we will look to Scripture to see what He says about Himself and also those closest to Him.

Who is Jesus according to the following passages?

Matthew 16:15-17 _____

What was Jesus' response to Peter's answer? _____

John 4:24-26 _____

John 14:6 _____

Colossians 1:15 _____

Hebrews 1:1-3 _____

Read Philippians 2:5-11.

In the first part of verse 6, what is Jesus' true nature? _____

But what was Jesus' attitude as he was seeking to save us? _____

Just how human do you think Jesus became? _____

What was the end result of Jesus being both God and man? _____

Is God someone who merely watches us from a distance; or a God who loves us too much to stay away? See John 1:1, 14 _____

Write and Memorize: John 1:12 _____

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Week 1 Day 2

As important as it is to realize who Jesus is we also need to understand God's purpose in becoming fully human.

Why Did Jesus Come?

In these passages, what is the reason and purpose for Jesus coming?

Luke 4:16-19 _____

Luke 19:10 _____

1 Timothy 2:4-6 _____

John 10:10 _____

Put a check mark in front of the verse above that connects the most to you personally.

Most of us are familiar with John 3:16, read John 3:16-17. Contrast why Jesus came and also what He did not come to do? What stands out to you?

As we look further into why Jesus came, we have to look at the reality of sin. Sin is the result of not trusting in God's goodness and His plan for us. So we fall short of His intended purpose for our lives. This can range from being a serial killer or a serial gossip. The fact is whether we say it or do it or even think it, we all mess up and hurt others and ourselves.

Not only does sin affect our relationships with others and make us unhappy with who we are, but, most importantly, sin separates us from God, the One who loves us most. Sin is more than just wrong, it is missing the good, the best, that God has for us.

What do the following verses tell us about our situation?

Isaiah 59:2 _____

Romans 3:23 _____

How did Jesus deal with the problem of our sin and separation from God?

Romans 5:8-10 _____

1 Peter 3:18 _____

Isaiah 53:4-6 _____

Which of the three verses above means the most to you? _____

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Week 1 Day 3

We are beginning to understand who Jesus is and why He came, now we need to see that these are not merely historical truths but can have personal and powerful impact on our daily lives.

What did Jesus' death accomplish?

2 Corinthians 5:19, 21 _____

Romans 5:1-2 _____

What proof do we have for Jesus' resurrection?

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 _____

List several reasons why His resurrection is important.

1 Corinthians 15:13-20 _____

Every person who hears about Jesus must personally decide whether to respond positively in faith or negatively in unbelief. No one can remain neutral. Jesus gave His life for us and invites us into vital personal relationship with Himself. Look up John 3:16 and in place of "the world" and "whoever" put in your own name and repeat this thoughtfully several times, really let it sink in.

What are the key factors in the following verses that are part of the what a commitment to Christ is like?

Acts 3:19 _____

What does it mean to repent? _____

Romans 10:9-10 _____

What will be the result? John 1:12 _____

Do you dare to believe God can really make John 1:12 real in your life?

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Week 1 Day 4

It is not enough to just have intellectual faith that Jesus lived, died and even rose from the dead. We can all believe facts about someone without really coming to know them or entrusting our lives to them.

Realize that many confuse “Churchianity with “Christianity.” Churchianity is a religious culture we inherit from our parents and/or the church in which we grew up. Christianity is a personal relationship with God, which we receive as we respond to the truth about who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Christianity is more than a religion. It is a two-way relationship initiated by God and responded to by us.

Our response must be more than intellectual, more than emotional; it must be an act of personal will and commitment, which will affect the whole of our lives, both now and forever!

We have looked at who Jesus is and why He came, now is the time for...

Our Response

In order to respond to Jesus' invitation to become the Savior and Lord of our lives, there are certain things we need to understand. Study Ephesians 2:8-9.

What is God's part in our relationship with Him? _____

What is our responsibility? _____

Although Jesus died for the whole world, we must individually and personal respond to Him. As we enter into this relationship with Him we must turn from our old way of life (repent), trust Jesus Christ fully for our salvation (faith), and invite him into our lives. It is His Life in us that makes us a new person!

Rather than just agreeing with a set of teachings about Jesus Christ, it involves the total commitment of our lives to Him as Lord. The New Testament idea of belief is that of total reliance upon God in every area of our lives. He takes us where we are and as we allow Him, He builds a relationship with us that transforms our lives.

Asking Christ to come into our lives is only the beginning of our relationship with Him. So, there must a “walking” after the first step; a growth in that relationship if it is to become meaningful and satisfying. The remaining daily studies of Discipleship 101 will give us the opportunity to grow in our personal walk with Christ.

Prayerfully go back over today's material and underline things that you are confident are true and put a check mark next to those things you would like to understand better.

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Week 1 Day 5

The past week we have been looking at the truth about Jesus and the truth about ourselves. Truth always calls for a response. Jesus was real and person 2,000 years ago with those who spent time with Him. When He died and rose again, those same men and women spent the rest of their lives helping others to put their faith and trust in Him just like they did. Now it is our turn.

If you have put your trust in Him and given your life to Him (as He gave His life to us), now is a good time to be sure of your commitment. If you have not put your trust in Him yet, now is a really good time to respond to His love for you.

Here is a brief review of the basic ideas to understand in becoming a Christian:

- * Trust that Jesus died for your sins and was crucified to put you right with God. (Some have found it helpful to define "faith" as "positive response to God and His truth.")
- * Repent of your sin (admitting to God your sinfulness) and turn away from it.
- * Receive God's forgiveness for your sin and receive Jesus into your life as both Savior and Lord.
- * Confess openly that Jesus is the Lord (Absolute Leader) of your life.

If you have not yet responded personally to Jesus' invitation to open your life to Him, what factors are keeping you from doing so? _____

Read Revelation 3:20

If you have not yet opened the door of your life to Him, would you like to respond to His knocking right now?

Revelation 3:20 are the words of a Gentleman who has absolute honor. In other words, when Jesus gives His word that He will come into our lives and know us intimately (symbolized by the Middle-Eastern custom of sharing meals with only family and intimate friends), He will do what He has promised.

Receiving Jesus Christ is the beginning of a new relationship. God's desire is for us to grow in that relationship and to know Him better. In order to grow we must have the assurance and security that our relationship is real and lasting. His written Word

and His indwelling presence (without unnecessary dependence upon feelings or circumstances) provide us with that assurance and security.

Write from memory: John 1:12 _____

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Week 2 Day 1

Receiving Jesus Christ is the beginning of a new relationship. God's desire is for us to grow in that relationship and to know Him better.

List some things that you feel are essential for any growing relationship.

Now, underline the things that you feel should also be important in your relationship with God.

What was the major, driving force of Paul's life revealed in Philippians 3:8-10? (v. 10) _____

What kind of cost was he willing to pay in order to accomplish this? (v. 8) _____

In Philippians 3:12-14 how did Paul plan to accomplish his goal? _____

An important thing to remember is that it really is a relationship. We are not expected to live the Christian life on our own strength, with our own wisdom or limited to our own ability, the only person who can live the Christian life is Jesus! And it is His life in us that makes it possible to become a changed person. As we get closer to Him and get to know Him better we discover He really is making us into the kind of person He wants us to be.

What specific instructions are given in Colossians 2:6-7, which will enable us to get to know Him better?

Instructions

Explain in Your Own Words

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Write and Memorize: I John 1:9 _____

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Week 2 Day 2

Assurance of Our Salvation

Relationships are one of the greatest challenges of our lives. Sometimes we have trouble living with others (we even have trouble living with ourselves!). Our relationship with God will not be easy either. Even though a relationship with God is a free gift (because Jesus paid so much), it is still a relationship and that means it takes two to make it work (and that is where the joy is!).

Assurance that we have become Christians and belong to Him is based on mutual commitment, as are all healthy relationships. And God wants us to be confident of our relationship with Him. After all, He died to make this relationship possible! Always remember, His commitment to us is loving and certain.

However, assurance is also based on our response. If our commitment wavers or is compromised by any sin that we are holding back from confessing and turning away from, then our assurance is hurt and we lose the joy He wants us to have about our salvation relationship with Him. How do you think this can be restored?

Nothing will rob us of the assurance of God's presence in our lives faster than unconfessed sin. How does Jesus address this in I John 1:9? _____

What two things are promised to us in this verse? _____

Why do we need both? _____

Go back to I John and focus on verse 7. What do you think it means to walk in the light and He is in the light? _____

Stay in I John and read verses 11-12 in chapter 5, then verse 13. Put your finger there to hold the page and go to Revelation 3:20. As you read this verse, picture what it was like to have Jesus outside your life, knocking to come in. Did you invite Him in?

What did He promise if you opened the door to your life? Is He a person who keeps His word? Where is He now according to His word?

Now go back and soak in I John 5:11-13. What is it God wants you to be confident of? _____

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Week 2 Day 3

The Work of the Holy Spirit

Jesus Christ is uniquely present in the lives of believers through the Holy Spirit. As the Father is "God over us" and the Son is "God with us" (Emmanuel); the Holy Spirit is "God within us." The Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to know Christ personally.

According to Jesus' words in John 14:15-17, Who is the Holy Spirit, and where is He?

It may be helpful to think of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Jesus inside of you. Consider the difference that will make in the way you think, talk and look at others?

The Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. What do we learn about the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives from the following verses?

John 14:26 _____

John 15:26 _____

John 16:13-14 _____

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 _____

Romans 8:26 _____

Acts 1:8 _____

Ephesians 5:18 _____

To be filled with the Spirit is to allow Christ leadership of every aspect of our lives (Rom. 8:5-6). Being filled should be a continuing experience, evidenced both by inner qualities and visible results (Gal. 5:22-23), not necessarily by feelings or ecstatic experiences. If the Spirit of God is called "Holy," as He grows in our lives what will our lives increasingly become?

Which of the above truths about the Holy Spirit stands out for you today?

For every privilege there is a responsibility (response-ability). What is your reaction to I Corinthians 6:19-20? _____

Write out a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His Holy Spirit: _____

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Week 2 Day 4

Knowing Jesus Christ means you can trust Him completely even when you don't see much outward evidence of His activity. He is big enough to handle both our sins and our doubts. However, we must be sure to sincerely bring our sins, failures and doubts to Him. We make it difficult for Him to help us when we try to hide or ignore our shortcomings and needs.

Remember that He is even more ready to forgive and to hear our concerns than we are to give them to Him! So we may approach Him with absolute confidence, realizing His love for us and His desire for the very best in our lives!

We have seen that the driving force in a Christian's life is a growing personal relationship with Jesus and becoming more faithful in being like Him. Therefore, it becomes quite obvious that constant communication with Christ is a top priority. The Bible calls this communication, prayer.

It is important to realize prayer is a two-way communication. It is a time when we talk to God and also listen carefully to the ways He speaks to us. As we continue this week and the next, we will explore factors that produce a vital and fulfilling life of prayer.

The Prayer Life of Jesus

Prayer was a vital part of Jesus' life and ministry. Prayer was His constant interaction or way of communicating with His Father. What were the things that Christ prayed about in the following verses?

Passage

Focus of the Prayer

John 11:38-44 _____

Luke 22:39-42 _____

Luke 23:33-34 _____

Luke 23:46 _____

Jesus' longest prayer is recorded in John 17. In this crucial prayer experience He prayed earnestly for His disciples, who would be sharing His word throughout the world. **Read the whole chapter.**

Who was included in this prayer in verse 20? _____

What was Jesus' prayer for His disciples in John 17:25-26? _____

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Week 2 Day 5

When God really became human in Jesus, He prayed a lot. Jesus, the Son of God had to pray just like we need to. Read the following passages and write down what you observe about what is going on even before and after Jesus prays. In other words what was the situation and how did Jesus handle it?

Mark 1:35-38 _____

Luke 5:15-16 _____

Luke 6:12-13 _____

So, Jesus prayed a lot and did whatever it took to get alone to do it. If Jesus, the Son of God, felt it necessary to spend much time in prayer, how important should it be for us? _____

What things keep you from being faithful to God in your prayer life? _____

Realizing that Jesus is your supreme example, what truths can you take from today's study that challenge you? _____

What are some practical steps you can take to grow in your daily prayer life?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Spend some quality time praying for each member of your discipleship group by name and your group leader.

Write from memory I John 1:9 _____

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Week 3 Day 1

This week we continue to study prayer and put it into practice. Just as communication is the lifeblood of a relationship, prayer is what keeps you vitally connected with God.

Write and Memorize: Philippians 4:6-7 _____

As you reflect on the verse above that you are memorizing, why do you think God would inspire Paul to write this? What is one of God's priorities for us?

The Content of Prayer

There are several basic elements in prayer as there might be in any number of things happening in any conversation you have with someone else. Read the following verses and record the elements that appear to be the focus of the passage:

1. Psalm 150 _____
2. I Thessalonians 5:18 _____
3. I John 1:9 _____
4. Matthew 7:7-11 _____
5. I Samuel 12:23 _____
6. I Samuel 3:9 _____
7. Matthew 26:39 _____

Now think about a recent conversation you had with a friend or parent – even a phone call. Did you thank them for something? Did you ask them for something? Did you ask them to help someone else? Did you complement them on something they had done? These are all natural parts of conversations we have with people we love and

care about. They are natural as prayer and prayer is to be as natural as conversation. We need to simply remember Who we are talking with and that Jesus makes it possible. That is why we pray in His Name.

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Week 3 Day 2

Now, keep flipping back to yesterday to see at what you wrote about these seven elements and write your personal explanation or paraphrase of each one.

1. Praise _____
2. Thanksgiving _____
3. Confession _____
4. Asking _____
5. Intercession _____
(Intercession is prayer for someone else.)
6. Listening _____
7. God's Will _____

What area of prayer is your strongest? _____

What area of prayer do you need to improve? _____

Reflect

Take the opportunity now to put it all together in a prayer time with God. Begin by writing down a list of praises (the things that are praiseworthy about God). Add to your list the people, events, etc. For which you are thankful. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you if there is any unconfessed or unrepented sin in your life. Take time for God to speak. What are your other needs? Ask according to His will. Who needs you to pray for them? As you pray, use your imagination in realizing (not picturing) to Whom you are conversing!

Notes for my prayer today:

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Week 3 Day 3

When to Pray

What do the following passages teach about the “when” of prayer?

Luke 18:1 _____

1 Thessalonians 5:17 _____

Hebrews 4:16 _____

Look over the following list. Check the items, which you feel, would require considerable prayer prior to action.

Mark with an A = always, S = sometimes, and N = never.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Making a big decision | <input type="checkbox"/> Deciding on a job or career |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Going on a date | <input type="checkbox"/> Starting a relationship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joining a group | <input type="checkbox"/> Witnessing to someone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taking an exam | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending a worship service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Going to class | <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing to lead BibleStudy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling a friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchasing a car |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deciding whether a particular action is right or wrong | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Responding to someone who has hurt you | |

In thinking about these as items of prayer, place an * next to the areas you would like to work on during this study.

Why is it important for us to pray about these things? _____

What specific things should we pray for according to these passages?

Luke 11:11-13 _____

Luke 22:46 _____

James 1:5 _____

Application to Life

As we walk with Christ sharing our major and minor concerns with Him, we begin to experience His presence and power in an increasing and more significant way. Today as you go about your day, talk with Him about everything. Pray before each class. Ask the Lord to help your professor teach, to help you listen and take good notes and to help you learn both what you need for the test and for life.

Your deliberate consciousness of His presence will change your day! It will change the way you see people, react to situations, pay attention in class, etc.!

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Week 3 Day 4

Conditions for Effective Prayer

In the following verses, what are some of the attitudes God is looking for in a person who really wants to connect with Him:

Matthew 6:14-15 _____

John 15:7 _____

James 1:5-6 _____

James 4:3 _____

James 5:16

Psalm 66:18 _____

In light of the above verses, what attitudes do you need to develop in order to have a more effective prayer life? _____

How do you plan on working on these attitudes? _____

Look carefully over Philippians 4:6-7. Study this verse again and then record your insights regarding the why, how, and outcome of prayer.

What does God not want in our lives? _____

How can that happen? _____

What will be the result? _____

Reflect

As you look back over what you have learned today about prayer, is there anything you need to change in the way you think and pray about things? What are they?

Yesterday we looked at the conditions for effective prayer. It really boils down to the kind of open and trusting relationship we want to have with God. Prayer helps us partner with God to see His will being done on earth. Here is a simple pattern based on the acronym (PARTner) to help us get into prayer.

Praise - Thanking God for who He is and how great He is.

Agree – Agreeing with God about the things that He is convicting us of (both sin and truth).

Request - Bringing the concerns of others (intercession) and ourselves to God.

Thanksgiving - Thanking God for all He has done and is going to do.

We have seen that prayer is a constant part of each day and that it involves every aspect of our lives. There should be a special time each day set aside for prayer. Many students call this a personal Quiet Time. A Quiet Time can take many forms, but certain basic principles are helpful.

1. Set aside a specific time. Look up Mark 1:35
2. Find a special place that is quiet and as free from distractions as possible.
3. Pray for clarity and direction from the Holy Spirit. Know that your mind may do a lot of wandering. Everyone struggles with this. You just have to keep bringing your mind back to God and His agenda for your time together!
4. Include devotional reading of Scripture.
5. Pray specifically using the **PARTner** acronym. Try writing out your prayers and see how God can grow your prayer life into a vital companionship and partnership with Him!

My best time: _____ My best place: _____

Write from memory: Philippians 4:6-7

The Bible is the written record of God's message to us. As we communicate with God in prayer, we hear Him communicating to us through His Word. The Bible has been given to us in order that we can know God and carry out His will for our lives.

The Bible contains sixty-six books, which were written by forty some authors over a period of more than fifteen hundred years. The Old Testament, containing thirty-nine books, was written primarily in the Hebrew language. It records the creation of the world, the creation of man, man's fall, and God's plan of redemption, which was to be brought about, and introduced through the Hebrew nation, Israel.

The New Testament, containing twenty-seven books, was written primarily in the Greek language. It records the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, and the spread of His message during the first century.

English translations are based on thousands of Hebrew and Greek manuscripts and give an accurate and authoritative account of God's word to us.

Authority and Inspiration

Study 2 Timothy 3:15-17. What is Scripture meant to accomplish in a person's life (v. 15)? _____

The term "inspiration" means "God-breathed out," referring to its point of origin. Scripture did not originate in the mind of a person, but rather in the mind of God who gave it to the minds of writers to express in their own personal style.

In what four ways are the Scriptures useful (v. 16)?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Reflect:

How has God used Scripture to teach, reproof, correct and train you?

What will result when the Scriptures are applied to life (v. 17)?

How can the length of a person's life be compared to that of the Word of God in I Peter 1:24-25? _____

Write and Memorize: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 _____

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Week 4 Day 2

One of the impressive evidences of the inspiration of the Bible is the great number of Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in the New Testament. Note the prophecy in the left column and the fulfillment in the right column. Study these verses and write out the essence and fulfillment of the prophecy in the center column.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

CONTENT

NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Micah 5:2

Matthew 2:3-8

Isaiah 7:14

Matthew 1:22-23

Psalms 34:20

John 19:33-36

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Matthew 27:29-54

On many occasions, Jesus relied on the Scriptures as His reference for action. Study these verses and write a description of the situation in the center column.

OLD TESTAMENT

SITUATION

NEW TESTAMENT

Deut. 8:3

Matt. 4:3-4

Deut. 6:16

Matt. 4:5-7

Deut. 6:13

Matt. 4:8-10

1 Sam. 21:1-6

Matt. 12:1-4

Deut. 6:5

Matt. 22:34-40

Lev. 19:18

It is clear that Jesus considered the Old Testament to be authoritative. He provided for the writing of what we now call the New Testament. In John 14:26, He promises He will remind the disciples of what He taught them (e.g. the Gospels); in John 16:13, He promises the Spirit to lead them into the truth (e.g. the Letters).

Reflect:

Which one of the above passages stands out the most to you? _____

The Purposes of the Word of God

We have already examined 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and have seen how the Scriptures can be profitable in our lives.

What was John’s purpose in writing his gospel? John 20:31 _____

What was Luke’s purpose in writing his gospel? Luke 1:1-4 _____

What benefits come to those who respond to God’s Word?

Psalm 19:7-8 _____

Psalm 119:24 _____

Psalm 119:105 _____

Psalm 119:165 _____

What does the Word of God accomplish according to Hebrews 4:12? _____

Reflect:

What is the most meaningful Scripture for you in today’s study? _____

Reword that verse into a prayer of response to God. _____

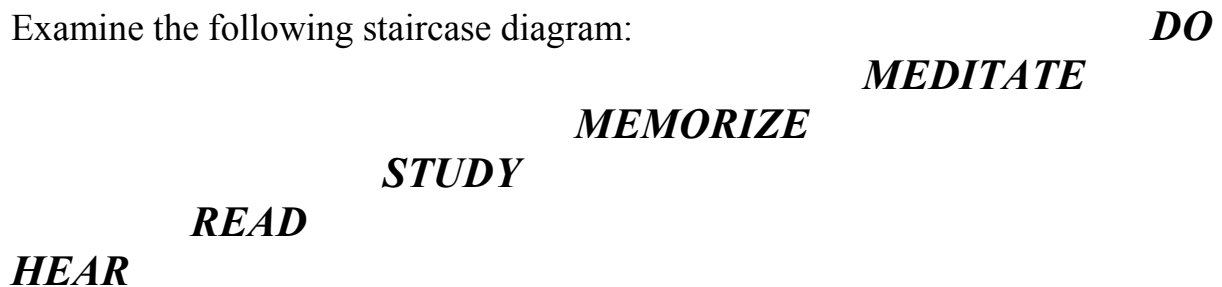
Responding to the Word of God

There are many ways to learn. For example, you may be registered in Psychology 110. In the classroom, you hear the professor deliver a lecture. You read assignments that are given. You study your notes and memorize important facts. If you are a thoughtful student (as opposed to a zombie that goes from class to class!), you will spend some time thinking over what you have learned, and you will apply the relevant parts to your life. As serious disciples of Jesus Christ, the same six principles apply to our response to the Word of God.

Study the following verses and record your observations as they relate to the idea of responding to God’s Word.

- 1. Romans 10:17 _____
- 2. Luke 4:16 _____
- 3. 2 Timothy 2:15 _____
- 4. Psalm 119:11 _____
- 5. Psalm 119:148 _____
- 6. James 1:22 _____

Examine the following staircase diagram:



- 1. Which level requires the least effort? _____
- 2. Which level requires the most effort? _____
- 3. Why do you suppose so many Christians never get past level 2? _____
- 4. What is the difference between “read” and “study?” _____
- 5. How has it been profitable for you to memorize Scripture? _____
- 6. Explain James 1:22-25 and the distinction he is making between step 1 and 6.

Application to Life

Determine and write down your realistic and personal plans for growing in God's Word at each of these six levels.

- 1. HEARING _____

- 2. READING _____

- 3. STUDYING _____

- 4. MEMORIZING _____

- 5. MEDITATING _____

- 6. DOING _____

In determining a reading plan, you may decide to read through the Bible in its entirety during the next twelve or eighteen months (three to five chapters per day). Or you may decide in your study plan to select one shorter book in the New Testament such as Ephesians or 1 John. Study brief sections very thoroughly, asking and writing responses to the following questions:

- 1. What is the main thought of the passage?
- 2. What is the key verse?
- 3. What does this passage teach about God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit?
- 4. How can I apply it to my life?
- 5. What decisions should I make?
- 6. What actions should I take?
- 7. Where do I need to be more faithful?

Apply the above 7 questions to I John 2:1-6 _____

Write from memory: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 _____

Write and Memorize: Hebrews 10:24-25 _____

This verse in Hebrews speaks to the importance of Christians meeting together. The early Christians lived out the beginnings of the Church we know today. There were no rules to provide an outline of the way to do church, the Holy Spirit and the early church leaders like Peter and Paul led them. Each day this week, we will look at one of five ways the Church today provides for its community of faith.

Fellowship

From the following verse, what were some of the things that were going on in the early church? Acts 2:42-47 _____

What do you think were the attitudes and feelings of the people in the church?

Why do you think they felt that way? _____

Fellowship is defined as a community of interest, activity, feelings or experience. As the early church began, they realized the importance of caring for one another and supporting each other. They also realized the need for each individual’s unique gifts and talents in the church.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. Note each of the following descriptions of the human body and write what you think are the implications for the body of Christ.

Implications for the body of Christ

v. 14 One body, many parts _____

v. 15-16 Foot, hand, ear _____

v. 17 Each part needed _____

v. 21 Interdependence _____

v. 22 Indispensable (weaker) parts _____

v. 25 Unity _____

v. 26 Effects of an injured part _____

Reflect and Pray

Today, ask God to show you how you can be used to help build up a community of faith. Agree with God to get involved in a local church where the people can encourage you and help you grow in your relationship with God.

DISCIPLESHIP 101

Week 5 Day 2

Evangelism What do you think of when you hear the word "Evangelism"? What ideas come to mind? Do you think of a friend who takes the time to sit a talk to someone about his or her life? Someone once said that evangelism is sharing of good news. The Church is called to share with people, the good news about God offered in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Read Acts 1:8 Where were the disciples told to be witnesses? _____

Jerusalem was a city in Judea and Samaria was an adjacent country. What would be the corresponding places in your life and world? _____

Read Acts 20:22-24, What were some of the hardships facing Paul? What was the task which God had given him? _____

Read Acts 26:22-23, What does Paul mean by "small and great alike"? Who are the great and small today? _____

What might be some things in your life that keep you from telling others what Jesus is doing in your life? _____

What can you do to overcome these things? _____

Read Matthew 28:18-20. This is referred to as "The Great Commission." The Church has considered this to be a directive from Christ to all Christians and to the Church. What tasks are given to the Church? _____

What promise is given? _____

God will never leave us helpless. God helps us with each task He gives us.

What are some ways you can share your relationship with Christ to those you see everyday? _____

Reflect

As you have your prayer time today, ask God to show you people who pass through your day, which you can share with about your life with Christ. Remember that witnessing begins with loving the people the way Jesus did. Loving them enough to hear their hurts and stress. Then helping them see how Jesus has helped you with your hurts and stress.

Teaching and Study

Teaching God's Word has always been important in the life of the Church. How are Christians to learn about God, relate to God and others, if the Church does not teach and encourage the study of God's Word? A main function of the Church is to teach and educate believers. This is demonstrated most often in programs like Sunday School and small group Bible studies.

The disciples traveled and preached in towns and cities. This often got them in trouble with the Jewish leaders of that town. Read the following verses and describe why you think the Jewish leaders were upset.

Acts 4:1-2 _____

Acts 5:41-42 _____

Why do you think the disciples continued to do something that got them in trouble with the Jewish leaders? _____

What does Paul tell the believers to do in Colossians 3:15-16? _____

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2. Who is Timothy instructed to teach and why? _____

Studying God's word is important for our own relationship with God. When we are open and hungry to learn more about God, it means we have a teachable spirit. Being teachable is a key quality in the life of a disciple. We limit or enable God by either being resistant to change or open to whatever He wants to teach us.

Rewrite Psalm 25:4-5 in your words as a prayer to God _____

What are some areas in your Christian life in which you would like to grow? _____

What do you think the Church can do to improve the way it teaches others about the Christian life? _____

What are some ways you could help your local church? _____

Ministry

What are some charitable organizations of which you are aware? _____

Why do you think they do acts of kindness? _____

In Acts 4:34-35, what evidence do you see that the early church took care of the physical needs as well as the spiritual needs of its members? _____

What are we told to do in the following verses?

Philippians 4:9 _____

Galatians 6:2 _____

Galatians 6:9-10 _____

In light of Ephesians 2:8-9, what is and is not our motivation as Christians to do good for others? _____

Read Matthew 25:31-46. What acts of kindness did the righteous (followers of God) do that the others did not do? _____

What does that say to you about the way Christians should treat others who they encounter along their way each day? _____

In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus speaks to the attitude of those who do good. What do you think he meant by, "announcing good works with the trumpets?" _____

What do you think he meant by the phrase, "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing?" _____

Who are the needy in the world today? _____

Reflect

One of the tasks of the Church is to minister to others. In your prayer time, ask God show you ways to minister through your church, on campus or in the community. What are the opportunities you have to meet the needs of people around you?

Worship

Read the following verses and list what was important to the writers of these Psalms as they reflected on worship.

Psalm 29:2 _____

Psalm 95:1-7 _____

Psalm 96:1-2 _____

Psalm 96:9 _____

What are some of the qualities God has that you are most grateful for? _____

What are the things in your life for which you are truly thankful? _____

Have you really made a quality effort to communicate your gratitude to Him?

Psalm 96 starts by saying, "Sing to the Lord a new song." What are some songs that you like to sing to the Lord? _____

Psalm 96 also says to proclaim his salvation day after day. Why does genuine worship involve telling others of the good news about God's love for us?

Psalm 95:6 talks about kneeling and bowing before God. What body language do you convey when you worship? _____

Worship is not just doing a list of things by yourself or with other believers, but worship is an attitude of the heart directed toward God. Write a prayer expressing to God your worship. _____

Write from memory: Hebrews 10:24-25 _____

Building relationships which honor God involves a commitment on our part to put others first and to help meet their needs. As we express love to others, we encourage them to become more like Jesus Christ. By this, the world learns we are His disciples. Many attributes are important in building relationships that last. As you begin this week it is very important for you to go to Day 5 of this week and already begin work on the "Application to Life" assignment.

Key Ingredients in Building Relationships

Read Galatians 5:22-23. List the nine "fruits of the Spirit" and indicate how each are needed for building God honoring relationships.

_____	*	_____	_____
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Reflect

Now, on the small blank line to the left of each * rank these attributes 1 – 9 (1 being your strongest and 9 being your weakest). How can you partner with the Holy Spirit to begin to strengthen your weakest area today? _____

This week? _____

This month? _____

Write and Memorize: John 13:34-35 _____

Important: Note upcoming assignments on Day 5 (under "Application")

Love

Love is the one indispensable quality of any relationship. Paul suggested in Colossians 3:15 that love binds all things together in perfect harmony. In loving, we are giving to others the way God has given himself to us.

Read 1 John 4:7-12.

Who is the source of love? (7-8) _____

Who takes the initiative in our relationship with God? (9-10) _____

How does He do this? _____

How should this fact affect our relationships with others? (11-12) _____

List the characteristics of love you observe in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. _____

Which of these characteristics cause you the most difficulty? _____

How would you apply 1 Corinthians 13 to dating relationships? _____

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 again, substituting your name for the word "love" ("charity" in the King James Version). Are the statements still true?

What are the five ways Jesus showed love in Matthew 20:29-34? _____

How did His response to the men differ from the response of the crowd? _____

Read John 15:12-15. What is the greatest test of love? _____

Application to Life

In John 13:34-35 Jesus is essentially telling non-Christians how to recognize a true Christian when they see one. How? _____

Dealing with Conflict in Relationships

In almost any relationship there is possibility of conflict emerging. It is important that we learn Biblical principles for dealing with conflict.

What are the things that hurt relationships?

Proverbs 16:27-28

Ephesians 4:31-32

What did Paul pray for in Romans 15:1-7? _____

Why should you always take the initiative in maintaining good relationships?
(I John 4:11-12) _____

The following passages of Scripture give guidelines for dealing with conflict in relationships. List the truths you discover.

Matthew 5:23-24 _____

Matthew 6:14-15 _____

Matthew 18:21-35 _____

Matthew 18:15-17 _____

Galatians 6:1 _____

Hebrews 12:14-15 _____

Reflect

We have examined some Biblical concepts that are needed in building God honoring relationships. Are there other concepts and scripture references you would add to the list?

What is the meaning of each of the following:
Availability, Transparency, Vulnerability, Acceptance, Teachableness, Loyalty, Honesty?

Write and Memorize: Acts 1:8 _____

If we are truly learning to love other people we will want what is best for them. Since Jesus is the way to God and the giver of abundant life (John 10: 10), sharing Him with another person is definitely seeking their best. If sharing (witnessing) about Christ is to be valid and effective, it must come from a continual overflow of Jesus' life in us daily. Our lives as believers are always witnesses, either for or against Christ. Therefore, it is important that we learn to recognize and use wisely our opportunities to share Christ.

Read John 1:40-42. After Andrew became a follower of Christ, what was the first thing he did? _____

According to these Scriptures, what are some valid reasons and motivations, for sharing Christ with others?

Matthew 28:19-20 _____

1 John 4:10-11 _____

Romans 10:14-15 _____

How can we become empowered to witness? (2 Corinthians 3:5) _____

Why is preparation for witnessing necessary? (1 Peter 3:15) _____

Application to Life

List the qualities that will increase your effectiveness in presenting Christ. What would these qualities look like in your life?

Acts 4:31 _____

2 Corinthians 2:17 _____

2 Timothy 2:19-26 _____

DISCIPLESHIP 101

Week 6 Day 5

What It Is We Share

In I Thessalonians 2:8, Paul reminds the believers he shared two things with them: first, the good news from God, and second, his own life.

We, too, share the good news. (See Colossians 4:2-6 and I Peter 3:15.)
Discover the main points of the gospel, which appear in the following verses:

John 3:16 _____

Romans 6:23 _____

Romans 5:8 _____

John 1:12 _____

We also share our lives and testimonies. The personal testimony is a powerful witness. Simply share what Christ has done. The New Testament believers had a burning desire to share what had happened to them. (Acts 4:18-20; Mark 5:18-20; John 4:28-30, 39-42)

Paul began to share his testimony immediately after he received Christ (Acts 9:20). Later in life he shared his testimony before a very hostile group. Read Acts 22:1-21. Note the four main parts in his testimony:

1. *My life before knowing Christ (or before He became real to me) (v. 1-5)*
2. *How I became aware of my need for a personal relationship with God (v.6-11)*
3. *How I invited Christ into my life (v.12-16)*
4. *My life after receiving Christ (v.17-21)*

Application to Life (this is where we really become disciples)

***Now, write your own testimony on a sheet of notebook paper following the four-point outline above. Be prepared to share this with your discipleship group and to give a copy to the group leader.**

***This week, write down each opportunity that you have to verbally share Christ and what will be your response to each opportunity.**

***Think of two of your non-Christian friends and begin to pray for opportunities to share Christ with them.**

Write from memory: John 13:34-35, Acts 1:8 _____

After we become Christians, many things change for us. One thing common to all of us is that we will have problems. We are not freed from problems simply because we become Christians.

However, Jesus has promised us His presence and power right in the middle of our problems and difficulties. Knowing this fact gives us a perspective to see that God is working out His purposes in us even in the wear and tear of life. He also promises us ultimate joy and victory as we keep our hopes fixed on Him.

God's Perspective on Growth

Isaiah 55:8-9 shows us things from the divine perspective. Summarize the meaning of these verses. _____

How should this perspective change the way we process life?

In what way are difficulties a catalyst for growth? (1 Pet. 1:6-7) _____

How does Paul describe God's perspective on growth as seen in Phil. 3:13-14?

Read 2 Corinthians 11:21-28 and note the difficulties Paul experienced. Now read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. What was Paul's response to his weaknesses and difficulties? _____

Write and Memorize: 1 Corinthians 10:13 _____

God's Purpose for Difficulties

What is God's purpose and will for us as seen in Romans 8:29? _____

How can we be sure that God has not forsaken us when we experience difficulties?

Is it better to have visible success or an invisible promise from God? _____

Why would experiencing difficulties be necessary in becoming like Jesus Christ?

What do the following verses indicate as possible purposes for difficulties?
Romans 5:3-5 _____

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 _____

Hebrews 12:5-11 _____

James 1:2-4 _____

Our Attitude toward Difficulties

Reflect on Hebrews 5:8-9. What do you think Jesus' attitude was toward the difficulties He faced? How did the Father use that in the Son's life?

What do you learn from 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 about how you should respond to difficulties? _____

How does knowing Romans 8:28 help you carry out 1 Thessalonians 5:18?

What are the conditions for the promise of Romans 8:28? _____

Dealing with Temptation

Temptation is Satan's attempt to get us off track from following Jesus Christ and rob us of the joy of being close to God. Sin begins by looking away from God and trying to live independently from Him.

What do the following verses teach about the source of temptations?

Ephesians 6:11-12 _____

James 1:13-15 _____

1 Peter 5:8 _____

1 John 2:15-16 _____

What factor makes resisting temptation easier? Read Hebrews 2:9-10, 17-18; 4:14-16. _____

What have we been promised when we are faced with temptation (in addition to our memory verse for the week)?

1 Peter 5:8-10 _____

1 John 4:4 _____

What should we do if we give into temptation? 1 John 1:9 _____

To confess means to name the sin to God and agree with Him about it. What two things does God promise to do for us in 1 John 1:9? _____

What other responsibilities are ours with regard to avoiding temptations?

Matthew 26:41 _____

Romans 13:14 _____

1 Corinthians 15:33 _____

1 Corinthians 16:13 _____

2 Timothy 2:22 _____

Application to Life

What would change in your life if you began to act on these verses?

Write and Memorize: Revelation 3:20 _____

Application to Life

Write from memory: 1 Corinthians 10:13 _____

Now that you have been involved in a prayer time for several weeks, have you noted anything hindering your prayer life? If so, write it down. What steps do you need to take to remove the hindrances? (Turn back to Week 2 Day 4 and restudy the section on "Conditions for Effective Prayer.") _____

Consider the most difficult temptation you have to deal with. How would you apply this study to it? (Hint: try focusing on the opposite, i.e. the character God wants to build into your life that is the opposite of the temptation). _____

Reflect

After reviewing some of God's purposes for difficulties (Day 2), what do you think He wanted to accomplish in your life through your most recent difficult situation?

Application to Life

Talk with at least one person who is experiencing a growing and mature walk with Christ. Ask them to share some things that have been helpful. Write their response: _____

Write from Memory: 1 Corinthians 10:13 and Revelation 3:20 _____

DISCIPLESHIP 101

Week 8 Day 1

Write and Memorize: Proverbs 3:5-6 _____

God has a very definite purpose for our lives and for the entire world. He has something in mind that He desires to accomplish. This is called “the will of God.” The heart of the Lord’s Prayer was that God’s will might be done. The questions are: “What is the will of God?” and “What does God want done on earth?”

First, we need to understand what God’s overall purpose is: the broad sweep of His will, the universal will of God for all persons. Then, we can look at more specific aspects of His will, things that relate to each of us as individuals.

The Universal Will of God

From your translation of the Bible, write out Jesus’ prayer related to the will of God in Matthew 6:10.

Looking at the entire New Testament, we get a clear picture of this overall, universal purpose of God. What is the universal will of God in the following passages?

Ephesians 1:5 _____

Ephesians 1:11-12 _____

1 Timothy 2:3-4 _____

2 Peter 3:9 _____

The concept of the will of God may be translated “purpose,” “plan,” “wish,” or “desire.” On the basis of these Scriptures, summarize in one sentence what you perceive to be the universal will of God. _____

Reflect

What is one way you were used by God this past week to allow His will to be done “on earth as it is in heaven?” _____

The Will of God for the Individual

Once we understand what the universal will of God is, namely, to bring the world back to Himself through Jesus Christ, then we are ready to discover His particular will for us as individuals. The universal will of God deals with the “what,” the particular deals with the “how, when, where, and whom.”

The particular will of God relates to **how** we are to be involved in doing the will of God. It relates to career choice, marriage, using our careers to conduct a ministry to others, and the many details of daily life.

In Hebrews 10:36, we are given both a prerequisite and a promise related to the will of God.

Prerequisite _____

Promise _____

Study Romans 12:2.

What further suggestions are given to help us know God’s will?

What three adjectives does Paul use to describe the will of God?

Read Philippians 2:5. Note that Christians are to think as Christ thinks, allowing His thinking to permeate and influence our thinking.

Why is it important that the mind be involved in the process of knowing the will of God? _____

What danger is involved if we use **only** the human mind in making decisions? (Col. 2:8) _____

So, what is the viewpoint that we are to have? (Col. 2:7-10) _____

Reflect

What is the danger of looking for God’s will without looking for God? Which do we want more, Him or His will?

Decision Making and the Will of God

Making decisions about particulars of God’s will for us are not always easy, but God gives us plenty of help. We need to remind ourselves that He is more willing to show us His will than we are ready to receive it! God gives us the freedom of being ourselves as we carry out His will to bring the world back to Himself. He wants us to participate with Him in the process of discovering His will.

Determine some **Biblical principles** for decision-making from the following passages.

- Psalm 32:8 _____
- Psalm 119:105 _____
- Proverbs 3:5-6 _____
- _____
- Proverbs 19:20 _____
- Philippians 4:6-7 _____
- James 1:5-6 _____

Most of the teachings in the New Testament deal clearly with God’s specific will for our lives. Note these two examples and God’s will in each:

- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 _____
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 _____

Add to the list below some areas of your life which relate directly to the particular will of God for your life.

- 1. Marriage
- 2. Career
- 3. Use of Money
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

God may work in many different ways to reveal His will. What are some of these ways as revealed in the following Scriptures? Also, make a note of the situation and people involved.

- 1 Kings 19:9-13 _____
- _____
- Acts 16:7-10 _____
- _____
- Acts 21:10-12 _____
- _____

Reality Check

Why might it be difficult for us to always do the will of God? (Gal. 5:17)

How can we overcome the desires of the flesh? (Gal. 5:25) _____

Deciding About Questionable Issues

Not all contemporary issues can be settled by finding a Scripture with a specific answer. This has always been true about Scripture. However, there are many principles in Scripture that will give insight for making decisions about each issue. The answer will come to us as we allow the Holy Spirit the freedom to open our eyes and apply the principles of Scripture to our particular situation.

How can the following Scriptures help in making decisions about questionable issues?

Romans 14:13 _____

Romans 14:19 _____

Romans 14:20-21 _____

1 Corinthians 10:31 _____

1 Corinthians 6:12 _____

Several questions may be helpful in dealing with questionable issues:

1. Will it glorify God?
2. Will it build up my life in Christ?
3. Will it honor the Word of God?
4. Will it cause anyone to stumble?
5. Will it help me to be a better witness for Christ?

If the answer is “no” to any of the above, is it worth doing? What will be the result if you pursue self-interest? _____

Reflect

The more of God’s Word we incorporate into our lives and the closer we walk with Christ, the more discerning we will be concerning the unclear and gray areas. How does Heb. 5:12-14 relate to these situations? _____

Application to Life

Write from memory: Proverbs 3:5-6 _____

Since the heart of God’s will is to bring people back to himself through Jesus Christ, determine how you can begin carrying it out through the following:

1. Your future career/job _____

2. Your marriage/ family _____

3. Your current relationships _____

Think of at least one important decision you must make in the near future.

1. When must it be made? This week ___ within a few weeks ___ within a year ___

2. What is the decision? _____

Reflect

In what specific ways can this study help you in making this decision?

Are there still “gray” areas of your life about which you need to decide? If so, have you put it to the test of the 5 Questions introduced on Day 4?

Write from Memory: Proverbs 3:5-6 _____

DISCIPLESHIP 101

Week 9 Day 1

Jesus as Lord

Since Jesus Christ is God and has total authority over all things (Col. 1:16-17), it should follow that He be Lord in all areas of our lives. Many Christians try to be their own bosses, thus denying His Lordship in many areas of their lives. Christ desires to be Lord of all, but He will never force us to be obedient to Him. He is both Best Boss and Best Friend. What He asks us to do; He will enable us to do. And, He will be with us as we are faithfully obeying Him!

Maturing disciples allow Christ to be Lord of every area of life: thoughts, actions, decisions and relationships.

Christ's Claim to Lordship

How did Jesus respond to His disciples calling Him Lord? (John 13:13) _____

What is the significance of Jesus' response to this? _____

What gave Him the authority to claim lordship? (Ro. 14:9) _____

How do we know He has universal lordship? (Phil. 2:9-11) _____

Continuing Under His Lordship

Submitting to Christ's lordship is a daily, ongoing involvement. We can never arrive at a point where we no longer need to grow.

Study the following passages carefully and list some growth essentials we must continually apply if Christ is to remain Lord of our lives:

Hebrews 12:1-2 _____

Colossians 1:9-12 _____

Romans 12:1-2 _____

DISCIPLESHIP 101

Week 9 Day 2

Lordship and Discipleship

Jesus called individuals to be His disciples and submit to His Lordship. According to the following Scriptures what characteristics is He looking for in a maturing disciple?

Luke 6:40 _____

Luke 14:27 _____

Luke 14:33 _____

John 8:31 _____

John 15:8 _____

John 13:34-35 _____

Matthew 28:18-20 _____

Reflect

Which one of the above characteristics seems to give you the most difficulty at this time? Why? _____

How can you be on your way to building this characteristic into your life? _____

Write and Memorize: Luke 9:23

The Cost of Discipleship

Review Luke 14:27-33.

What is the cost of discipleship? _____

Why should a person count the cost before becoming a disciple? _____

Compare Luke 14:27 with Luke 9:23.

What is the three-part challenge given in Luke 9:23?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Explain each part as it relates to your life.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Reflect

Why is it so important to allow Jesus to be Lord each day? _____

Note: Tomorrow's Quiet Time will involve looking up a number of verses and a certain amount of reflection. If you have extra time today, you may want to get an early start!

DISCIPLESHIP 101

Week 9 Day 4

The Scope of Lordship:

Christ desires to be Lord of every aspect of our lives. Study the following passages and indicate the implications of his lordship in your life. (I know there are a lot of verses to look up in this section, but make an effort to reflect on each and what the Lord might be saying to you. If you need to, you can do the last 4 verses tomorrow.)

Reputation--Matthew 5:16 _____

Finances--Matthew 6:19-21 _____

Education--Luke 2:52 _____

Relationships--Matthew 7:12 _____

Use of time--Ephesians 5:15-16 _____

Priorities--Matthew 6:33 _____

Future plans--Jeremiah 29:11 _____

Attitudes--Philippians 4:8 _____

Work/career--Colossians 3:23-24 _____

Sexuality--1 Corinthians 6:18-20 _____

Conversation--Ephesians 4:29 _____

Servanthood--Matthew 25:35-40 _____

Giving--2 Corinthians 9:6-15 _____

Which of the implications seems to require the most attention from you at this time? _____

What specific actions can you take to allow Jesus to be Lord of this aspect of your life? _____

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Week 9 Day 5

Be sure and finish any study that might have been left over from yesterday!

Write from memory: Luke 9:23 _____

Application to Life

Since one of the chief characteristics of discipleship is the carrying out of the "Great Commission" (Matt. 28:19-20), how can you be personally involved in doing this? _____

As you understand it, what does it mean to "make disciples"? _____

As you reflect on the experience of going through Discipleship 101, what changes or decisions have taken place in you life-style since beginning this study?

Reality Check!

Review the life-style areas listed under "The Scope of Lordship" in this chapter. Evaluate how you are allowing Christ to be Lord by asking yourself the following questions about each area:

1. Am I willing to let God do whatever He desires in this area?

2. Am I willing to thank God for whatever happens in this area?

Who is Jesus and How Can I Know Him?

Growing

How to Talk with God

How to Hear and Understand His Word

Connecting with His Body

Building Relationships That Last

Growing and Dealing with Whatever

Discovering and Affirming God's Best
for You

Following Jesus as Lord

Prayer List

Memory Verse Quiz

John 1:12 _____

Philippians 4:6-7 _____

2 Timothy 3:16-17 _____

Hebrews 10:24-25 _____

John 13:34-35 _____

1 Corinthians 10:13 _____

Proverbs 3:5-6 _____

Luke 9:23 _____

SAMPLE LETTER

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Dear Student,

We are glad you are interested in becoming a disciple. At the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, just before He ascended into heaven, the last thing He told His followers was to: "Go and make disciples..." A disciple is someone who wants to deliberately follow Jesus and discover the intimacy of His Lordship in his or her life.

This close relationship with God will become a reality as we spend time with Him, adopt spiritual disciplines, and become committed to a small group of others who share this same vision. Jesus set a great example of this when He formed a small group of twelve and spent most of His time with them. We hope to allow Him to disciple us in the same way.

Being in a Discipleship Group involves commitment to:

1. Have a Personal Quiet Time with God five days a week using the Discipleship 101 material. This requires a time commitment of at least 30 minutes per day.
2. Weekly meetings with your Discipleship Group for at least 1 1/2 hours.
3. The cost of these materials for the first semester is \$10.00.

Students who have been faithful to these daily and weekly commitments have formed lasting friendships and deepened their relationship with God. If you would like to be a member of a Discipleship Group, we invite you to fill out the enclosed card and return it to the box marked ***Discipleship 101*** outside of Gene's office. Please do this by Friday, January 24th.

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