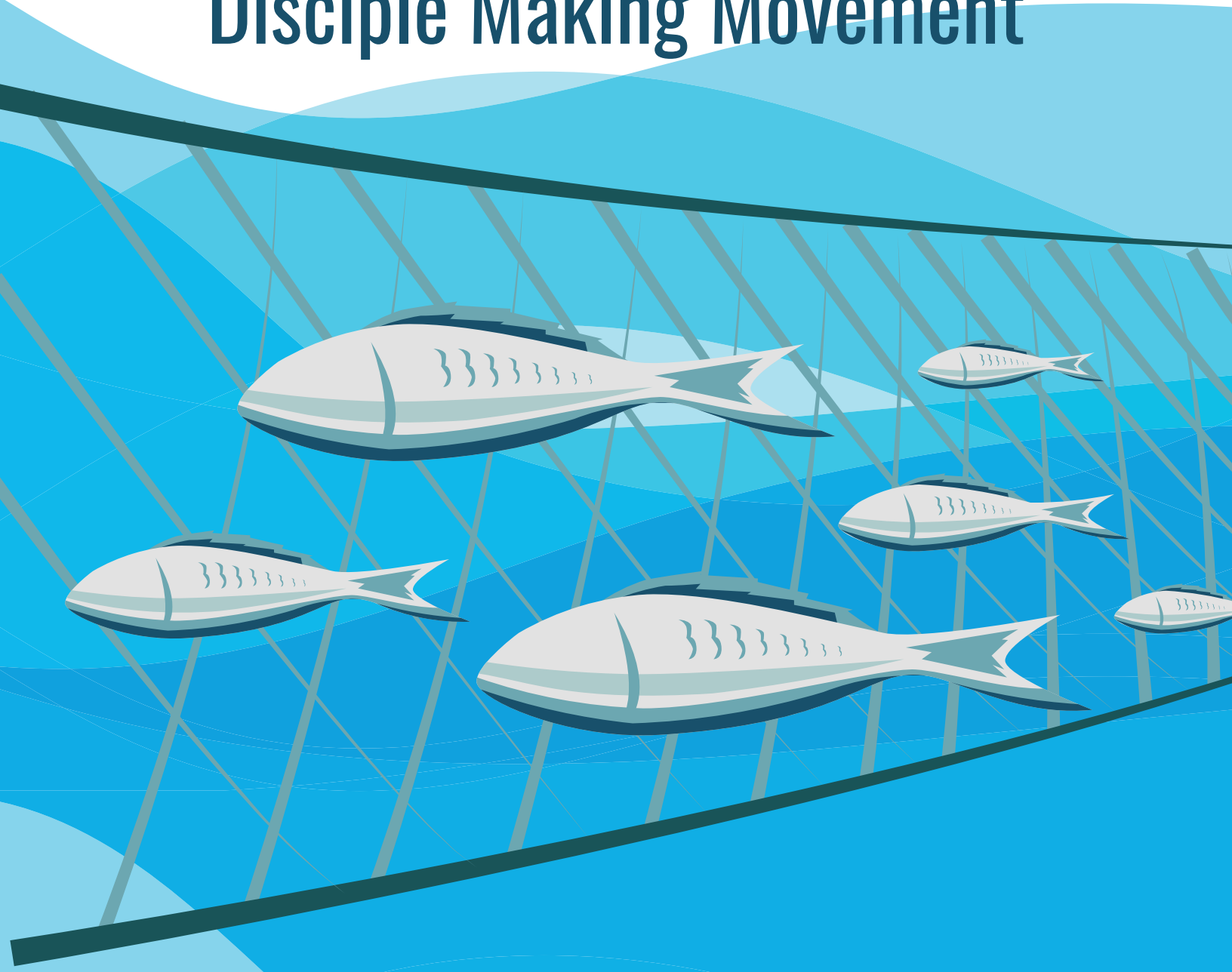


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Disciple Making Movement



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Discipleship Training

Goals

See the New Testament in a New Light

The Bereans Search the Scriptures

Acts 17:11

“The people here were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, since they welcomed the message with eagerness and examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.”

Commit to Faithful Men Able to Teach Others

Be Strong in Grace

2 Timothy 2:2

“And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witness, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

Complete the “Great Commission”

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20

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

Obtain Knowledge of the Scripture

God’s Case against Israel

Hosea 4:6

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge I will reject you from serving as My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your sons.”

The Filter

When someone introduces something new or a tradition to you or in a group ask the question; Where do you see that practiced among the Disciples in the New Testament?

The Importance of Obedience

	Obedience	Disobedience
Matthew 7:24-27		
John 14:23-24		
James 1:22-25		
1 John 2:3-5		

How many commands does Jesus give in the New Testament? _____

How many commands are given both by Jesus and the Disciples? _____

Notes: **Commands in the New Testament**

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Discipleship

The Command: Disciple the Nations

The Instructions

Matthew 28:18-20

“Then Jesus came near and said to them, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

Where to Start?

Luke 24:47

“and repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

Who to Baptize?

Mark 16:15-16

“Then He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.’”

By What Power?

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

The Jewish Culture: The Rabbi

Rabbi: Hebrew, “my teacher” or “my master”

In Judaism, a person qualified by academic studies of the Hebrew Bible and the Talmud to act as spiritual leader and religious teacher of a Jewish community or congregation.

Requirements of Being a Disciple

Obedience

Luke 5:5

“‘Master,’ Simon Replied, ‘we’ve worked hard all night long and caught nothing! But at Your word, I’ll let down the net.’”

Matthew 17:27

“But, so we won’t offend them, go to the sea, cast in a fishhook, and take the first fish that you catch. When you open its mouth you’ll find a coin. Take it and give it to them for Me and you.”

Memorizing All the Teachings “My Words” of the Rabbi

John 15:7

“If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you.”

Agreeing With the Rabbi’s Interpretation of the Old Testament

Matthew 5:21-48

“You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, **Do not murder**, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment. But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgement. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Fool!’ will be subject to the Sanhedrin. But whoever says, ‘You moron!’ will be subject to hellfire. So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother, then come and offer your gift.”

Imitating the Actions of the Rabbi

Matthew 14:25-32

“Around three in the morning, He came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified. ‘It’s a ghost!’ they said, and cried out in fear. Immediately Jesus spoke to them. ‘Have courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.’ ‘Lord, if it’s you,’ Peter answered Him, ‘command me to come to You on the water...’”

Gathering Disciples to Your Rabbi

John 1:35-46

“Again the next day, John was standing with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, ‘Look! The Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and noticed them following Him, He asked them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to Him, ‘Rabbi’ (which means ‘Teacher’), ‘Where are You staying?’ ‘Come and you’ll see,’ He replied. So they went and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day. It was about ten in the morning. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Him. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, ‘We have found the Messiah!’ (which means ‘Anointed One’), and he brought Simon to Jesus. When Jesus saw him, He said, ‘You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas (which means ‘Rock’).’”

Jesus’ Discipleship Course

Four Step Training Course

- Preparation
- Demonstration

- Tryout
- Follow-up

Step One: Preparation

The Messiah's Herald

Mark 1:2-4

“As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: ‘Look, I am sending My messenger ahead of You, who will prepare Your way. A voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord; make His paths straight!’ John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.”

The Baptism of Jesus

Mark 1:9-11

“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. As soon as He came up out of the water, He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending to Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are My beloved Son; I take delight in You!’”

The Temptation of Jesus

Mark 1:12-13

“Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness 40 days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels began to serve Him.”

Ministry in Galilee

Mark 1:14-15

“After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the good news of God. ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the good news!’”

The First Disciples

Mark 1:17

“‘Follow Me,’ Jesus told them, ‘and I will make you fishers of men!’”

Step Two: Demonstration

Driving Out Unclean Spirits

Mark 1:25-26

“‘But Jesus rebuked him and said, ‘Be quiet, and come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit convulsed him, shouted with a loud voice, and came out of him.”

Healings at Capernaum

Mark 1:32-34

“When evening came, after the sun had set, they began bringing to Him all those who were sick and those who were demon possessed. The whole town was assembled at the door, and He healed many who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew Him.”

Preaching in Galilee

Mark 1:35

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He got up, went out, and made His way to a deserted place. And He was praying there.”

A Man Cleansed

Mark 1:40-42

“Then a man with a serious skin disease came to Him and, on his knees, begged Him: ‘If You are willing, You can make me clean.’ Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out His hand and touched him. ‘I am willing,’ He told him. ‘Be made clean.’ Immediately the disease left him, and he was healed.”

Step Three: Tryout

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

John 4:1-3

“When Jesus knew that the Pharisees heard He was making and baptizing more disciples than John (though Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were) He left Judea and went again to Galilee.”

Commissioning the Twelve

Luke 9:1-6

“Summoning the Twelve, He gave them power and authority over all the demons, and power to heal diseases. Then He sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ‘Take nothing for the road,’ He told them, ‘no walking stick, no traveling bag, no bread, no money; and don’t take an extra shirt. Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. If they do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them’. So they went out and traveled from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing everywhere.”

Notes: also look at Mathew 10:1-15

Sending Out the Seventy

Luke 10:1-11

“After this, the Lord appointed 70 others, and He sent them ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place where He Himself was about to go. He told them: ‘The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest. Now go; I’m sending you out like lambs among wolves. Don’t carry a money-bag, traveling bag, or sandals; don’t greet anyone along the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this household.’ If a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they offer, for the worker is worthy of his wages.’ Don’t be moving from house to house. When you enter any town, and they welcome you, eat the things set before you. Heal the sick who are there, and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near you.’ When you enter any town, and they don’t welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘We are wiping off as a witness against you even the dust of your town that clings to our feet. Know this

for certain: The kingdom of God has come near.”

Notes: also look at the disciples return in Luke 10:17

Step Four: Follow-up

The Power of Faith Over A Demon

Matthew 17:15-16

“‘Lord,’ he said, “have mercy on my son, because he has seizures and suffers severely. He often falls into the fire and often into the water. I brought him to Your disciples, but they couldn’t heal him.”

Be Ready for Trouble

Luke 22:35-37

“He also said to them, ‘When I sent you out without money-bag, traveling bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?’ ‘Not a thing,’ they said. Then He said to them, ‘**But now**, whoever has a money-bag should take it, and also a traveling bag. And whoever doesn’t have a sword should sell his robe and buy one. For I tell you, what is written must be fulfilled in Me. And He was counted among the outlaws. Yes what is written about Me is coming to its fulfillment.”

After Jesus’ Death and Resurrection He Appears to Many

Luke 24:25-27

“He said to them, ‘How unwise and slow you are to believe in your hearts all that the prophets have spoken! Didn’t the Messiah have to suffer these things and enter into His glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted for them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.”

Notes: also see John 20:19-23, John 20:26-29 and John 21:1-18

The Final Instructions

Matthew 28:18-20

“Then Jesus came near and said to them, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Holy Spirit Promised

Acts 1:4-8

“While He was together with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father’s promise. ‘This,’ He said, ‘is what you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Understanding

What the Bible Says About:

Preaching: Who is Supposed to Preach?

Peter's Sermon

Acts 2:14-41

“But Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them: ‘Man of Judah and all you residents of Jerusalem, let me explain this to you and pay attention to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it’s only nine in the morning....’ Vs 41. “So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them.”

Philip in Samaria

Acts 8:4

“So those who were scattered went on their way preaching the message of good news.”

Church: What Does Jesus' Teachings Tell Us About Church?

Peter's Confession of the Messiah

Matthew 16:17-18

“And Jesus responded, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are blessed because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the forces of Hades will not overpower it.’”

The word for church in the Greek is Ekklesia and simply is a compound of two words: ek meaning “out of” and kaleo meaning, “to call” which would refer to “the called out ones” or the “selected ones”. Does this have anything to do with religious gatherings or ceremonies?

The Role of God's Servants

1 Corinthians 3:11

“For no one can lay any other foundation than what has been laid down. That foundation is Jesus Christ.”

A Deal with Death

Isaiah 28:16

“Therefore the Lord God said: ‘Look, I have laid a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; the one who believes will be unshakable.’”

What Jesus Says About When We Gather

Matthew 18:20

“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there among them.”

Christian: What is a Christian?

The Church in Antioch

Acts 11:26

“and when he found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught large numbers. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.”

Notes: also see Acts 26:28 (Paul on trial)

Christian Suffering

1 Peter 4:16

“But if anyone suffers as a “Christian,” he should not be ashamed but should glorify God in having that name.”

The Tradition of the Elders

Matthew 15:1-3

“Then Pharisees and scribes came from Jerusalem to Jesus and asked, ‘Why do Your disciples break the traditions of the elders? For they don’t wash their hands when they eat!’ He answered them, ‘And why do you break God’s commandments because for your traditions?’”

Entering the Kingdom

Matthew 7:21-23

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord!’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of the My Father in heaven. On that day many will say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in Your name, drive out demons in Your name, and do many miracles in Your name?’ Then I will announce to them, ‘I never knew you! Depart from Me, your lawbreakers!’”

The Two Foundations

Matthew 7:24-27

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of Mine and doesn’t act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. And its collapse was great!”

Disciple: How Many Times is “Disciple” Mentioned in the New Testament? _____

The Cost of Following Jesus

Luke 14:26-27

“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and

children, brothers and sisters-yes, and even his own life-he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My Disciples.”

Notes: “**hate**” means loves less. See: Malachi 1:2-3 and Genesis 29:30-31

Luke 14:33

“In the same way, therefore, everyone of you who does not say good-bye to all his possessions cannot be My disciples.”

Discovery Bible Study

The Bread of Life

John 6:44-45

“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets: **And they will all be taught by God**. Everyone who has listened to and learned from the Father comes to Me.”

Personal Discipleship Bible Study Worksheet

<p><u>Scripture: John 6:44-45</u></p>	<p>Date: _____</p>	<p>Studied With: _____</p>
<p>What does the scripture say? Write out the scripture verse.</p>	<p>Write Scripture in your own words.</p>	<p>What must I do to obey?</p> <p>I will:</p> <p>I will:</p> <p>Who will I share this with this week?</p> <p>What could I say to introduce this to someone?</p>

Wineskins (Mark 2:22)

The New Wineskin

Generous and Growing Church

Acts: 2:41-47

“So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them. And they devoted themselves to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers. Then fear came over everyone, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as anyone had a need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple complex and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with a joyful and humble attitude, praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved.”

Healing of a Lame Man

Acts: 3:6-8

“But Peter said, ‘I don’t have silver or gold, but what I have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!’ Then, taking him by the right hand he raised him up, and at once his feet and ankles became strong. So he jumped up, stood, and started to walk, and he entered the temple complex with them-walking, Leaping, and praising God.”

Preaching in Solomon’s Colonnade

Acts 3:11-13

“While he was holding on to Peter and John, all the people, greatly amazed, ran toward them in what is called Solomon’s Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: ‘Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Or why do you stare at us, as though we had made him walk by our own power or godliness?’”

Peter and John Arrested

Acts 4:1-4

“Now as they were speaking to the people, the priests, the commander of the temple police, and the Sadducees confronted them because they were provoked that they were teaching the people and proclaiming the resurrection from the dead, using Jesus as the example. So they seized them and put them in custody until the next day, since it was already evening. But many of those who heard the message believed, and the number of the men came to about 5,000.”

Prayer for Boldness

Acts 4:29

“And now, Lord, consider their threats, and grant that Your slaves may speak Your

message with complete boldness, while You stretch out Your hand for healings, signs, and wonders to be performed.”

Notes: Believers Sharing: Acts 4:32, Lying to the Holy Spirit: Acts 5, Apostolic Signs and Wonders: Acts 5:12, In and Out of Prison: Acts 5:17, The Apostles on Trial Again: Acts 5:22, Stephen’s Sermon: Acts 7, The First Christian Martyr: Acts 7:54

Saul the Persecutor

Acts 8:1

“Saul agreed with putting him to death. On that day a severe persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the land of Judea and Samaria.”

Riot in the City

Acts 17:6-8

“When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city officials, shouting ‘These men who have turned the world upside down have come here too, and Jason has received them as guest! They are all acting contrary to Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king-Jesus!’”

The Old Wineskin

Synagogues

A Jewish communal gathering place for prayer, instruction and reading of the Torah.

The Temple

A sacred place to the Israelites where the priestly representatives entered into God’s presence on behalf of the people to offer sacrifices and be in the presence of Yahweh. The temple attracted Israelite pilgrims for centuries and was a cornerstone of their covenant relationship with God.

David Commissions Solomon to Build the Temple

1 Chronicles 28:11 and 19

“Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the portico of the temple and its buildings, treasuries, upper rooms, inner rooms, and a room for the mercy seat.”
vs 19: “David concluded, ‘By the Lord’s hand on me, He enabled me to understand everything in writing, all the details of the plan.’”

The Tabernacle

Exodus 26:1

“You are to construct the tabernacle itself with 10 curtains. You must make them of finely spun linen, and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, with design of cherubim worked into them.”

Destruction of the Temple Predicted

Mark 13:1-2

“As He was going out of the temple complex, one of His disciples said to Him, ‘Teacher, look! What massive stones! What impressive buildings!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here on another that will not be through down!’”

The Death of Jesus

Matthew 27:50-51

“Jesus shouted again with a loud voice and gave up His spirit. Suddenly, the curtain of the sanctuary was split in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked and the rocks were split.”

The Role of God’s Servants

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

“Don’t you yourselves know that you are God’s temple and that the Spirit of God lives in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is holy, and that is what you are.”

The Deceiver and the Early Church

The Devil Imitates God

Paul and False Apostles

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

“For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no great thing if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their destiny will be according to their works.”

Christian Suffering

1 Peter 5:8-9

“Be serious! Be alert! Your adversary the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. Resist him and be firm in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world.”

The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error

1 John 4:1

“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to determine if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

Issues Arise in the Early Church

False Teachings

Letters From Paul

2 Peter 3:15-17

“Also, regard the patience of our Lord as an opportunity for salvation, just as our dear brother Paul has written to you according to the wisdom given to him. He speaks about these things in all his letters in which there are some matters that are hard to understand. The untaught and unstable twist them to their own destruction, as they also do with the rest of the Scriptures. Therefore, dear friends, since you know this in advance, be on your guard, so that you are not led away by the error of lawless people and fall from your own stability.”

Class Distinctions

The Sin of Favoritism

James 2:1-4

“My brothers, do not show favoritism as you hold on to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For example, a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and a poor man dressed in dirty clothes also comes in. If you

look with favor on the man wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Sit here in a good place,' and yet you say to the poor man, 'Stand over there,' or, "Sit here on the floor by my footstool,' haven't you discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?"

Misunderstanding the Faith

Faith and Works

James 2:14-16

"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you don't give them what the body needs, what good is it? In the same way faith, if it doesn't have works, is dead by itself."

Gossip

Controlling the Tongue

James 3:1-2;6;11

"Not many should become teachers, my brothers, knowing that we will receive a stricter judgement, for we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a mature man who is also able to control his whole body." Vs 6: "And the tongue is a fire. The tongue, a world of unrighteousness, is placed among the parts of our bodies. It pollutes the whole body, sets the course of life on fire, and is set on fire by hell." Vs 11: "Does a spring pour out sweet and bitter water from the same opening?"

Healing; Both Spiritual and Physical

Effective Prayer

James 5:13-16

"Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises. Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they should pray over him after anointing him with olive oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will restore him to health; if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The urgent request of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect."

The Church of Today

The Development of the Roman Catholic Church

Emperor Constantine 324 A.D.

Roman Empire Divided

In the third century the Roman Empire had suffered multiple difficulties: drought, famine, plagues, inflation leading to Civil Wars resulting in a east and west Roman Empire. In a population of 60 million, 3 million were Christians and 11 million were Jews.

Constantine ruled the Roman Empire as sole emperor for much of his reign. Some scholars allege that his main objective was to gain unanimous approval and submission to his authority from all classes, and therefore chose Christianity to conduct his political propaganda, believing that it was the most appropriate religion that could fit with the Imperial cult (see also Sol Invictus). Regardless, under the Constantinian dynasty Christianity expanded throughout the Empire, launching the era of State church of the Roman Empire. Whether Constantine sincerely converted to Christianity or remained loyal to Paganism is a matter of debate among historians (see also Constantine's religious policy). His formal conversion in 312 is almost universally acknowledged among historians, despite that it was claimed he was baptized only on his deathbed by the Arian bishop Eusebius of Nicomedia in 337; the real reasons behind it remain unknown and are debated also.

The Catholic Churches Separation

Letters of the Apostolic Fathers

Early Christianity continued to grow its roots throughout the world as the church fathers shared their teachings far and wide. But at this point in history, Catholicism had yet to separate itself from other forms of Christianity. Two truths needed to occur to mark the start of Roman Catholicism.

1. The primacy of Saint Peter above the other disciples
2. The primacy of Rome as the center of Catholicism

Roman Catholic tradition views this verse as Jesus' formation of the papacy, making Saint Peter the first pope and establishing the Roman Catholic Church in the same moment. Through Peter's leadership, believers in the early church could unite under truth and sound teaching. Some examples of the type of leadership Jesus expected of Peter and continues to expect of every pope that has come after him:

1. To strengthen the entire church: In Luke 22:32, Jesus says to Peter, "I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." In establishing the Roman Catholic Church

and the papacy, Jesus commanded Peter and every pope thereafter to strengthen the members of the Catholic faith.

2. To guide and care for the church: The pope must guide the church like a shepherd tending their flock. Jesus referred to himself as the Good Shepherd and the church as his sheep in John 10:11. A crucial part of the history of the Catholic Church timeline is Jesus' departure from Earth. Before his ascension, Jesus passed on the earthly care of his sheep to Peter, the pope of the Roman Catholic Church. In John 21:15-17, Jesus tells Peter to "Feed my lambs," "Tend my sheep," and "Feed my sheep."
Notes: Catholicworldmission.org

The Firm Foundation?

Peter's Confession of the Messiah

Matthew 16:18

"And I also say to you that you are **Peter**, and on this rock I will build My church, and the forces of Hades will not overpower it."

Notes: petros; stone. petra; bedrock

The Two Foundations

Matthew 7:24-27

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn't collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of Mine and doesn't act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. And its collapse was great!"

The Role of God's Servants

1 Corinthians 3:11

"For no one can lay any other foundation than what has been laid down. That foundation is Jesus Christ."

Religious Hypocrites Denounced

Matthew 23:9-12

"Do not call anyone on earth your father, because you have one Father, who is in heaven. And do not be called master either, because you have one Master, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servants. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

The Fractures

The "Great Schism"

On July 16, 1054, Patriarch of Constantinople Michael Cerularius was excommunicated, starting the "Great Schism" that created the two largest denominations in Christianity—the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox faiths.

The Great Schism came about due to a complex mix of religious disagreements and political conflicts. One of the many religious disagreements between the western (Roman) and eastern (Byzantine) branches of the church had to do with whether or not it was acceptable to use unleavened bread for the sacrament of communion.

Protestant Reformation

Martin Luther, A German Teacher and a monk. Brought about the Protestant Reformation when he challenged the Catholic Church's teaching starting in 1517. The Protestant Reformation was a religious reform movement that swept through Europe in the 1500s

His "95 Theses," which propounded two central beliefs—that the Bible is the central religious authority and that humans may reach salvation only by their faith and not by their deeds. (against the selling of indulgences)

From this fracture (the Protestant Reformation) the Protestant, Presbyterians, Lutherans, and the Methodist were developed. The Presbyterian Church was the Church of Scotland, the Anglican/Episcopal Church was the Church of England, the Lutheran Church was the Protestant church that began in Germany, and the Methodist Church began as a Bible study, with a new "method" of studying the Bible.

Disciples in Action

Maturity in Christ

We measure maturity by how much we know but the Bible measures maturity by how much of the Bible you obey.

Becoming More Like Christ

Fellowship With God

1 John 1:5-7

“Now this is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in Him. If we say, ‘We have fellowship with Him’ yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth. But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

From Groans to Glory

Romans 8:29

“For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His son, so that He would be the first born among many brothers.”

Unity and Diversity in the Body of Christ

Ephesians 4:13

“Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God’s Son, growing into a mature man with a stature measured by Christ’s fullness.”

A Deeper Look

Unity and Diversity in the Body of Christ

Ephesians 4:11-14

“And He personally gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the training of the saints in the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God’s Son, growing into a mature man with a stature measured by Christ’s fullness. Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit.”

The Five-Fold Ministry

The five-fold ministry gifts were given to the church to enable God’s people to do the work of the ministry. The work of the ministry is all the service that is done in order to bring people into the Body of Christ (His church) and to bring the church into the fullness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The fingers of the hand symbolically represent the five-fold ministry that God set up within the church:

1. The Thumb represents the Apostle: The thumb touches all others and it enables us to grip.
2. The Forefinger represents the Prophet: It points.
3. The Middle finger represents the Evangelist: it is the furthest reaching finger.
4. The Ring finger represents the Pastor: shepherd to the sheep he is always with them.
5. The Pinky represents the Teacher: this finger is the one that gives balance to the hand.

The Apostle is a messenger or one sent on a mission. Apostles organizes and governs an early developing church.

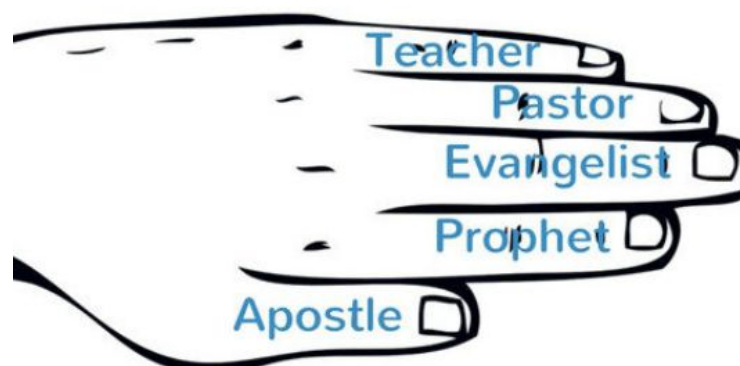
The Prophet guides, he is the body's eyes and ears. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the body sees and hears what God has done, is doing, and will do.

The Evangelist gathers, they (the evangelists) love sharing the gospel, and when they do, people get saved! Evangelists see Jesus Christ as the solution to every person's problem. Frequently 'signs and wonders' accompany their ministries, authenticating their message about Jesus Christ.

The Pastor guards, he loves, feeds, encourages, protects, and cares for the flock.
Note: Name one person in the New Testament that had the title Pastor.
Latin word pastor; meaning "shepherd."

The Teacher grounds, he or she explains and clarifies the truth. They have an amazing capacity to take complex subjects and make them simple resulting in a strong foundation and deep roots in the Word of God for both the pastor and the flock.

FIVE FINGER ILLUSTRATION



Our Teacher

The Bread of Life

John 6:45

“It is written in the Prophets: **And they will all be taught by God.** Everyone who has listened to and learned from. The Father comes to Me.”

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

John 14:26

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit- the Father will send Him in My name- will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.”

Religious Hypocrites Denounced

Matthew 23:9-12

“Do not call anyone on earth your father, because you have one Father, who is heaven. And do not be called master either, because you have one Master, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servants. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

An Approved Worker

2 Timothy 2:24-25

“The Lord’s slave must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to teach, and patient, instructing his opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the truth.”

Remaining with God

1 John 2:27

“The anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you don’t need anyone to teach you, Instead, His anointing teaches you about all things and is true and is not a lie; just as He has taught you, remain in Him.”

Spiritual Wisdom

1 Corinthians 2:11-12

“For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man that is in him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who comes from God, so that we may understand what has been freely given to us by God.”

Application

Fishing With a Net: Catch and Release

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

John 4:7-26

The Ripened Harvest (the story continued)

John 4:27-42

Jesus Visits Zacchaeus

Luke 19:5

Demons Drive out by the Master

Mark 5:1-20

Feeding 4,000

Mark 8:1-10

Note: look back at Mark 7:31 Where are they at?

Paul's Training Echo's This

Various Situations of Life

1 Corinthians 7:17, 20, 24

Vs17: "However, each one must live his life in the situation the Lord assigned when God called him. This is what I command in all churches."

Vs20: "Each person should remain in the life situation in which he was called."

Vs24: "Brothers, each person should remain with God in whatever situation he was called."

Gentile Conversion and Baptism
Acts 10:44-48

Paul and Barnabas in Antioch
Acts 13:48-52

Lydia's Conversion
Acts 16:13-15

Midnight Deliverance
Acts 16:25-36

Closing Notes

Disciples in Action

Let's put what we learned into a standard operating procedure.

1. Pray
2. Go
3. Listen to the Holy Spirit to find a person of peace.
4. Lead their whole family to Christ.
5. Teach them (Group Discovery Bible Study in their home)
6. The church will develop as they learn to make disciples
7. Check on them.

In a disciple-making movement, we simply multiply (duplicate, reproduce) small fellowships of obedient, self-replicating, disciples of Jesus Christ.

- This turns the focus to the lost world rather than gathering them to a “church” building.
- Teaches them to rely on learning directly from God.
- Disciples win households and towns not personal evangelism.
- Jesus was willing to disciple people before they were saved. (John 6:66)

Discovery Bible Study

Rules

We agree to **only** discuss the scripture passage for today (or others we've studied together as a group. No added stories or added verses).

If someone introduces a false or odd teaching, simply ask them, "Where do you see that in THIS passage?" (This keeps heresy out of the group).

Group Process

1. What are you thankful for today?
2. What is a current concern of yours? (personal)
3. How can we help with these concerns?
4. How did you put into practice the scripture/story we studied last time we met? (Week 2 and beyond)
5. Who did you share with since we last met and how did it go? (Week 2 and beyond)
6. Someone read the passage aloud while the others follow along.
7. Now read the passage again while the rest of you are NOT looking at it. (A different version is good)
8. Share with the group how you wrote the passage. Also share:
What was the most meaningful to you and why?
What does this passage tell you about God?
What does this passage tell you about people?
9. How would God have you apply it to your life this week? Fill in the "I will statements".
10. Who will you share this passage with this week? (Name someone specific, be intentional).
11. Who do you know in need and how can we help them? (Make a measurable plan to meet the need within the next week if possible).
12. When and where would you like to meet again?

Discovering Scripture

Discovering God in Scripture

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| 1. Genesis 1:1-25 | 9. Genesis 22:1-19 | 18. John 4:1-26, 39-42 |
| 2. Genesis 2:4-24 | 10. Exodus 12:1-28 | 19. Luke 5:17-26 |
| 3. Genesis 3:1-13 | 11. Exodus 20: 1-21 | 20. Mark 4:35-41 |
| 4. Genesis 3:14-24 | 12. Leviticus 4:1-35 | 21. Mark 5:1-20 |
| 5. Genesis 6:5-8 | 13. Isaiah 53 | 22. John 11:1-44 |
| 6. Genesis 6:9-8:14 | 14. Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20 | 23. Matthew 26:26-30 |
| 7. Genesis 8:15-9:17 | 15. Matthew 3; John 1:29-34 | 24. John 18:1-19:16 |
| 8. Genesis 12:1-8; 15:1-6;
17:1-7 | 16. Matthew 4:1-11 | 25. Luke 23:32-56 |
| | 17. John 3:1-21 | 26. Luke 24:1-35 |

Obedience Based Discipleship Scriptures

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| 1. Matt 4:1-11 | 10. Matt 5:17-23 | 21. Matt 6:5-13, Luke 11:1-4 |
| 2. Lk 5:1-11, Matt 4:18-22,
Mk 1:16-20 | 11. Matt 7:17-23 | 22. Matt 6:5-13, Luke 11:1-4 |
| 3. John 1:35-51 | 12. Matt 19:1-6 | 23. Matt 6:5-13, Luke 11:1-4 |
| 4. Matt 10:16-23 | 13. Matt 5:33-37 | 24. Matt 6:5-13, Luke 11:1-4 |
| 5. John 15:18-25 | 14. Matt 5:38-42 | 25. Matt 6:5-13, Luke 11:1-4 |
| 6. Matt 10:23-31, Mk 13:9-13 | 15. Matt 5:43-48; Luke 6:27-36 | 26. Matt 18:21-22 |
| 7. Matt 10:18-22, Mk 13:11-
13 | 16. Matt 7:12 | |
| 8. Matt 5:10-12 | 17. Luke 6:27:38; Matt 5:38-42 | |
| 9. Matt 5:13-16 | 18. Matt 6:1-4, Lk 12:33-34 | |
| | 19. Matt 6:5-8 Matt 6:5-13,
Luke 11:1-4 | |
| | 20. Matt 6:5-13, Luke 11:1-4 | |

Discovering Spiritual Community

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| 1. Romans 15:1-7 | 9. 1 Corinthians 12:21-27 | 18. Romans 1:11-12 |
| 2. 1 Corinthians 1:10-17;
Philippians 4:2-3 | 10. James 5:13-16 | 19. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Hebrews 3:12-13 |
| 3. Colossians 3:12-14 | 11. Deuteronomy 5:21;
Exodus 20:17 | 20. Hebrews 10:19-25 |
| 4. Romans 12:3-5 5.
Philippians 2:1-4 | 12. Romans 13:8-10 | 21. Galatians 5:22-26 |
| 6. Malachi 2:10-16 | 13. Leviticus 19:11 | 22. Leviticus 19:15-16 |
| 7. 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11;
Ephesians 4:29 | 14. Galatians 5:13-15 | 23. Romans 14:20-22 |
| 8. Galatians 6:1-5 | 15. Romans 12:10 | 24. 1 John 1:5-7 |
| | 16. Matthew 18:15-17 | 25. 1 Peter 4:10 |
| | 17. Hebrews 13:16 | |

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| 26. Ephesians 4:23; Matthew 18:21-35 | 37. Leviticus 19:17 | 48. Philippians 2:1-4 |
| 27. 1 Peter 4:10 | 38. Romans 12:10 | 49. Obadiah 1:12 |
| 28. Proverbs 3:28; Luke 6:30 | 39. 1 Peter 4:9 | 50. Mark 12:28-34 |
| 29. Romans 16:16; 1 Peter 5:14 | 40. 1 Peter 5:5 | 51. Zechariah 7:9-10 |
| 30. Leviticus 19:18 | 41. Romans 14:10-17 | 52. Deuteronomy 15:11 |
| 31. Zechariah 8:16-17 | 42. Romans 15:14 | 53. Ephesians 4:1-3 |
| 32. Zechariah 7:9-10 | 43. Deuteronomy 23:19 | 54. Mark 9:42-50 |
| 33. James 5:7-10 | 44. James 4:12 | 55. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-14 |
| 34. Deuteronomy 15:7-8 | 45. 1 Thessalonians 5:15, 2 Timothy 2:22-26 | 56. James 5:13-16 |
| 35. Proverbs 3:29 | 46. Ephesians 4:32 | 57. Matthew 5:21-26 |
| 36. Romans 12:16, 1 Peter 3:8 | 47. Exodus 20:16; Deuteronomy 5:20; Colossians 3:9-10 | 58. 1 Peter 2:13-17 |
| | | 59. Leviticus 19:18 |
| | | 60. 1 Corinthians 10:24 |

Discovering Guide for Emerging Leaders

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| 2. Matt 5:1-16. | 12. Matt 9:18-33. | 22. Matt 16:13-28 |
| 3. Matt 6:33-34 | 13. Matt 9:35-38 | 23. Matt 17:1-13 |
| 4. Matt 6:1-8. | 14. Matt 10:1-16 | 24. Matt 17:14-21 |
| 5. Matt 6:16-18 | 15. Matt 10:16-31 | 25. Matt 18:15-35 |
| 6. Matt 6:19-34 | 16. Matt 5:43-48 | 26. Matt 19:3-9 |
| 7. Matt 7:1-6. | 17. Matt 11:25-30 | 27. Matt 20:20-28 |
| 8. Matt 18:15-20 | 18. Matt 13:3-9. | 28. Matt 25:14-30 |
| 9. Matt 7:7-12 | 19. Matt 13:18-23 | 29. Matt 25:31-46 |
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Discipleship Bible Study Worksheet

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