

Discipleship: How Does It Work?

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Discipleship:

*intentional relationships for the purpose of growth
in Christ, centered around God's Word*

1. We _____ Jesus

Mark 1:17–18 » And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

¹⁸ Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

Philippians 3:17 » Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

2. We _____ Other Christians

1 Thessalonians 1:6–7 » You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

2 Thessalonians 3:7–9 » For you yourselves know how you ought to follow/imitate our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you; ⁹ not because we do not have the right to this, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow/imitate our example.

1 Corinthians 4:15–17 » For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. ¹⁶ Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me. ¹⁷ For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1 » Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³² Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; ³³ just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit but the profit of the many, so that they may be saved. ¹ Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

Hebrews 13:7-8 » Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

3. We Serve as _____ to Others

Matthew 5:16 » Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Philippians 1:27 » Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel

1 Peter 2:12 » Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 » Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

2 Timothy 2:1-2 » You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Titus 2:3-5 » Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, ... are to teach what is good ⁴ so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

Series Recap

- #1 – making disciples is our primary mission
- #2 – discipleship is helping one another turn from sin and towards obedience
- #3 – the Word of God is the only effective tool for discipleship
- #4 – discipleship requires learning from others who are following Christ

How to Disciple and Be Discipled

1. _____ that God would use you
2. _____ with others
3. Be _____ with that time
4. Be _____
5. _____ with your words
6. Love God _____



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