

THE DISCIPLINE OF DISCIPLING DISCIPLES

μαθητής mathētēs pupil, disciple, follower
Matthew Mark Luke John Acts Romans - Rev
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Flunking the Final Exam but Graduating with Honors

Matt 10: 1 "And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, **He gave them power** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease."

Great Controversy • Ministry of Healing

2 "Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him."

5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: . . .

How did Jesus treat them and teach them?

Early in my ministry my senior pastor had me pull over my car and said, "That Bible study was bad!" Then we talked about how to make it better the next time. I thought. I learned. I changed. *That's discipleship.*

• Your story:

Who discipled you?

ON YOUR LIST

"I could have got one more person
- and I didn't!" ~ *Oskar Schindler*

Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me" (E. White, *The Ministry of Healing*, 143).

ONE (W)ON ONE!



PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP

ACTS • ACTION

Acts 8: Overcoming Obstacles

Context: Persecution | Sorcerer

Obstacles: Race • Culture • Language • Distance • Demographics • Economy • Class • Rank • Religion • Food • ID, etc.

• **v26: Angels!** Assignment: 🖐️ Arise: Gaza! Desert! uncomfortable . . . committee!

• **v27: Attributes:** location, love, level (and a feast day keeper!)

• **v29: Assignment:** the Spirit: “Go near”

• **v30: Action: Philip ran!**

• **v31: “sit with him”**

• **v35: Approach:** “beginning at this Scripture, Philip preached Jesus”

🖐️ **Acceptance!**

• **v37: Answer 1:** Deut 6:5!/Matt 22:37!
Answer 2: Son of God!

• **v39:** “rejoicing” - the joy of the Gospel

The Ethiopian eunuch returned to no denomination, no church structure, no institution, no organization; he wen with Scripture and his faith!

Philip: next assignment . . .

“Rinse & Repeat!”

REACHING THE WORLD ONE PERSON AT A TIME!

🎵 Musical Proficiency: one on one lessons & daily practice

🌐 Global Population vs Church Growth . . . > 8 billion people ... How many has the average church member actively reached this year? Last year? In their lifetime?!

🕒 Mind. Set. “Let’s wait till the new pastor arrives!” → Eph 4:11-16

📖 Leaving a church: ~~programs preaching~~ ↔ personal attention & individual interest

DISCIPLESHIP IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Bible Study John 1: How many individual interactions and reactions do you detect?

1:6 John the Baptist
“there was a man sent of God”

The Word needs a witness!
The world needs a witness!

1:19-34 under challenge!
1:35-39 John → two disciples: time!

“Come and see!”

1:40-42 Andrew → Simon (Peter)

“And he brought him to Jesus.”

1:42 Jesus → Philip
1:45 Philip → Nathanael

Rejection & Resistance? → Invitation!
“Come and see!”

By Invitation Only 🖤

Every Chapter ... 1:1

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| 1 | one on one |
| 2 | wedding couple |
| 3 | Nicodemus |
| 4 | woman at the well |
| 5 | paralytic |
| 6 | 6,000→66: “many”→67: 12→71: 1 |
| 7 | brothers |
| 8 | adulteress |
| 9 | blind man |
| 10 | shepherd |
| 11 | Lazarus |
| 12 | Mary |
| 13 | foot washing → Peter |
| 14 | disciples |
| 15 | disciples |
| 16 | disciples |
| 17 | Jesus → Father |
| 18 | Judas, Peter, Pilate |
| 19 | Pilate, John, Mary |
| 20 | Mary Magdalene |

Do you pay attention to people?