



# Workshops

## Introduction

The origin of the term “disciple” is that of a first century apprentice, a follower of a certain teacher. In those days, an apprentice did not merely acquire mental knowledge from a teacher, but they literally followed and emulated the lifestyle and actions of the teacher as well. It was both a theoretical and practical exercise to be a disciple of a teacher. In the biblical sense, Jesus is the teacher and we are the students. We are seeking to learn about and from Him, and we desire to emulate the life that He demonstrated for us.

We want to promote a simple definition of a disciple as a humble apprentice of Jesus. An apprentice assumes the need for training and embraces the position of a follower of the one who can meet that need. Jesus alone meets our need and modeled in living flesh what it means for us to be a restored and complete image bearer of God as we are designed to be. The expressed aim of apprenticeship is to become like the master. Often this means to simply act like the master, but to be abundantly clear, biblical apprenticeship is to become like the master. We are not aiming for behavioral compliance to the actions of Jesus, but we are pressing deeper to whole scale life change. We must be fundamentally changed in terms of who we are and how we live. We must become someone entirely different from our old self and become like Jesus.

To fully understand and embrace this humble apprenticeship of Jesus, we need to consider the example of Jesus and then investigate how we can also implement the practical outworking of those principles in real life.