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ENDURE SUFFERING

In this session, we will see that we have to have the mindset of suffering in order to be effective evangelists.

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NOTES:

Discussion Starter: Share the plan you created on pg 35. What are some ideas from others that you might implement into your personal evangelism plan?

Evangelism leads to suffering

2 Timothy 4:5

[5] As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (ESV)

Just as suffering can lead to evangelism, evangelism will lead to _____.

NOTES:

Thinking like Jesus will lead to living like Jesus

1. We're called to _____.

Philippians 1:29-30

[29] *For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him **but also suffer for his sake**, [30] engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. (ESV)*

1 Peter 2:20-21

[20] *For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. [21] For **to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.** (ESV)*

Matthew 4:18-19

[18] *While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. [19] And he said to them, "**Follow me**, and I will make you fishers of men." (ESV)*



Hast thou no scar?
No hidden scar on foot, or
side, or hand?
I hear thee sung as mighty
in the land,
I hear them hail thy bright
ascendant star,
Hast thou no scar?
Hast thou no wound?
Yet, I was wounded by the
archers, spent.
Leaned me against the
tree to die, and rent
By ravening beasts that
compassed me, I
swooned:
Hast thou no wound?
No wound? No scar?
Yet as the Master shall the
servant be,
And pierced are the feet
that follow Me;
But thine are whole. Can
he have followed far
Who has no wound nor
scar?

Hast Thou No Scar?
Amy Carmichael

NOTES:

2. We're called to _____ for the will of God.

1 Peter 1:14-19

*[14] As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, [15] but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, [16] since it is written, "**You shall be holy, for I am holy.**" [17] And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, [18] knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. (ESV)*

Romans 12:1-2

*[1] I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, **that by testing you may discern what is the will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (ESV)*

1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7-8

*[3] For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality...[7] For **God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.** [8] Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you. (ESV)*

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3. _____ leads us to _____ for the will of God.

1 Peter 4:1-2

[1] *Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for **whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,***
[2] ***so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.***

Don't be surprised by suffering

1 Peter 4:12-19

[12] *Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice insofar as **you share Christ's sufferings,** that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. [14] If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. [15] But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. [16] Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. [17] For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? [18] And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" [19] Therefore let **those who suffer according to God's will** entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. (ESV)*

Homework:
Read the article 7 *Priorities of an Effective Disciple-Maker*. Follow the steps following the article and answer the response and reflection questions.

7 PRIORITIES OF AN EFFECTIVE DISCIPLE-MAKER

Jesus showed us seven disciple making priorities in His prayer in John 17. Each one shows us how we can be more "Like Jesus."

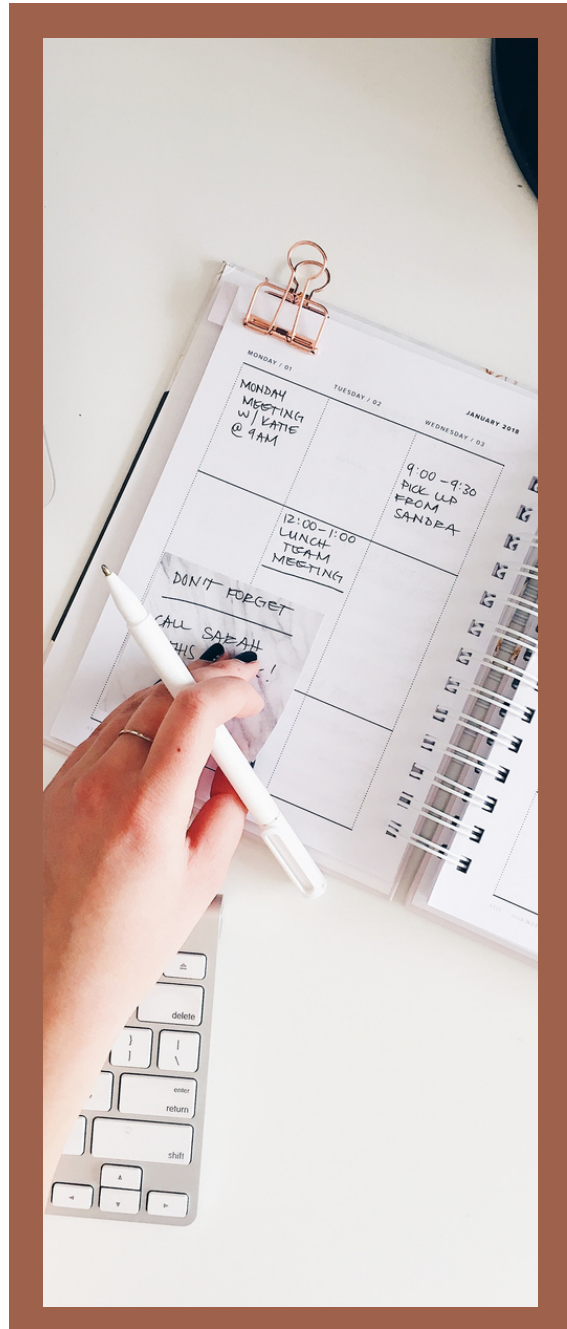
To help you understand more about disciple-making, we want to give you our quick summary of the seven "I" statements of Jesus in John 17 that so simply give us the specific "what Jesus did" to make His disciples. We call these the seven priorities of an effective disciple-maker or our "methods" of making disciples.

These seven priorities are a great starting place for the typical person seeking to "Live like Jesus."

1. Presence (John 17:6)
2. Pass it On (John 17:8)
3. Prayer (John 17:9)
4. Protection (John 17:12)
5. Practice (John 17:18)
6. Purity (John 17:9)
7. Purpose (John 17:22)

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In John 17 we see seven statements by Jesus in how He disciplined His men. I believe in this High Priestly prayer, Jesus wants us to learn from what He prayed back to His Father in heaven.



PRIORITIES CHALLENGE

READ JOHN 17

Highlight all seven "I" statements from Jesus' High Priestly Prayer

PRESENCE

Identify someone who doesn't know Jesus whom God has put into your life.
Set a time to be present with them to develop your relationship.

PASS IT ON

Schedule a time and make a goal to share the gospel with them in a non-confrontational, non-threatening way.

PRAYER

Pray for them. Ask God to help you do what he wants you to do (push the rock) and to do what only he can do (move the rock).

PROTECT

Look for opportunities to share God's truth with them, to correct false and worldly ideology, and model for them the wisdom of God in how you live.

PURITY

Set yourself apart for the Lord. Remember that holiness isn't just being set apart from sin, but being set apart for God. Pray Romans 12:1-2.

PURPOSE

Live every day on purpose.

