

DISCIPLESHIP

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



CITY CHAPEL

THE WRITING OF JOHN

JOHN 15:1-8

DISCIPLESHIP ELEMENTS IN JOHN:

1. FOLLOW

35 The next day, John was standing with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus. 38 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?” 39 “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 four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed him. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated “the Christ”), 42 and he brought Simon to Jesus. When Jesus saw him, he said, “You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which is translated “Peter”). 43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and told him, “Follow me.”

John 1:35-43

“I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth, in keeping with a command we have received from the Father. 5 So now I ask you, dear lady—not as if I were writing you a new command, but one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. 6 This is love: that we walk according to his commands. This is the command as you have heard it from the beginning: that you walk in love.”

2 John 1:4-6

“Here is secularism’s ultimate goal is: the privatization of faith. Secular culture doesn’t care what you believe as long as you have it in your heart like a totem. But the second you try to bring it to bear in real life, like ‘get back in your heart’. But Jesus isn’t just Lord of your heart. He says ‘I am Lord of heaven and earth’. This whole privatization of faith has left people feeling paralyzed.”

John Tyson

DISCIPLESHIP ELEMENTS IN JOHN:

2. BELIEVE

“But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

John 20:31

29 “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundred times more, now at this time —houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions —and eternal life in the age to come. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Mark 10:29-31

“Believing in Jesus is less an act of faith and more a life of faith. Certainly *belief is inclusive of propositions, but it is also reflected in properties of discipleship that display a certain kind of existence.*”

(emphasis his)

- *Edward W. Klink III*

“47 Truly I tell you, anyone who believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that anyone may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

John 6:47-51

“It was not enough to consider Jesus a wonder-worker or a great religious teacher or a hopeful national leader, and many turned back from following him in response to his teaching about himself and his mission... The central mark of true discipleship then, as now, was to perceive the truth about Jesus’ identity and mission, and it was precisely on that point that John’s letters had to focus. Whatever the schism in the Johannine churches, it went to the heart of Christology.”

Karen Jobes

“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming; even now it is already in the world.”

1 John 4:1-3

3.

REMAIN

“I saw the Spirit descending
from heaven like a dove, and he
rested on him.”

John 1:32

“Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who lives in me does his works.”

John 14:10

“12The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

1 John 5:12-13

“John writes to reassure them of their eternal life based on faith in Christ and implores them to make the intention and effort of continuing to believe in spite of the confusing and difficult times they were in.”

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