

EVERYDAY DISCIPLESHIP

AN ORIGINAL CREW SERIES

PART 1 - DEFINING DISCIPLESHIP

BIG IDEA

DISCIPLESHIP IS A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS THAT NATURALLY OVERFLOWS INTO RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE.

OPENING PRAYER & INTRODUCTION

BEGIN WITH PRAYER, ASKING GOD TO OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HIS DISCIPLES IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

DISCIPLESHIP REQUIRES VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL RELATIONSHIPS

- VERTICAL: OUR INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS (JOHN 15:4-5)
- HORIZONTAL: BIBLICAL COMMUNITY WITH OTHER BELIEVERS
- WE CANNOT GROW APART FROM EITHER RELATIONSHIP

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS INCLUDE FOUR ELEMENTS:

- GUIDANCE - BIBLICAL WISDOM POINTING US TO JESUS
- ENCOURAGEMENT - SUPPORT IN OUR WALK WITH HIM
- CORRECTION - TRUTH SPOKEN IN LOVE
- EQUIPPING - TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

JESUS' PATTERN: WITH HIM BEFORE SENT BY HIM

- MARK 3:14-15 SHOWS JESUS APPOINTED THE TWELVE "THAT THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM" FIRST
- ORDER MATTERS: INTIMACY BEFORE MINISTRY
- WE MUST KNOW HIS VOICE BEFORE WE CAN SHARE HIS MESSAGE

THE BREATHE IN/BREATHE OUT PRINCIPLE

- BREATHE IN: INHALE GOD'S NATURE, CHARACTER, AND PROMISES
- BREATHE OUT: SHARE WHAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED WITH OTHERS
- WE CANNOT GIVE WHAT WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED

KEY SCRIPTURE

1. **JOHN 15:4-5** - "REMAIN IN ME AS I ALSO REMAIN IN YOU. NO BRANCH CAN BEAR FRUIT BY ITSELF. IT MUST REMAIN IN THE VINE. NEITHER CAN YOU BEAR FRUIT UNLESS YOU REMAIN IN ME. I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES..."
2. **MARK 3:14-15** - "JESUS WENT UP ON THE MOUNTAINSIDE AND HE CALLED TO HIM THOSE THAT HE WANTED... HE APPOINTED 12 THAT THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM AND THAT HE MIGHT SEND THEM OUT TO PREACH AND TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS."
3. **GENESIS 2:7** - "THEN THE LORD GOD FORMED A MAN FROM THE DUST OF THE GROUND, AND HE BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS THE BREATH OF LIFE, AND MAN BECAME A LIVING THING."
4. **2 TIMOTHY 2:2** - "AND WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WITNESSES, ENTRUST TO FAITHFUL MEN WHO WILL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO."

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GROUP DISCUSSION

UNDERSTANDING DISCIPLESHIP

IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE DISCIPLESHIP NOW?

- HOW HAS YOUR UNDERSTANDING CHANGED AFTER TODAY'S TEACHING?
- WHAT SURPRISES YOU MOST ABOUT THIS DEFINITION?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

WHO HAS BREATHED INTO YOU, AND HOW DID THAT MOVE YOU FORWARD IN YOUR WALK WITH JESUS?

- WHAT SPECIFIC ACTIONS DID THIS PERSON TAKE?
- WHICH OF THE FOUR ELEMENTS (GUIDANCE, ENCOURAGEMENT, CORRECTION, EQUIPPING) DID THEY DEMONSTRATE MOST?
- HOW DID THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS OVERFLOW INTO THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU?

RELATIONSHIP ASSESSMENT

EVALUATE YOUR CURRENT RELATIONSHIPS USING THE FOUR ELEMENTS:

- DO YOUR CLOSEST RELATIONSHIPS POINT YOU TOWARD JESUS?
- WHERE DO YOU SEE GUIDANCE, ENCOURAGEMENT, CORRECTION, AND EQUIPPING PRESENT?
- WHERE MIGHT THESE ELEMENTS BE MISSING?
- WHAT CHANGES MIGHT GOD BE CALLING YOU TO MAKE?

BREATHING OUT

WHERE CAN YOU BREATHE OUT THIS WEEK? (BE SPECIFIC WITH NAMES OR ACTIONS)

- WHO IN YOUR LIFE NEEDS TO EXPERIENCE JESUS THROUGH YOU?
- WHAT SPHERE OF LIFE (WORK, HOME, NEIGHBORHOOD, HOBBIES) IS GOD CALLING YOU TO CARRY THE GOSPEL INTO?
- WHAT'S ONE PRACTICAL WAY YOU CAN DISCIPLE SOMEONE THIS WEEK?

CREW HEALTH

WHAT WOULD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP LOOK LIKE IN YOUR CREW THIS MONTH?

- HOW CAN WE PRACTICE THE FOUR ELEMENTS TOGETHER?
- WHAT COMMITMENTS CAN WE MAKE TO ONE ANOTHER?
- HOW CAN WE ENSURE WE'RE "WITH JESUS" TOGETHER BEFORE BEING "SENT BY JESUS"?