

# **Deliberate Discipleship - Lesson 4**

## **Discussion:**

1. Share one concept or idea that stands out to you from this lesson and why.
2. Choose one of the characteristics that Peter mentions and describe in your own way how this currently looks like in your life, and how you might increase in it. What would that involve?

Others in discussion group - As an exercise in discipleship, what is one question you can ask that could encourage, get clarity, or lead to more discussion to qualify what the other person in your group has brought up. (Not everyone has to ask questions of each person) Try to establish accountability or follow up within your group as well.

# DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP QUESTION BANK

## *Questions Designed To Build Up Rather Than Tear Down*

- **Affirm** your friend in Christ via Scripture
  - What does Jesus want you to know about yourself?
  - What did it take for Jesus to give you this status? Why did he do it?
  - What does God reveal about his estimation of you here? What would Satan prefer you to think about yourself? Do you sometimes buy into his accusations? What difference does it make to replace that accusation with this affirmation from God's Word for you?
  - What is the honor that describes your identity here?
  - What place does your shame have in this description of you? Where does he want your shame to go?
- Remind him/her of his/her **Teleios** in Christ (that is, you're done growing yet!)
- What's **encouraged** you in Christ this week?
- What **progress** did you see this week in your walk in Christ?

- ***What difference did that make?***
  
- ***How did that promote or invite even more work of the Holy Spirit in you?***
  
- ***How does that benefit the Body of Christ?***
  
- **Gifts.** What gift/strength would you like to develop and deploy to benefit the body of Christ?
  
- **Transparency.** Is there anything that we can talk about that will help you enjoy fellowship in the light? If you need to help via reproof:
  - Hand: What exactly was the sinful behavior? (compare to Scripture)
  
  - Heart: What desire or longing were seeking to fulfill? (compare to Scripture)
  
  - Head: What excuse or loophole did you give yourself to reject your covenant with Jesus? (compare to Scripture)
  
- **QTs.** Did anything that you've experienced in a QT with God encourage you recently? Tell me about it. How did that invite even more work of the Spirit in and through you? What else has God been saying to you via His Word? What do you think He wants you to do about it? How can I help you stay the course? If you put that into practice, what difference will that make in you? How will that invite

even more work of the Holy Spirit in you?

- **Outreach.** Has God put someone on your heart to love? Tell me about it. Who can you love next? What might be a new way to reach them? Have you had any success disrupting someone with an invitation lately? Tell me about it. How did that invite even more work of the Spirit in and through you?
- **School/Work.** What is work teaching you about godliness? What challenges have you braved? What's your best hope for a great week of school (or work) this week? How can I "spot" you as get after that?
- **Marriage/Parenting.** Has there been a moment of growing closer together recently? Tell me about it. What difference did that make? How did that invite even more work of the Spirit in and through you? What could you proactively do to boost that even higher? What would your spouse hope that we would discuss today; about marriage, about parenting? How can I help you stay the course on that plan?
- **Finance.** Have you had an experience with trusting God that put money into a better perspective recently? How would you most like to grow in your stewardship of the financial resources God has entrusted to your care?
- **Good Shepherding.** Have you seen some progress in the faith of someone whom you disciple? Tell me more about that. What difference does that make for them? What difference can that make

in the Body of Christ? How can you boost their discipleship even higher? What difference will that make? How can I help you achieve that plan? Who is someone that you were tempted to give up on but instead prayed for them and made an effort to help them? What difference did that make? What else could help? How can I join you in this service to the saints?

- Questions for me? Input for me? What