



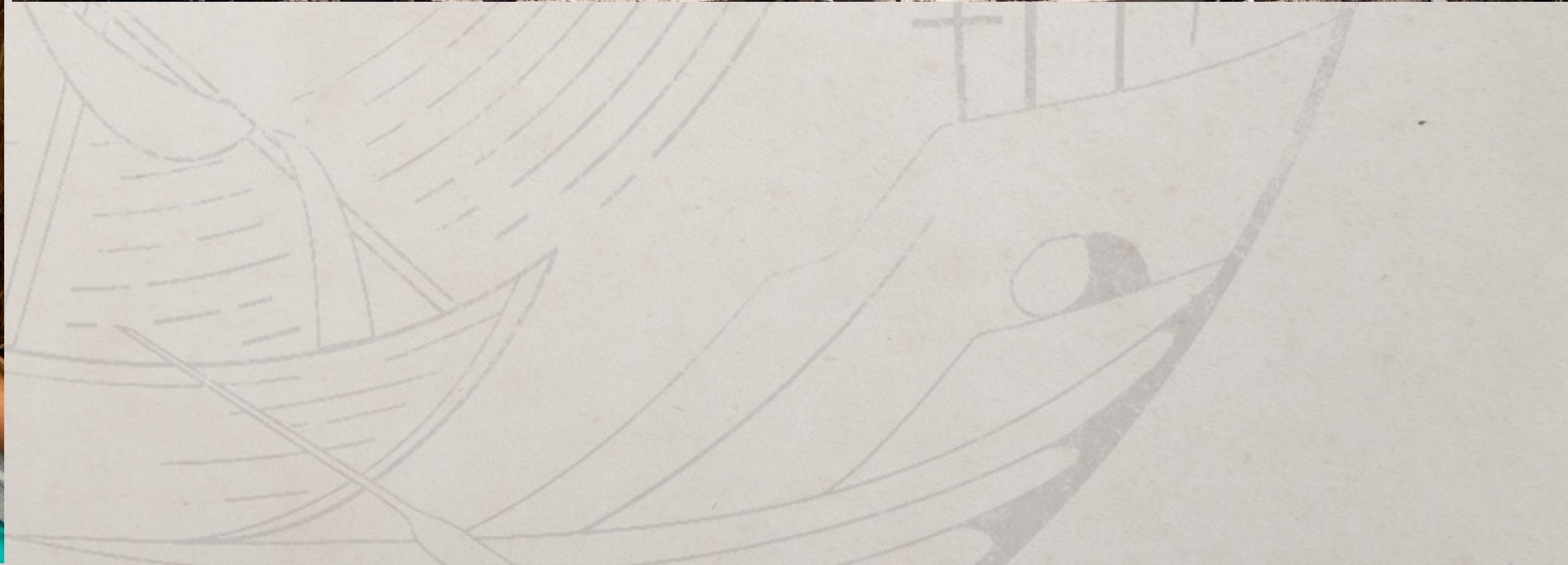
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THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

# Intro: Theoretical Discipleship



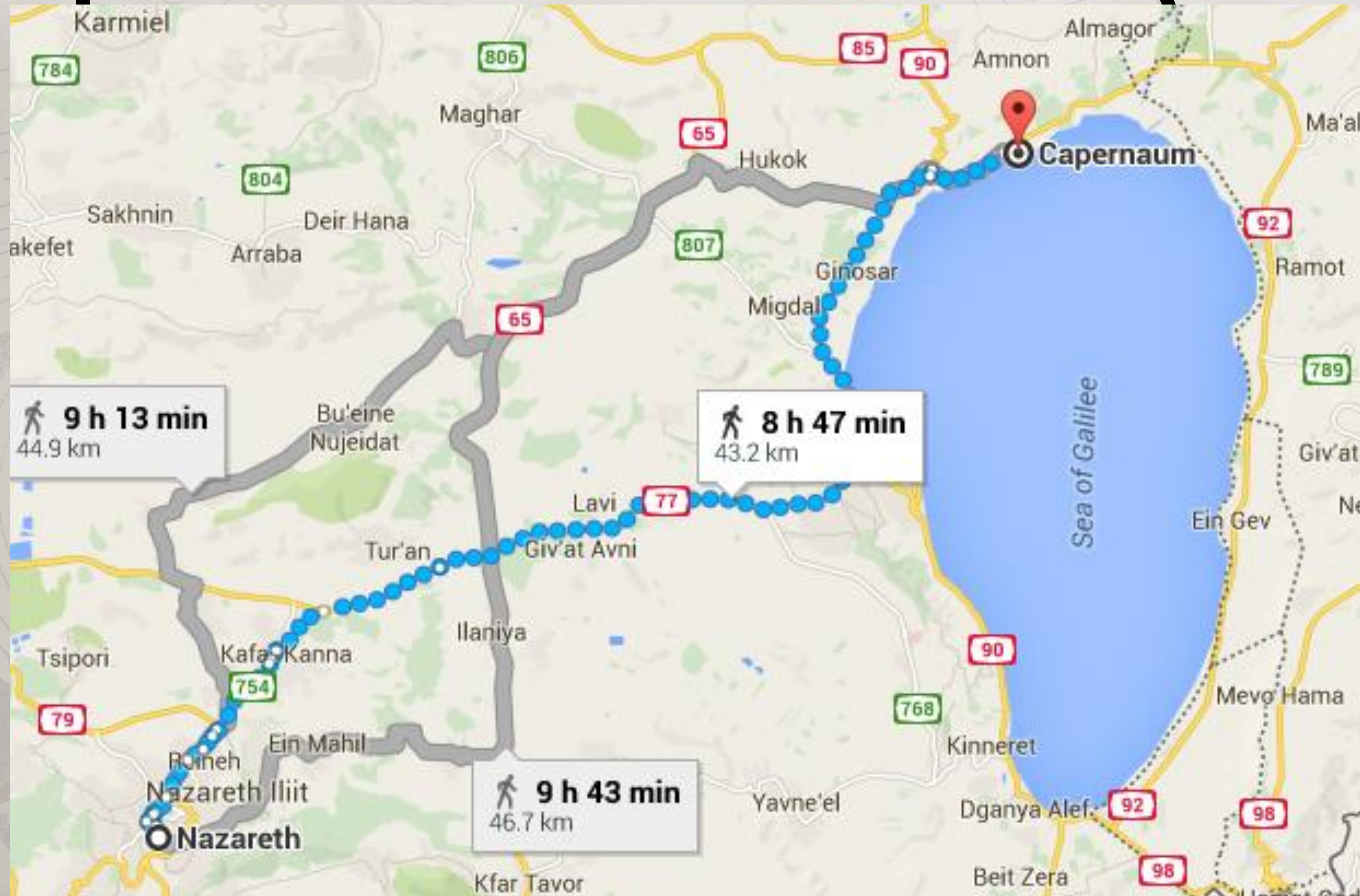
# Intro: Theoretical Disciplines



The background features a circular, monochromatic illustration in a light grey tone. It depicts a dramatic seascape with a large, curling wave on the left side. In the center and right, a boat is shown navigating through the turbulent water. The sky is filled with stylized, layered clouds, and a sun or moon is visible in the upper right quadrant. The overall style is reminiscent of a woodcut or a fine-line drawing.

# Mark 6:1-6a

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# **I. Disciples follow the Master (1-6A)**

Jesus chosen by the synagogue ruler to preach on this Sabbath day... and the people are amazed!

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Why are they amazed?  
Because they **THINK** they know  
Him. The Carpenter (tektion).  
The son of Mary. How could He  
be the Messiah?

# I. Disciples follow the Master (1-6A)

The people of Nazareth "take offense" at Jesus. Skandalizein = "to cause to stumble".

# **I. Disciples follow the Master (1-6A)**

Everywhere else, the people are amazed by the authority of Jesus... here, Jesus is amazed by the lack of FAITH in Nazareth.

# I. Disciples follow the Master (1-6A)

As the Disciples FOLLOW Jesus in Nazareth, they discover that their mission will not only include VICTORY... there will also be REJECTION.

A faint, circular background illustration of a stormy sea. The scene is rendered in a light, sketchy style. In the foreground, a large, curling wave is depicted with many fine, parallel lines. A small boat is visible in the middle ground, partially obscured by the wave. In the background, another boat is visible, with three crosses on its mast. The sky is filled with horizontal lines, suggesting a storm or heavy rain. The entire illustration is contained within a circular frame.

# Mark 6:6b-13

## **II. Disciples are sent out (6b-13)**

**Jesus follows His typical pattern...  
having been rejected in Nazareth,  
He moves on and begins to teach  
elsewhere! (The Mission goes on!)**

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But something surprising happens in verse 7... Jesus SENDS OUT the disciples in pairs to proclaim the Gospel and drive out demons. Isn't this a little premature?

## **II. Disciples are sent out (6b-13)**

The Mission doesn't depend on the ability of the disciple, but on the Authority of God's Word. If they proclaim the GOSPEL, God can use flawed disciples!

## **II. Disciples are sent out (6b-13)**

**The Power of a Pair - One might get discouraged and give up. Two will encourage one another and complement one another. Two are better than One on this mission.**

## **II. Disciples are sent out (6b-13)**

**Jesus is not sending the disciples on a NEW mission... He sends them as an extension of HIS OWN MISSION.**

## **II. Disciples are sent out (6b-13)**

Travel light (Staff, cloak, belt, sandals). Why these items?

Exodus 12:11 -> the SAME items Israel carried during the Exodus.

Big Idea: Complete dependence on God!

## **II. Disciples are sent out (6b-13)**

Find a receptive person (person of peace) and **STAY WITH THEM** the whole time you are there. God will provide a place... be content with the place God provides.

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**Verse 11 - WHEN you face rejection...  
(they have JUST followed Jesus  
through rejection in Nazareth... this  
is part of the mission.)**

## **II. Disciples are sent out (6b-13)**

Shake the dust off your feet...  
(travelers returning to Israel were to shake the dust off their feet, lest the foreign/pagan dust pollute the Land). Basically calling Jews who reject the Gospel **HEATHENS**.

## **II. Disciples are sent out (6b-13)**

However, verses 12-13 demonstrate that the **PURPOSE** of the warning is not condemnation, but rather to provoke that village to **REPENTANCE!**

# **Conclusion: Practical Discipleship**

**Jesus calls His Disciples  
(including us) to follow Him in a  
very practical way. "Get out  
there and DO THE STUFF!"**

# **Conclusion: Practical Discipleship**

- 1. Accept the mission. Jesus never forces anyone to follow Him.**

# **Conclusion: Practical Discipleship**

**2. No amount of training will ever make you feel completely prepared. The whole point is to **DEPEND ON GOD!****

# **Conclusion: Practical Discipleship**

**3. If we're doing this right, we will experience both SUCCESS and REJECTION.**

# **Conclusion: Practical Discipleship**

**4. Don't try to do this on your own (Jesus sent them out in PAIRS). Prayerfully seek a PARTNER or a Disciple-Making community and work together!**

# **Conclusion: Practical Discipleship**

**5. Run the play! The temptation will be to go home and sit down on the bench.**



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