

# GO: The Pathway to Purpose: Discipling Others

## The 7 Steps on the Pathway to Purpose:

For each of the following steps on the pathway to purpose, there are people called to serve each other. Some of them are here now and some are coming. I had a vision of worker ants in the church several years ago and I believe this is the beginning of that work.

1. Salvation (Foundation)
2. Baptisms (Foundation)
3. Partnership (Fellowship)
4. L.I.F.E. & R.E.S.T. Training (Foundation)
5. Discipleship (Fellowship)
6. Spiritual Gifts & Service (Function)
7. Discipling Others (Function)

## Why is all of this necessary?

Hebrews 13:17

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17 Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.

## Accountability

1. Who's born again?

2. Who's been baptized?
3. Who's been sent to partner with us?
4. Who's been trained in LIFE & REST?
5. Who's being disciplined?
6. Who knows their spiritual gifts and is utilizing them?
7. Who's ready to disciple others?

## **The Father's Business is a Must**

Luke 2:41-52

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41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. 43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And [a]Joseph and His mother did not know it; 44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

Jesus Advances in Wisdom and Favor

51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was [b]subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

- Before God uses us to lead others to Him we must first be subject/submitted/surrendered to his will. Living in obedience to and in

recognition of His authority over our lives. There's supernatural power in being subject/submitted/ surrendered to the will of God.

### **James 4:7**

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**7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**

- As Jesus was subject to His parents He **INCREASED** in three key areas.
  1. Wisdom - the knowing and applying of God's ways
  2. Stature - physical and spiritual maturity
  3. Favor - gaining the approval/delight of others to the point that there grace/kindness is extended towards you. Giving the best of yourself to others, and receiving their best in return.

## **Empowered for Purpose**

Luke 3:21-23

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21 One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. **As he was praying**, the heavens opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "**You are my dearly loved Son, AND you bring me great joy.**[a]" 23 Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his public ministry.

- As Jesus grew in wisdom, stature, and favor it brought His Father great joy! After receiving the Holy Spirit he was launched into disciple making.

### **Acts 1:8**

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**8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

## **Disciple Makers are Full of and Led by the Holy Spirit**

Luke 4:1

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4 Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,[a]

Romans 8:12-14

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12 Therefore, dear brothers and sisters,[a] you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. 13 For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature,[b] you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children[c] of God.

- Just as Jesus was submitted to the will of Joseph and Mary as their child. So it is with us to God as His true children.

## **The Mission**

Matthew 4:17

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17 From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.[a]”

Matthew 28:19-20

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19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,[a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

## **Disciple Makers are on the Move**

Mark 1:16-19

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16 One day **as Jesus was walking** along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, **he saw Simon[a] and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water,** for they fished for a living. 17 Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” 18 And they left their nets at once and followed him.

19 A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee’s sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets.

- Jesus was walking in purpose and on purpose. Because of this he went to the shore and saw fisherman. Who are you seeing as you walk in purpose, and what are they doing now that they could be doing for God?
- The invitation that a true disciple responds to is:
  1. Come - Leave behind your old life for a new one.
  2. Follow - Allow me to take you somewhere new.
  3. I will show you- I commit to teach you something new that will change your life and all that you show the way.

## Disciple Makers Know Where to Cast Their Nets

Luke 5:4-6

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4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.”

5 “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.” 6 And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!

Luke 5:29-32

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29 Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. **And there were a great number** of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. 30 [a]And their scribes and the Pharisees [b]complained against His disciples, saying, “Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

31 Jesus answered and said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

## A Disciple Maker’s R.E.S.T.

2 Timothy 2

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2 Timothy, my dear son, **be strong** through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. 2 You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now **teach** these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

3 **Endure suffering** along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 Soldiers don’t get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. 5 And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules. 6 And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor. 7 Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things.

8 Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach. 9 And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained. 10 So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen.

11 This is a trustworthy saying:

If we die with him,  
we will also live with him.

12 If we endure hardship,  
we will reign with him.

If we deny him,  
he will deny us.

13 If we are unfaithful,  
he remains faithful,

for he cannot deny who he is.

14 Remind everyone about these things, and command them in God's presence to stop fighting over words. Such arguments are useless, and they can ruin those who hear them.

An Approved Worker

15 **Work hard** so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. 16 Avoid worthless, foolish talk that only leads to more godless behavior. 17 This kind of talk spreads like cancer,[a] as in the case of Hymenaeus and Philetus. 18 They have left the path of truth, claiming that the resurrection of the dead has already occurred; in this way, they have turned some people away from the faith.

19 But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his,"[b] and "All who belong to the Lord must turn away from evil." [c]

20 In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. 21 If you **keep yourself pure**, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

22 **Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts.** Instead, **pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace.** **Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.**

23 Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. 24 **A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people.** 25 **Gently instruct those who oppose the truth.** **Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth.** 26 **Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap.** **For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.**

