



Discipleship: The Answer to Thirst

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Scripture Text

John 4:13-15 New King James Version

13. Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,
14. **"but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."**
15. The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

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Priming Needed

Discipleship is the KEY
to spiritual vitality





What is Discipleship

Following Christ whole-heartedly

Learning from Christ as we turn the controls of life over to Him

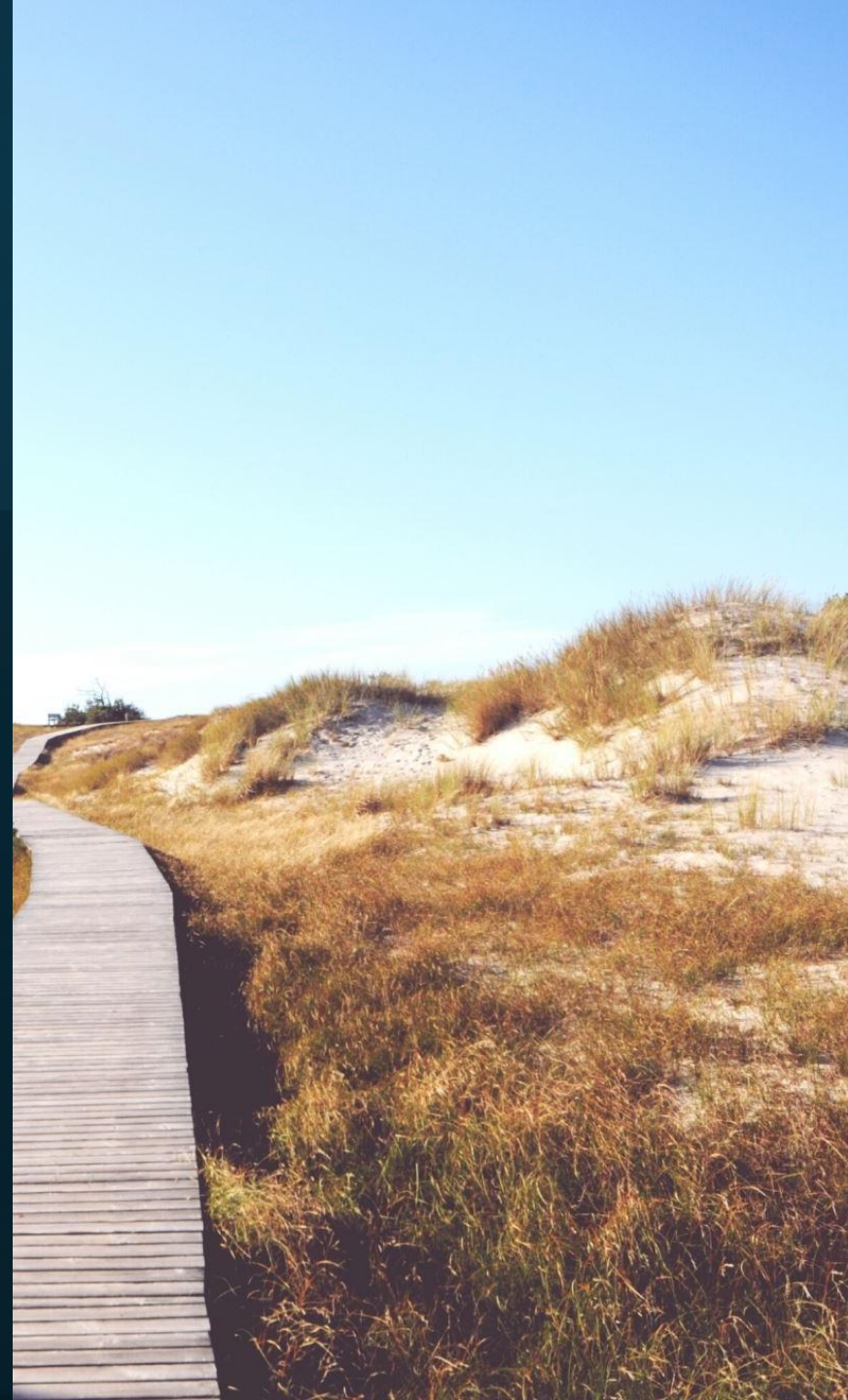
- Why am I here?
- What is my purpose?
- Does my life matter?

Produces a lifestyle which become a beacon of light and hope for the unchurched who may be thirst.

Discipleship has answered the questions...

Why am I here?
What is my purpose?
Does my life matter?

There is a Path to Discipleship



CTOF Path to Discipleship

1. **Gather**
2. **Connect**
3. **Serve**
4. **Reach**

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1. Gather

1. Gathering

- Corporate worship,
- Teaching
- Training
- Hebrews 10:24-25 NKJV
24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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1. Gather
2. Connect

2. Connecting

- **Connection #1... is personal relationship with Jesus Christ**
- **Matthew 11:28-30 KJV**
28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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- **Connection #2... Small Life Groups**
 - Encouragement
 - Sharing and support
 - Ultimate discipling occurs
- **Proverbs 27:17 KJV**
Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

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1. Gather
2. Connect
3. Serve

3. Serving

- Service to the church body
 - Exercising of spiritual gifts, abilities and talents.
 - Financial stewardship
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- **1 Peter 4:10 NKJV**
Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

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4. Reaching

- Disciples making disciples
- To minister to the unchurched and community
- **Matthew 28:19** NKJV
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,

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GATHER



CONNECT



SERVE



REACH

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Discipleship Challenge

Each person is at a different point on the discipleship path

1. Ask the Lord to show you where you are on the path
2. Then seek His guidance on the next step toward becoming more like Him in the coming weeks and months