

# Discipleship: Growing in Relationship with Christ

## Key Theme

Discipleship is not merely learning information about Jesus—it is living in a growing, daily \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.

*“Remain in me, as I also remain in you.”*  
— John 15:4a (NIV)

## I. What Is Discipleship?

A \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who follows Jesus closely, learns from Him, and grows to become more like Him in heart, character, and obedience.

Jesus’ invitation to discipleship is first and foremost \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Then he appointed twelve that they might be \_\_\_\_\_.”*  
— Mark 3:14a (NIV)

### Key Truth:

Discipleship begins with \_\_\_\_\_, not activity.

## II. Discipleship Begins With Relationship, Not Religion

Religion emphasizes \_\_\_\_\_ behavior, while discipleship emphasizes internal \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.

*“If you \_\_\_\_\_ me, keep my commands.”*  
— John 14:15 (NIV)

Obedience flows from \_\_\_\_\_, not obligation.

*“My sheep listen to my \_\_\_\_\_; I know them, and they follow me.”*  
— John 10:27 (NIV)

### Key Insight:

Discipleship is not about performing for God, but \_\_\_\_\_ with Him daily.

### III. Growing Through Abiding in Christ

Spiritual growth comes from \_\_\_\_\_ connected to Christ, not striving in our own strength.

*“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can \_\_\_\_\_ by itself; it must remain in the vine.”*

— John 15:4 (NIV)

To abide means to:

- Live in continual \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ
- Draw spiritual life and \_\_\_\_\_ from Him
- Maintain consistent \_\_\_\_\_ with Him

*“Apart from me you can do \_\_\_\_\_.”*

— John 15:5 (NIV)

### IV. Abiding in the Word

A vital way we abide in Christ is by abiding in His \_\_\_\_\_.

*“If you remain in me and my \_\_\_\_\_ remain in you...”*

— John 15:7a (NIV)

Abiding in the Word means more than occasional reading—it means allowing God’s Word to \_\_\_\_\_ within us.

*“Meditate on it day and \_\_\_\_\_.”*

— Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

#### Abiding in the Word Includes:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture consistently
- \_\_\_\_\_ on God’s truth
- Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ and instruction
- Responding in \_\_\_\_\_

*“Your word is a \_\_\_\_\_ for my feet, a \_\_\_\_\_ on my path.”*

— Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

*“Do not merely \_\_\_\_\_ to the word... Do what it \_\_\_\_\_.”*

— James 1:22 (NIV)

## V. Discipleship Involves Transformation

A growing relationship with Christ produces \_\_\_\_\_ change that becomes outwardly visible.

*“If anyone is in Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ has come.”*  
— 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Transformation can be seen in:

- Christlike \_\_\_\_\_
- Healthier responses to \_\_\_\_\_
- Growing \_\_\_\_\_ and love
- Increased \_\_\_\_\_

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...”*  
— Galatians 5:22–23 (NIV)

God is faithful to complete the work He has \_\_\_\_\_ in us.

*“He who began a good \_\_\_\_\_ in you will carry it on to completion.”*  
— Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

## VI. Discipleship Happens Best in Community

God uses relationships with other believers to deepen our walk with \_\_\_\_\_.

*“As \_\_\_\_\_ sharpens \_\_\_\_\_, so one person sharpens another.”*  
— Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

The early believers devoted themselves to:

- The apostles’ \_\_\_\_\_
- The breaking of bread

## VII. Personal Application

1. I would describe my current relationship with Christ as \_\_\_\_\_.
2. One way I can grow in abiding in Christ this week is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. One Scripture I want to meditate on is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Action Step

This week I will intentionally:

- Spend daily time in God’s \_\_\_\_\_
- Meditate on Scripture rather than \_\_\_\_\_
- Invite \_\_\_\_\_ from another believer

