

Unrecognizable Session 4 – The Discipleship/Makeover Process

I. Introduction Review

A. **1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)** – *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light*

B. Recent Weeks

1. Understanding the Distinct Life
2. Living the Distinct Life
3. Discipleship – The Key to Makeover
 - a. Many experience entry-level salvation = new birth
 - b. It is possible to be saved but never become a disciple
 - c. A disciple is a continued learner = continuing to increase in knowledge and understanding of God, Jesus, the new birth, the kingdom of God
 - d. Carnal Christians = *SAVED/BORN AGAIN* people who had an entry level position in Christ, but had never matured through the discipleship process –
 - e. The Corinthian Church –
 - f. **1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NIV)** – ¹*Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly-mere infants in Christ. ²I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?*
 - g. The Corinthians were still dominated by the Flesh/Transformed in Spirit/not transformed in mind and body –
 - h. They needed DISCIPLESHIP: *ONGOING* growth - through knowledge and understanding and spiritual experience.

II. The Discipleship Makeover Process

I. John 15:1-8 (KJV) – *I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.*

² *Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*

³ *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*

⁴ **Abide in me, and I in you.** *As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*

⁵ *I am the vine, ye are the branches: **He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit:** for without me ye can do nothing.*

⁶ *If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*

⁷ **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

⁸ *Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples*

John 15:16 (KJV) – *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*

A. Two Keys for Fruit Bearing

1. Abide in Christ

- a. Keep Christ in the forefront
- b. Don't lose sight of what He did/what he made available
- c. Remind yourself often that you are IN CHRIST/rather than allowing the enemy to distract you and re-focus your attention on you!

2. Abide in the Word

- a. Jesus emphasized the power of the Word
- b. If my WORDS abide in you – you will ask what you will
- c. **John 3:34 (KJV)** – *For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.*
- d. **John 6:63 (NIV)** – *The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you-they are full of the Spirit and life.*
- e. Jesus DEMONSTRATED the power of the Word = *It is written*

3. Jesus reveals the process of discipleship

1. To abide
2. To abide in Him
3. To abide in the Word

4. **Abide Def** = to remain, to sojourn – not to depart , kept continually – to continue in, to dwell, tarry

- **John 8:31-32 (KJV)** – ³¹*Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; ³²And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*
- The original word for ABIDE – is the same as translated CONTINUE In this passage
- Jesus was speaking to NEW CONVERTS/who had just believed upon him...
- Just believing is not enough – to enter the DISTINCT life of the kingdom – YOU MUST ABIDE/CONTINUE IN MY WORD -

5. Abide is a living term

- a. Non-living things may last for centuries without care
- b. Living things require continued care
- c. We are living beings/natural and spiritual
- d. The Word is Living –

- e. For my spiritual life to excel, I must be nourishing the things of the Spirit.

6. Discipleship is learning to abide in Christ and to abide in His Covenant Word –

- a. Make certain that HIS LIVING WORD remain alive in you!
- b. Remains REAL to you
- c. Remains STRONG to you
- d. Remains VALUABLE/IMPORTANT to you
 - Discipleship is the key to makeover/transformation
 - The Word is the key to discipleship
 - The degree to which you give yourself to the Word will determine the degree of harvest you receive
 - You set the thermostat to control – what you receive

II. The Parable of the Sower/ Soils

A. Mark 4:13- 20 (NKJV) – ¹³ And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴ The sower sows the word.

¹⁵ And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.

¹⁶ These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

¹⁷ and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word’s sake, immediately they stumble.

¹⁸ Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹ and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²⁰ But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, ^[e] accept it, and bear fruit: some **thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.**”

1. This is a parable about Christians
2. Everyone in this parable is experiencing the Word being sown
3. Everyone has the opportunity to benefit from the Word being sown
4. Satan comes to STEAL/STOP the Word? WHY? The Word is key in discipleship/The Word is the KEY to MAKE-OVER
5. Vs 20 – Some Received and reaped 30, 60 and 100 fold.
6. What Determined WHO received the harvest?
 - a. Those who kept the Word in the soil = reaped
 - b. Those who kept more of the Word = reaped more
 - c. Those who kept the Word in the soil of the heart = reaped greatly.
 - d. Not ALL received the Same harvest
 - e. Who determined the harvest level? YOU
7. QUESTION= What is hindering your seed?
8. QUESTION = What is hindering your soil =
9. Its not a seed problem – it is a Soil problem =
10. God – sows the Seed –
11. We – provide the Soil
12. God is responsible for the SEED
 - God is a generous sower/sowing continually
 - My word will not return void

Isaiah 55:10-11 (KJV) – ¹⁰ *For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:*

¹¹ *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*
13. The sower is responsible for the seed = WE are responsible for the SOIL –

III. Closing

A. To Abide is to Continue

B. Discipleship = the key to makeover/transformation

C. The Word = the key to discipleship

D. Jesus “If my Word abides in you -

**E. Jesus = “If you continue in my word – you are my discipleship
indeed**

F. The truth you get as disciples = makes you free!

- The level of truth received = the level of freedom received
- The level of truth received = the level of transformation
- The level of truth received = the level of distinction from others
- 30 fold truth = 30 fold distinction
- 60 fold truth = 60 fold distinction
- 100 fold truth = 100 fold distinction