

Built to Last

Lesson 1 - 8.6.25

Introduction

Matthew 7:24-27 ESV

Sovereignty

God's sovereign power is most clearly evidenced in our lives when we lay aside our fleshly desires and pursue holiness.

That process of surrender to God's will and power is discipleship.

Enemies to Good Ground // Mark 4:2-8 ESV

1. Hard Heart
 - a. Apathy
2. Stones
 - a. Things hidden just below the surface (Jealousy, bitterness, pride, hatred, etc.)
3. Thorns
 - a. Cares of Life
 - b. Riches
 - c. Pleasures of Life

1 Peter 2:11-12 ESV

- Being discipled is detaching ourselves from the cares and desires of this world as we turn our attention to the world to come.
- I can't be discipled if I am obsessed with this world.

What Discipleship Is Not

1. An emotional experience
2. Learning to wear a mask more effectively
3. Just serving others
4. The process of becoming a super-Christian

What Discipleship Is

1. The process of giving lordship of our lives back to Christ
 - a. Matthew 16:24-26 ESV
2. Grounded in Humility
3. Growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ
 - a. 2 Peter 3:18 ESV

The starting point and ending point of discipleship is Jesus Christ.



What Discipleship Looks Like // Colossians 1:9-14 ESV

- Be filled with knowledge of His will in spiritual wisdom and understanding
- That they would walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him
- Bear fruit of Good works
- Increase in knowledge of God
- Be strengthened with all power so that you will have endurance and patience
- Be filled with joy

How to Be Discipled // Hebrews 10:19-25 ESV

- Enter the new and living way He opened for us
- Draw near to Christ
- Have our hearts washed
- Hold fast our confession with our lifestyle
- Stir each other to love and good works
- Gather together
- Encourage one another

