



The THING

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Discipleship

Key Influencers?

Age	Person(s)	Event(s)	Outcome
1-10 years old			
10-20 years			
20-30 years			



Edward Kimball

- A Sunday School teacher in the 1800's
 - One of his students: “I have seen few persons whose minds were spiritually darker when he came into my Sunday School class, or one who seemed more unlikely ever to become a Christian of clear decided views, still less to fill any sphere of extended public usefulness.”

Dwight L. Moody



- "I was in a new world. The birds sang sweeter. The sun shone brighter. I'd never known such peace."

Multiplication Chain

Edward Kimball

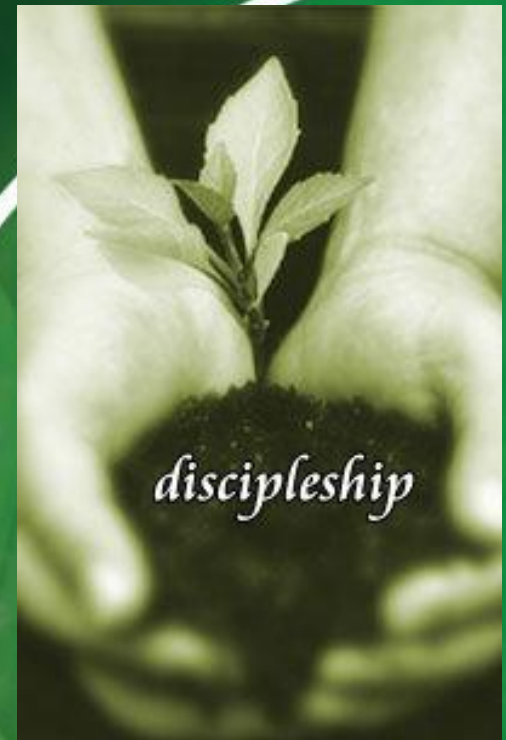
→ **Dwight L. Moody**

→ **F.B. Meyer**

→ **J. Wilbur Chapman**

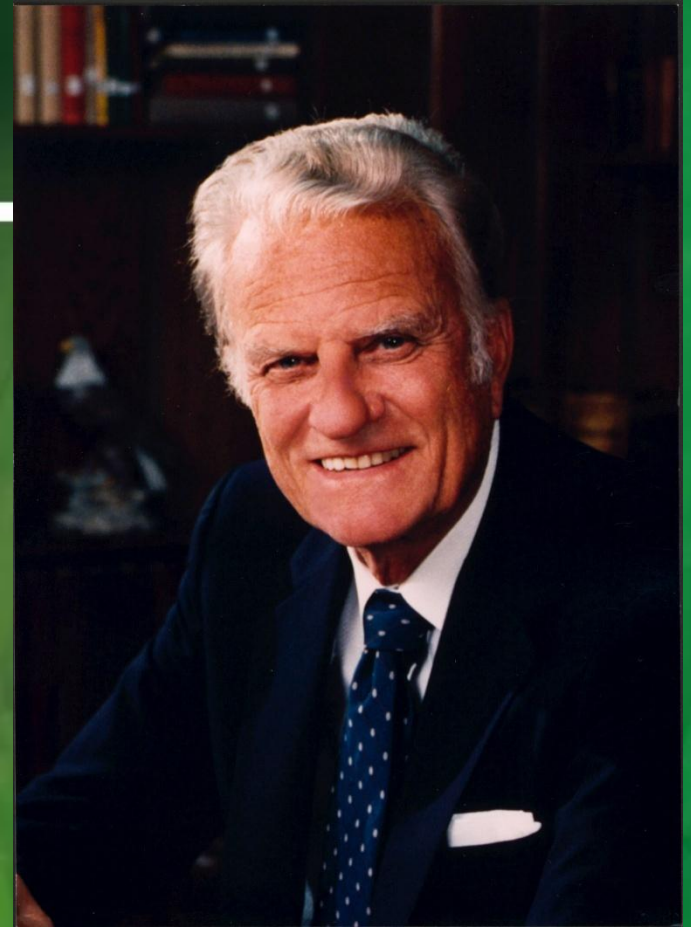
→ **Billy Sunday**

→ **Mordecai Ham**



Billy Graham

- **“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”**
(Matthew 28:18-20)



A Biblical Call

- “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”
(Mark 16:14-18)

A Biblical Call

- Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (John 19:21-22)

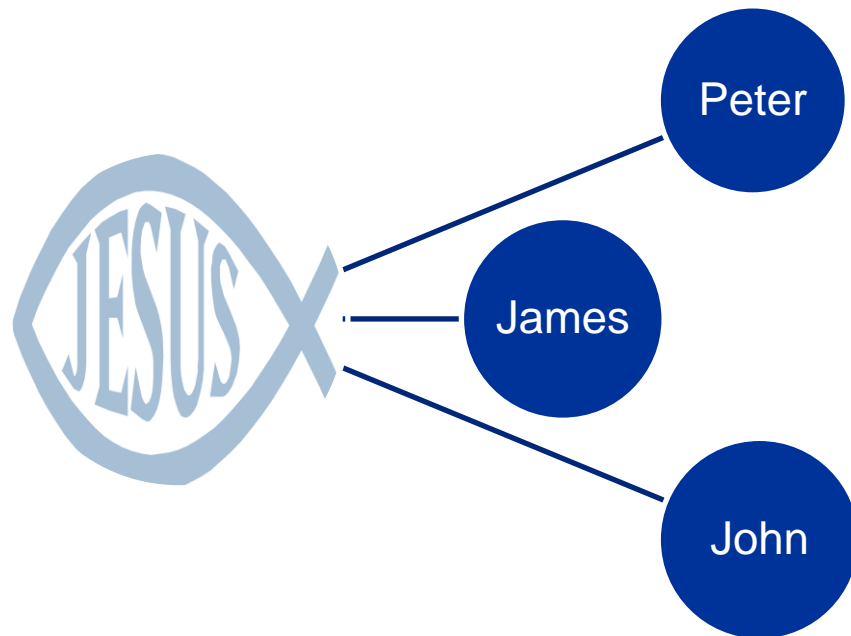
A Biblical Call

- “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

(Acts 1:7-8)

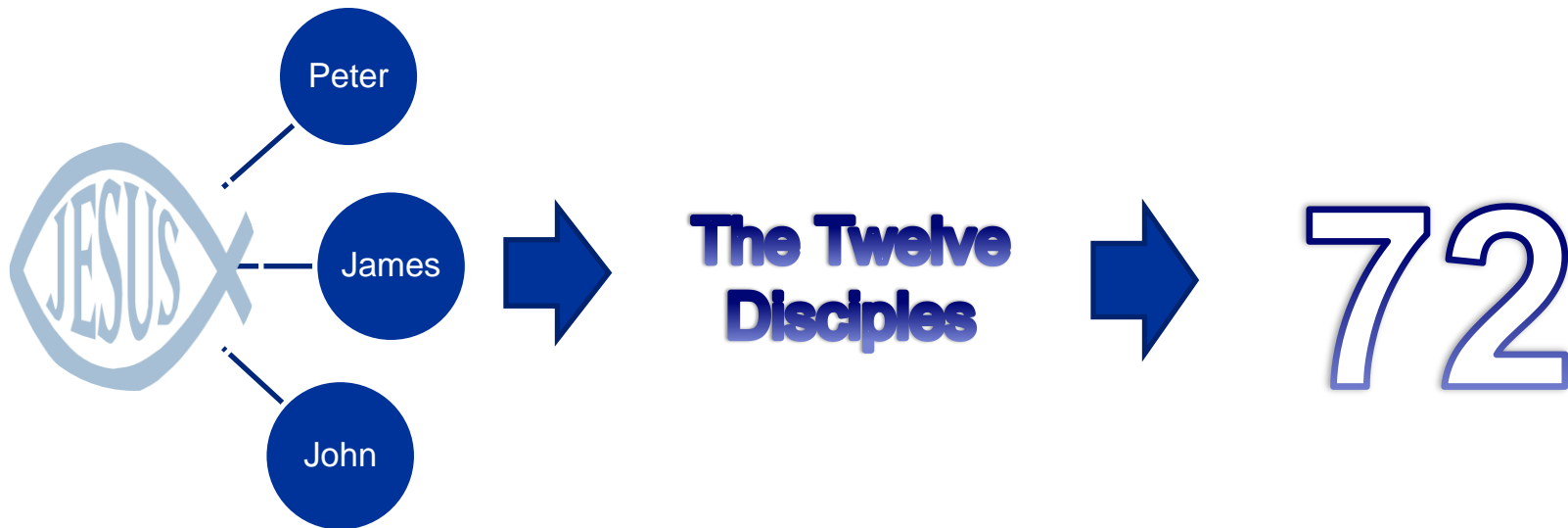
Jesus' Pattern

- “And Jesus went up to the mountain ...and he appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and he might send them out to preach.”
(Mark 3:13,14)

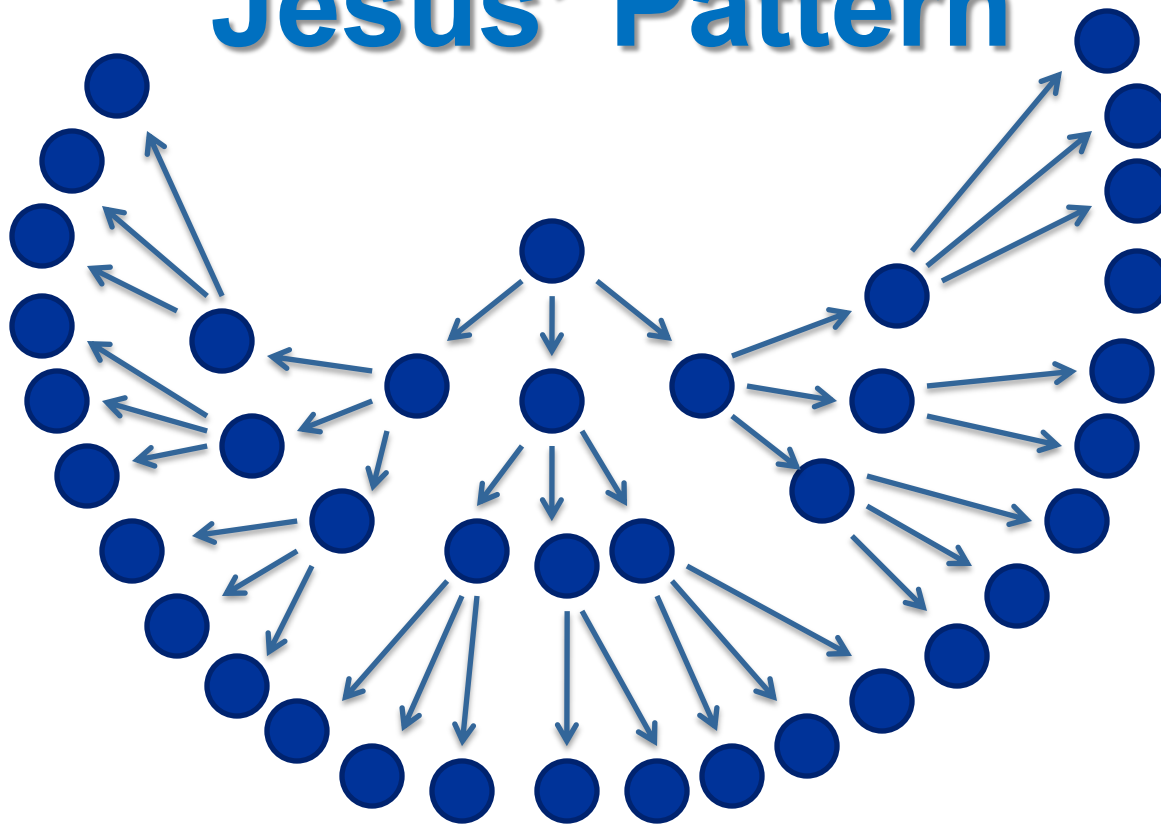


Jesus' Pattern

- ¹Later the Lord chose seventy-two other followers and sent them out two by two to every town and village where he was about to go. ² He said to them: A large crop is in the fields, but there are only a few workers. Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest to send out workers to bring it in. (Luke 10:1-2)



Jesus' Pattern



1 → 3 → 9 → 27



The Concept of Multiplication

- **4372 puppies**
in 7 generations
- **80 million kittens**
in 10 years



Will Addition Reach the World?

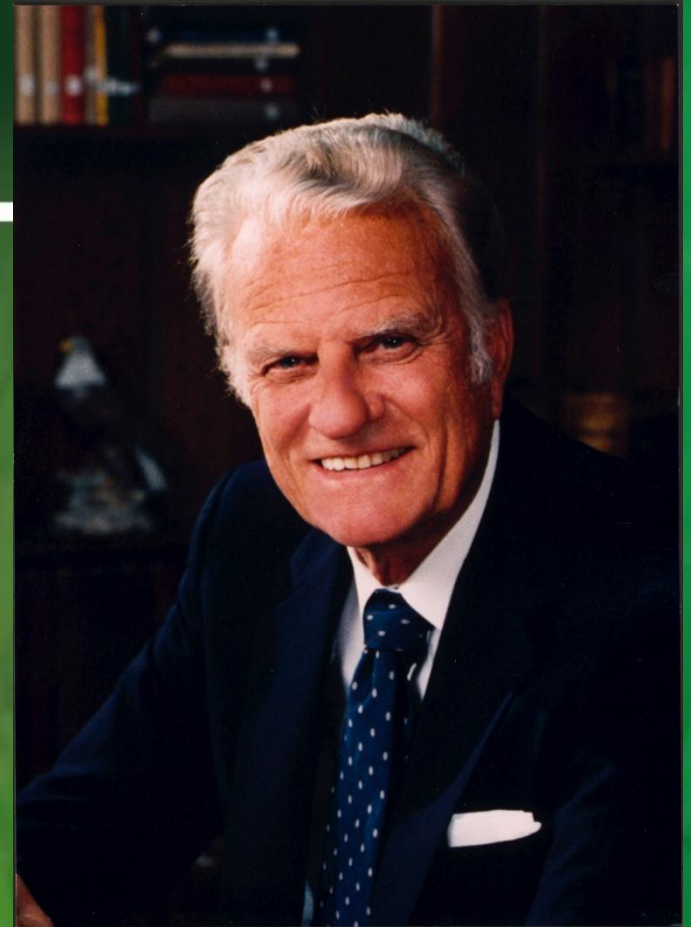


Making Disciples

Year	Evangelist	Discipler
1	365	2
2	730	4
3	1,095	8
4	1,460	16
5	1,825	32
6	2,190	64
7	2,555	128
8	2,920	256
9	3,285	512
10	3,650	1,024
11	4,015	2,048
12	4,380	4,096
13	4,745	8,192
14	5,110	16,384
15	5,475	32,768
16	5,840	65,536

One-by-One!

- “If every believer followed this pattern, the Church could reach the entire world with the gospel in one generation. Mass crusades will never finish the great commission; but a one-by-one ministry will.” - Billy Graham



**EACH
REACH**

**One
One** SM



A Disciple?

- “A disciple is a person who has decided that the most important thing in their life is to learn how to do what Jesus said to do.” Dallas Willard



Definition: Discipling

- Discipling is the process by which we encourage, equip, and challenge another person to be a follower of Jesus helping that person to grow up in Christ to the point where he or she can disciple someone else.

dis·ci·ple·ship

n. to turn all people into fully devoted, mature followers of Christ

dis·ci·ple·ship

2 Timothy 2:1-7

- **¹Timothy, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²You have often heard me teach. Now I want you to tell these same things to followers who can be trusted to tell others.**

2 Timothy 2:1-7

- ³As a good soldier of Christ Jesus you must endure your share of suffering. ⁴Soldiers on duty don't work at outside jobs. They try only to please their commanding officer. ⁵No one wins an athletic contest without obeying the rules. ⁶And farmers who work hard are the first to eat what grows in their field.

2 Timothy 2:1-7

⁷ Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.



Dominated by Christ's Grace

- “Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” (1)
- “If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 4:11)

God's Grace

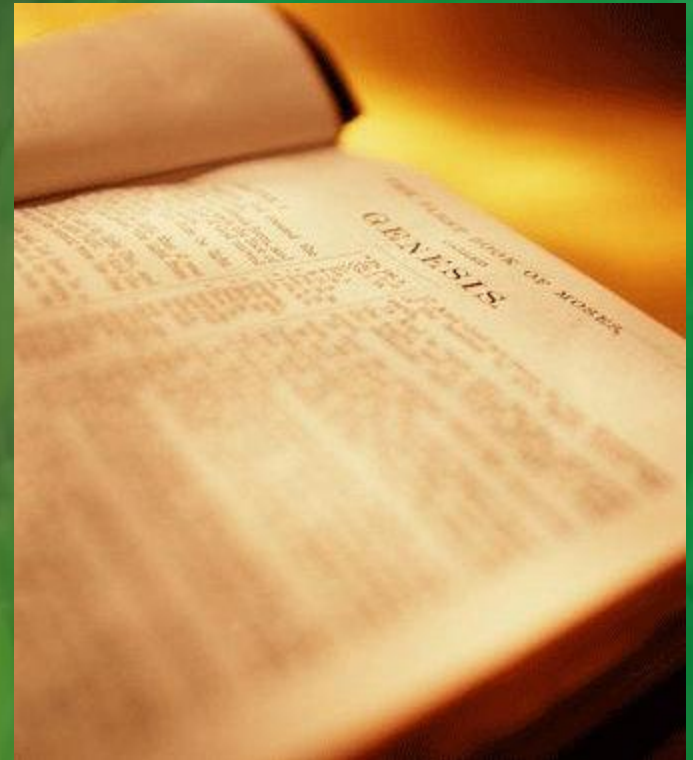
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- “Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”
(Hebrews 4:16)



Dominated by Christ's Grace

- “Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.” (2 Peter 1:2)



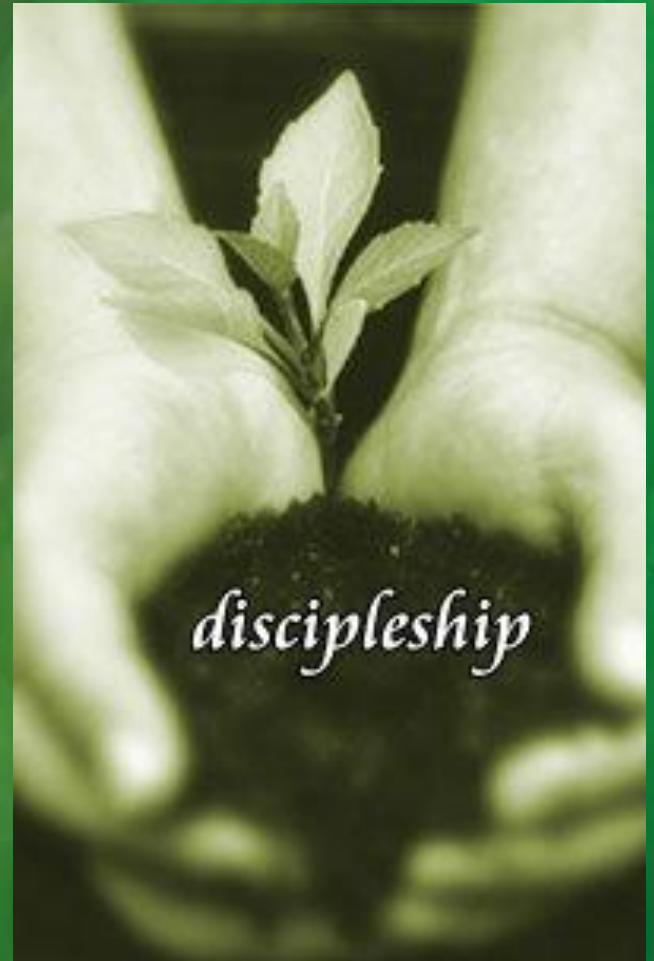
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- “Cloth yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’”
(1 Peter 5:5)

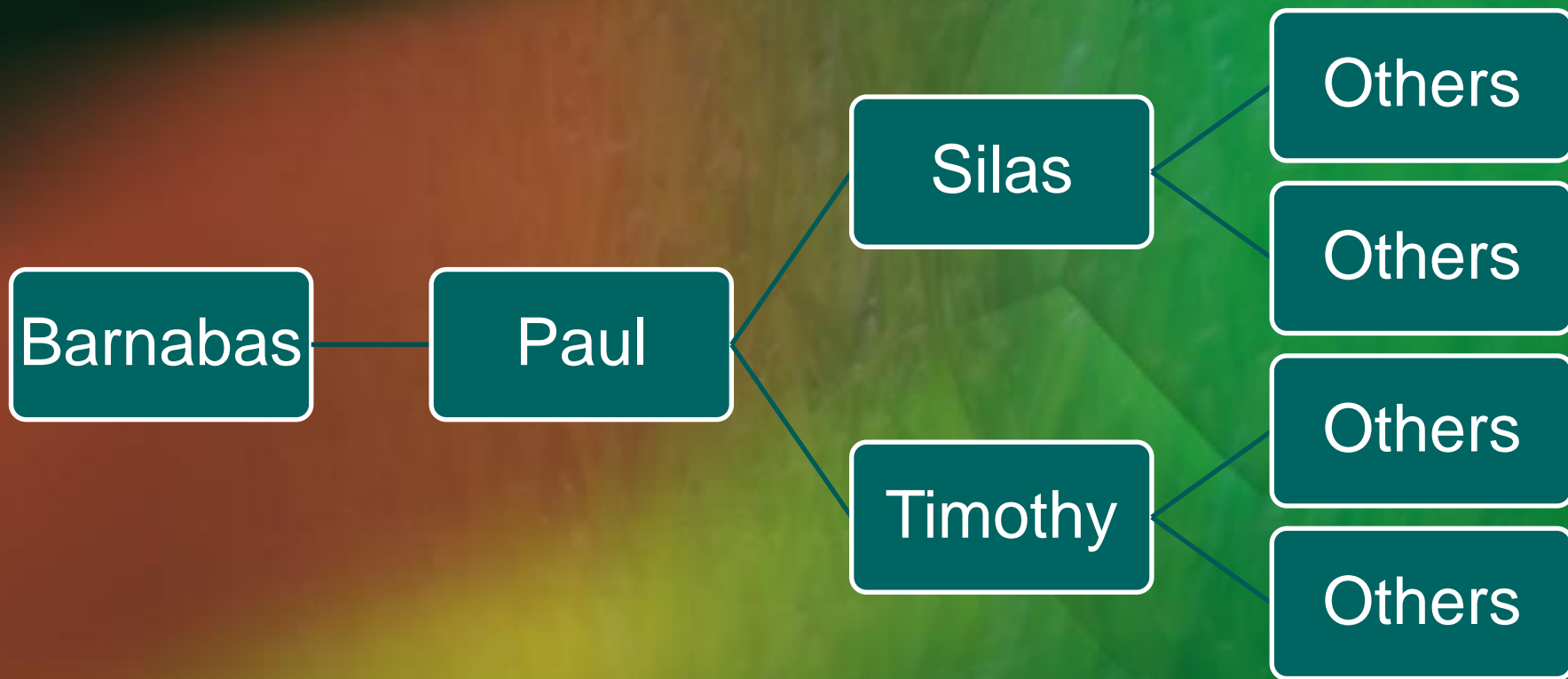


Dedicated to the Ministry of Multiplying Disciples

“You have often heard me teach. Now I want you to tell these same things to followers who can be trusted to tell others.” (2)

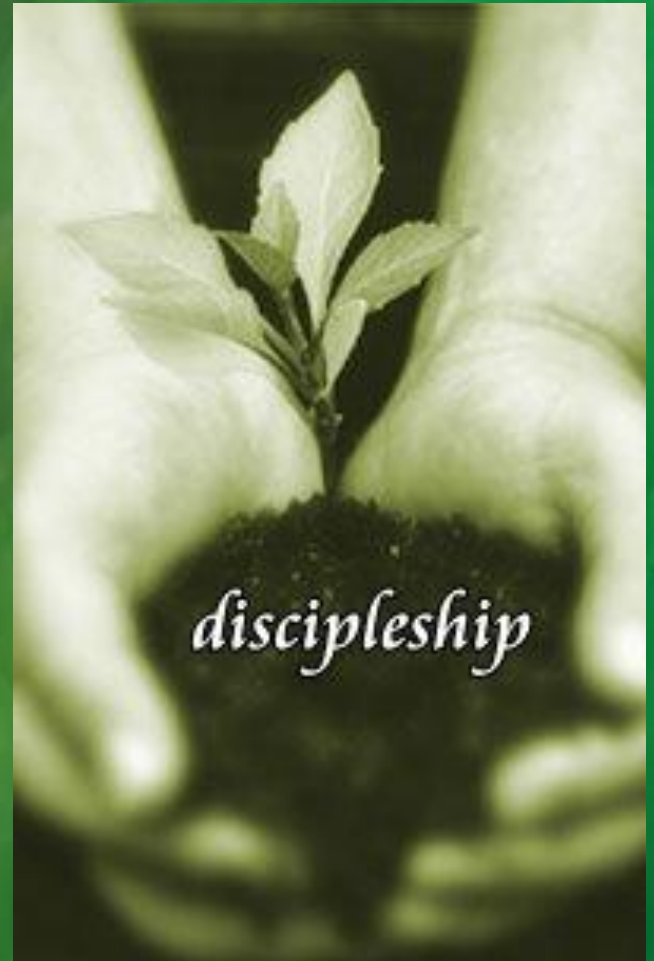


Paul's Example



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**“Always be prepared to
give an answer to
everyone who asks you
to give the reason for
the hope that you have.”
(1 Peter 3:15)**



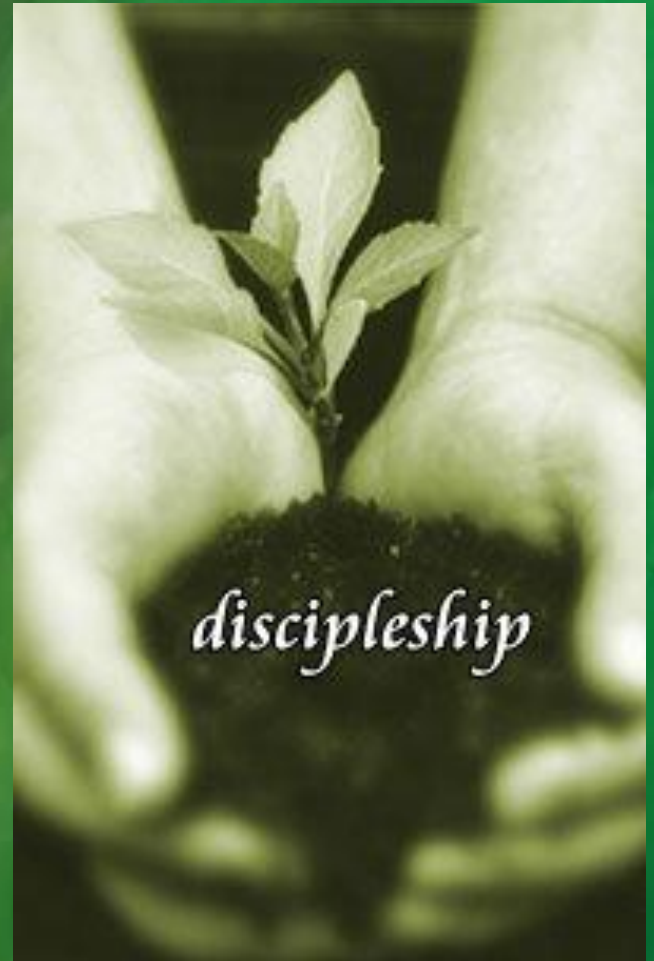
Disciplined for a Life Pleasing to God

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Spiritual Qualities

- Dominated by Christ's Grace
- Dedicated to the Ministry of Multiplying Disciples
- Disciplined for a Life Pleasing to God.



Compete According to the Rules

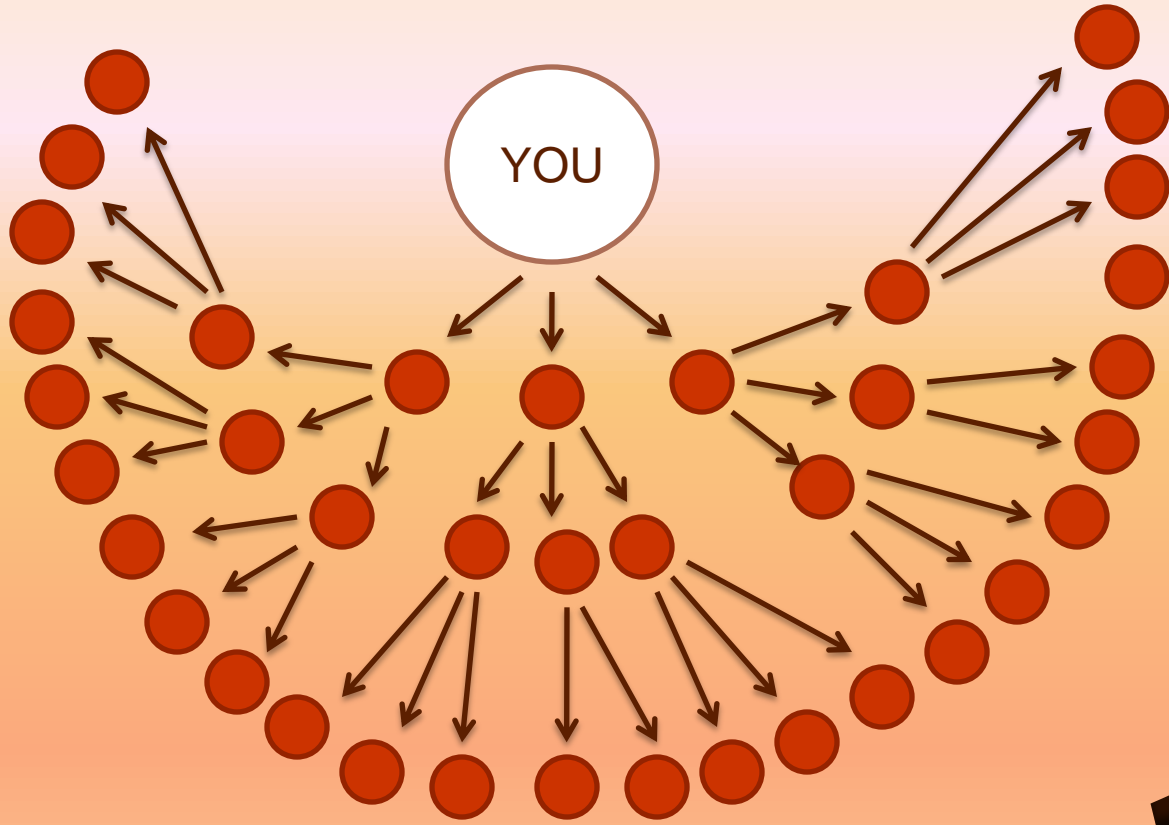
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Work Hard

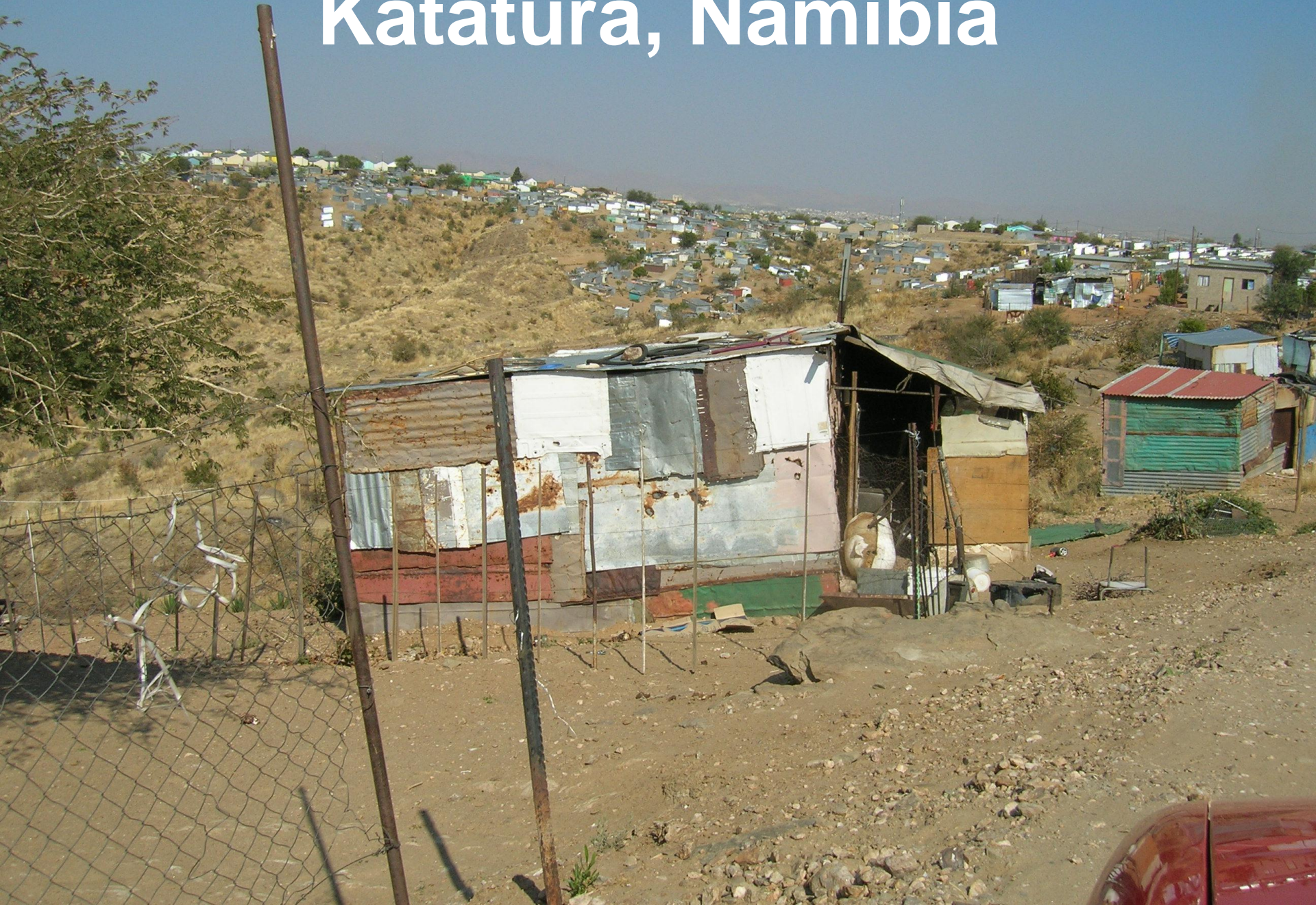
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Just Imagine!

Katatura, Namibia





Discipleship Outcomes

Character: Becoming Like Christ



Conviction: Understanding the Message of Christ



Competency: Serving Christ

Character



- **Holiness**

– “¹⁴As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:14-15)

Character



- Holiness
- **Habits**
 - Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

Character



- Holiness
- Habits
- **Humility**
 - ¹If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. (Philippians 2:1-3)

Character



- Holiness
- Habits
- Humility
- **Holy Spirit**
 - “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead be (continually) filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18)
 - “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

Conviction



- ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(2 Timothy 3:14-17)

Conviction



- The Three-Person God
- Being made in the image of God
- Sin
- Grace
- Redemption
- Justification
- Sanctification
- The Church
- Spiritual Gifts
- Spiritual Warfare
- Stewardship
- Witnessing

Competency



- ¹⁴Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:14-15)

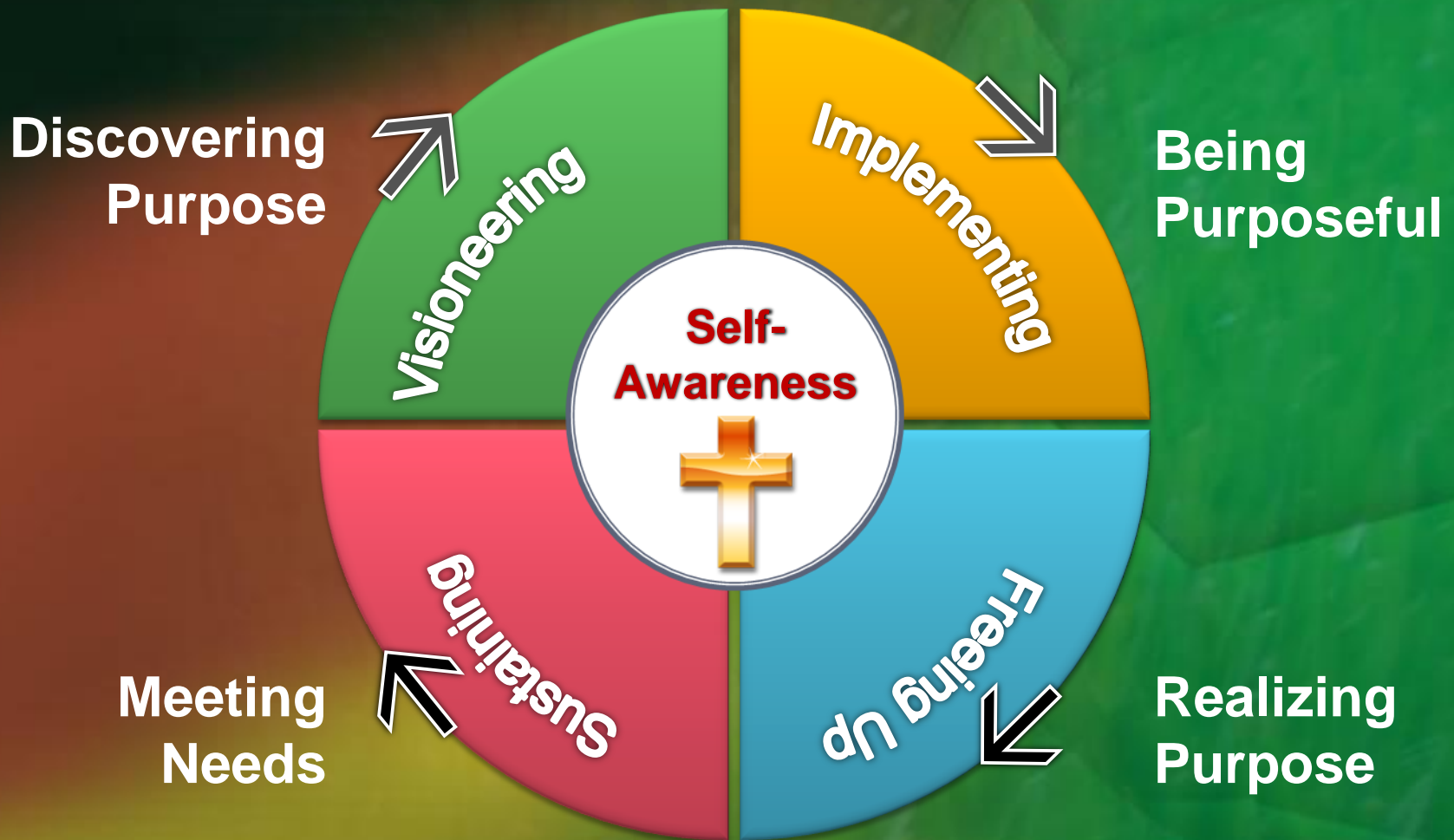
Competency



- How to study the Bible
- How to pray and lead in prayer
- How to lead someone to Christ
- How to lead a Bible study
- How to deal with temptation
- How to ...

How To...

The Disciplining Matrix



How To...



Relate
Reflect
Refocus
Resource
Review

Relate

Reflect

Refocus

Resource

Review

How To...

Relate

Establish discipling relationship and agenda

- How are you doing?
- Where are you now?
- How can I be praying for you?
- What do you want to address?
- How can we work together?

How To...

Reflect

Discover and explore key issues

- What can we celebrate?
- What's really important?
- What obstacles are you facing?
 - Where do you want to go?
 - How committed are you?

How To...

Refocus

Determine priorities and action steps

- What do you want to accomplish?
- What are possible ways to get there?
 - Which path will you choose?
- What will you do (who, what, when, where, how?)
- How will you measure your progress?

How To...

Resource

Provide support and encouragement

- **What resources will you need to accomplish your goals (people, finances, knowledge, etc.)**
 - **What resources do you already have?**
 - **What resources are missing?**
- **Where will you find the resources you need?**
 - **What can I do to support you?**

How To...

Review

Evaluate, celebrate, and revise plans

- What's working?
- What's not working?
- What are you learning?
- What needs to change?
- What else needs to be done?
- What further training would be helpful?
- What's next in our discipling relationship?

A Letter from an Emerging Leader

I am an emerging leader. You are an existing leader. I'm so grateful that God has placed you in my life. I really need you!

First, please teach me the Word of God – because the Truth is life. The Truth can change my thinking. It can transform my life. But I need you to teach me with the anointing and conviction of the Holy Spirit; not only with words, but with conviction and power. However, please don't simply teach me; I need you to share your life with me. Don't teach me only theoretical ideas; be transparent with your life. Tell me about your experiences of God, about the victories you have seen, and about the failures you have had. Your hopes, your disappointments, your joys, your frustrations – share it all with me.

A Letter from an Emerging Leader

In addition to instructing me, please genuinely engage with me in my life. I need to know that you really care about me, that your intention is not merely to train me to do certain things and then send me out as a foot-soldier in your army. Please don't use me. I need to know that you love me and are committed to me. Express this commitment to me in variety of ways. When I do things well, affirm me. When I make errors, hold me accountable; with love and gentleness, correct me.

Please give me responsibilities; responsibilities that are appropriate to my maturity. Some should be mundane tasks to build servanthood in my life.

A Letter from an Emerging Leader

But also give me important things that increase my vision and help clarify my calling. Carefully design these responsibilities so they stretch me and force me to learn, to grow, and to look to God for success. As I fulfill those responsibilities, don't leave me alone; be with me and encourage me. And not only you; please build other relationships around my life. Encourage other mature brothers and sisters in the church to embrace me as their spiritual child. Help them know how to engage with me in practical and meaningful ways in my life. In their lives I'll see what it means to be a mature believer. I'll see it. Not only will you teach me about it; I'm also going to see it. I've got to see it!

A Letter from an Emerging Leader

I need to be with you when you go through some terrible fiery sufferings. I'll watch you endure. That's how I'm going to remember. That's how I will really get it. So please take me with you sometimes. Let me watch you as you do leadership stuff. I love your teaching, but I need to see you actually do it! As I walk with you and as we do things together, I will learn more deeply what it means to be a leader. I will watch you as you make difficult decisions in hard situations. I will watch you as you pray for the people you are serving, and when you weep for them. I will be with you when you are patient with people. I will be with you when you correct those who are wrong. That's how I will learn to do it myself.

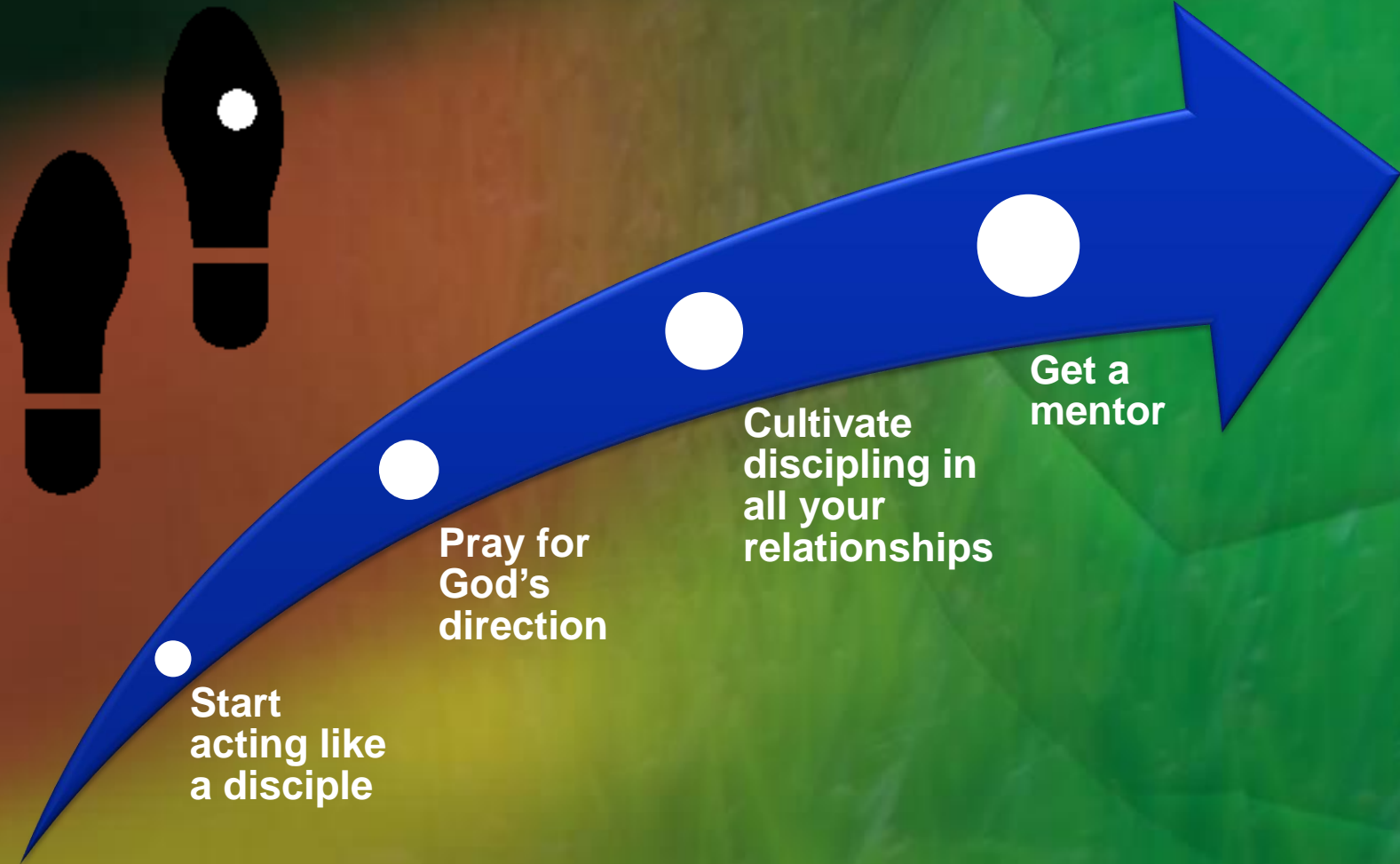
The Challenge

- “One must decide where he wants his ministry to count – in the momentary applause of popular recognition or the reproduction of his life in a few chosen people who will carry on the work after he is gone.”
 - Robert Coleman, *The Master Plan of Evangelism*

The Challenge

- **Make a definite plan to make disciples!**
 - ²²Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. *Act* on what you hear! ²³Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, ²⁴walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like. (James 1:22-24)

Next Steps



A Final Thought ...



I hear, I forget;



I see, I remember;



I do, I understand.

You Can Do It!



"Go on! You can do it! You can be a mentor!"

EACH **One**
REACH **One** SM

“Reflect on what I am saying”

