Go And Make Disciples

A Practical Guide To Saving What Was Lost

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Only a Few

“Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it.”
Matt 7:14 Only a few find it? How many is only a few?

There is a man who speaks to churches and his first question is “Who here is a disciple”? A few raise their hands. Then he asks “Who here is a Christian? And everyone raises their hand. Is there a difference? If you ask people to list on a piece of paper what a Christian is and does and then ask to list what a disciple is and does, you get two different lists. Why is there a difference?

There are millions of Christians around the world. There are over 20,000 Christian denominations and thousands of non-denominational Christian churches. Why all the different Christian groups and why all the disunity? Is this the unity of the church that Paul talked about with Christ at the center? Who or what is at the center? These people are all Christians but are they all disciples? Maybe that is why only a few find it.

Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Matt 12:49-50

Love the Lord with all your heart, with all of your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30

“Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.” 1 John 2:6

Now that’s a narrow road!

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

Should we show ourselves to be disciples or show ourselves to be Christians? Jesus only talks to and about disciples. The bible mentions Disciples over 300 times and mentions Christians only 3 times. We need to change our view of who we are. When Jesus is talking to his disciples, he is talking to us. We need to think of ourselves as disciples. We need to do what disciples are asked to do or make sure that disciples and Christians are the same thing. We don’t need more religion. We don’t need more traditions. We don’t need more Christianity. We don’t need more organization. We need more Jesus and he wants us to be his disciples.

Are you his disciple?

The road is narrow and only a few find it.
What is a Disciple?

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:35

What does “Love One Another” mean?

My command is this: **Love each other as I have loved you.** John 15:12

**Be devoted** to one another in brotherly love. **Honor one another** above yourselves. Rom 12:10

**Live in harmony** with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Rom 12:16

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, **for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.** Rom 13:8

Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind **not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way.** \ Rom 14:13

**Accept one another,** then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Rom 15:7

I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves **are full of goodness,** **complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.** Rom 15:14

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you **agree with one another** so that there may be **no divisions** among you and that you may **be perfectly united in mind and thought.** 1 Cor 1:10

**Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.** Eph 4:2

**Be kind and compassionate** to one another, **forgiving** each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Eph 4:32

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly** as you **teach and admonish** one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Col 3:16

Therefore **encourage** one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1Thes 5:11
But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Heb 3:13

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Heb 10:24

Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Heb 13:1-2

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. 1 Pet 1:22

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Pet 4:8

Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ. 1 Pet 5:14

When you go to church or bring a visitor, is this the way everyone is? Being a disciple appears to be more than being a Christian or are they the same thing?

Why do we understand that Jesus says to love our enemy’s yet some of us can’t even get together with other Christians? What is that? What happened? Maybe we have too much religion and not enough Jesus?

Being a disciple of Jesus is being a follower of Jesus, being like him, being full of love, honoring, accepting, and patient, humble, gentle, forgiving, open and encouraging. It is personal. It is about fellowship and relationships.

Are we together about this? One in Christ?

The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him:

Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. 1 John 2:4-6
Why Make Disciples?

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. Luke 19:10

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--- of whom I am the worst. 1 Tim 1:15

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. Mark 1:16-18

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. Luke 9:23-26

"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters" Luke 11:23-26

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Cor 5:20-21

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me-- the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. Acts 20:24

So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. Acts 11:26

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matt 28:18-20
That sounds like a command to me. Jesus dies on the cross. Then he meets his disciples at a mountain top where he had told them to meet. Then the last thing he says to them is “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore…….. If your friend, father or God called you to meet him after he dies to tell you the last thing he is going to tell you and says, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore…….. Do you think it may be important?

The early Christian church grew quickly because it was alive; it was “filled with the Holy Spirit”. It was disciple making disciples. It was house churches. It was personal. No traditions, just boldness, enthusiasm and commitment.

For making disciples, there is a reason why house churches work and cathedrals don’t.

Questions:

Did you know what Jesus’ mission was? Was his mission to make disciples?

Did he do it? Did he tell you to make disciples also? Is it also your Mission?

Why make Disciples?

Because God said to.

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters-- yes, even his own life-- he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Luke 14:25-30

If you have something to live for you have something to die for.

It’s a legacy of love.
Disciples and the Holy Spirit

His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." John 2:17

Where is the zeal for your fathers’ house? What will you do? What would Jesus do?

Where is your righteous indignation? Jesus held teachers and leaders to a higher standard. Do You? Why did he do that?

But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach…..They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them….."Everything they do is done for men to see…..The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted……"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to. ….."Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are. ….."You snakes! You brood of vipers!" Matt 23

"Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Matt 16:23

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm-- neither hot nor cold-- I am about to spit you out of my mouth. Rev 3:15-16

From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it. Matt 11:12

"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62

"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters. Luke 11:21

The Bible, God and Jesus all ask us to be disciples. We are Jesus’ disciples.

When Jesus talks to his disciples, he is talking to us.

In Matt 28:19 we are all told go and make disciples and we were all Baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? Disciples are God’s temple. God’s spirit lives in you.

Let it out. Share it. Glorify God with it.
Where to Start

Find a disciple partner. **Learn and practice** the “one another” scriptures and then go and make disciples together. It is a mission with a message about Jesus not church and religion. Change yourself and your partner. Get others to join in the mission. Be joyful. It’s a joyful mission filled with the Holy Spirit.

…by their fruit you will recognize them. Matt 7:20

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' …... 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matt 25:35-40

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27

…everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matt 7:24

…and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. Matt 16:27

"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit." Matt 21:43

"If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." Mark 9:35

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.....The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.....

"The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." Luke 3:8-11

"My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice." Luke 8:21

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. Luke 12:48

'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' "Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it.....If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'" Luke 13:7-9
"Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Luke 13:23-24

This is my command: Love each other. John 15:17...faith without deeds is useless? James 2:20 ...faith without deeds is dead. James 2:26
let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. I Jn 3:18....let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Heb 10:24

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. John 15:1-16

Questions:

What does “bear fruit” mean? What is fruit that will last? Are you bearing fruit?

What does he mean when he says “ Remain in me?”

How do you show yourself to be his disciple?

What is your Mission?
The Process

The making of disciples is like a chain letter of love that changes the world. It is a chain of love through time, like parent to child and grandparent to grandchild. It is your commitment to be like Christ in love, spirit and deed that you are sharing with others. It is Christ, it is you, and it is your mission. The positive leverage of a good teacher is immeasurable. They will never know how many generations they influence. If a teacher teaches a child to read they also may be sending that child’s grandchildren to college.

A disciple of Jesus is changing the world in positive ways for generations. It is a pyramid of disciples making disciples all over the world and impacting the world for generations with love. Your new brothers and sisters in Christ will also raise grandchildren whose grandchildren will be saved and also making disciples. It is for eternity.

This little book of scriptures is a guide to help you to go and make disciples. It is broken up into progressive topics of understating and can be your guide in leading someone to Christ. Making disciples is done through personal relationships. As disciples, we all have those who brought us the good news and those who we shared the good news with. Get to know your future brother or sister in Christ personally. Find a private place to share your life and love with them. Listen to their sins. At each meeting, have them open their Bible and find the scriptures listed for each topic. This will help them find their way around the Bible. Have them read each scripture aloud. Then ask them what they think the scripture means. If the scripture needs more understanding, read the entire chapter in order to put it in better context. Try to cover only one topic per meeting. It is important that they discover the message of Jesus on their own Talk about the scripture. Ask questions. They will learn about Jesus, his love, his message of salvation, the forgiveness of sins, repentance, the commitment of baptism and how to become and make disciples.

“Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded.”

Teaching someone to obey is a behavior modification process. It is a different teaching method than teaching an academic course or bible study. Traditionally our society has considered the making of disciples as one of teaching theology. Academic Bible studies can be a digression from serving God and a stumbling block to becoming a disciple. You don’t learn love from a book. Jesus did not make disciples by teaching the specific tenets of theology as we do today. Jesus taught faith with action. He demonstrated it.

Think about who and what has changed your life in the past. A radical transformation comes from seeing and doing. Let the scriptures teach. Then ask the big question, “What are we going to do about it?” What changes do I need to make? Remember that becoming a disciple and follow Jesus is a life changing event. It's about love.

Topics and Key Scriptures Leading to Salvation

The following are some of the basic areas of Christian beliefs and understanding. They should be read and discussed with those you are bringing to Christ. A disciple should be able to understand and share the word of God. Sharing the word in any order can cause a change in heart and a progression of understanding that can lead to salvation.

Begin with Jesus and the word of God, then the Holy Spirit, the cross, sin, repentance, being saved and baptism. There are many more topics and scriptures that can be read and discussed but focus on the basics and on your interests. The scriptures from each topic can be read and shared at each meeting. The meetings should lead to a strong desire to recognize sin, make confessions, repent and a desire to be baptized. As each meeting progresses you may also want to invite other disciples to join in as fellow teachers and encourage fellowship. Teamwork can be more productive, encouraging and fun. Jesus sent his disciples out in twos. The potential disciple may also relate better with some of the other disciples in the meeting. Start out each meeting with a review of the last discussion and look for a progression of understanding. Are they sorry for their sins? Are they gradually changing? Can they feel the change? Is there an increasing desire to repent? Do they want to be a disciple? Do they want to be baptized?

The mission is not to make more church members, more religious people or nicer human beings but disciples. Once we have something worth living for we have something worth dying for.

Between meetings, encourage your disciple partner to read any of the gospels of the New Testament such as John and after each meeting you can also give them a list of the scriptures you talked about and a list of the scriptures for the topic you will discuss at the next meeting. These are not the only topics or scriptures that may lead to Salvation. Who knows what words from God will change each individual’s heart and cause repentance? It is your mission to share the word and teach to obey. Let God move the heart.

John 14:18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

What happens after baptism? Your new brother or sister in Christ confesses that Jesus is lord, is submerged in water, dies with Christ, emerges from the water and is filled with joy. This is the beginning of your lifelong relationship with that person. You continue to love one another, continue to learn from God’s word and go and make disciples together.

Baptism is the beginning of relationships, not the end. Do not leave your new disciple an orphan and move on. It is time to grow together in Christ and be brothers or sisters “until the end of the age.” Your faith will always be tested to see if it is genuine and you will need each other.
The Character of Jesus

**John 2:13-17** So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

**John 5:1-15** One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

**Matt 10:32-40** "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven. "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law--a man's enemies will be the members of his own household." Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me."

**Matt 15:1-9** Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'"

**John 2:17** His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The zeal for his house turned the tables of religion not just physically.

**Luke 9:57-62** As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-by to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."
John 15:1-8  "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. \textit{This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.}

Rev 3:14-16  "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm— neither hot nor cold— I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

I Jn 2:3-6  We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: \textit{Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.}

MUST?  Not “I strongly suggest” but MUST?  Zeal?  Lose your life for me”

Jesus asking an invalid, “Do you want to get well?”  “You hypocrites!”

"Let the dead bury their own dead.”

“I am about to spit you out of my mouth” Lose your life for me”

Can you see why the religious establishment wanted to crucify him?

Did you view Jesus as a quiet guy with a lamb under his arm?

Is this your view of Jesus and being a Christian?

How did we get so comfortable? Is zeal still in our Christian culture?

\textit{Do you have zeal?}

\textit{Will you walk as Jesus did?}

“Show yourself to be my disciple”.

Seek First

_Jer 29:11-13_ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.**

_Matt 6:25-34_ "Therefore I tell you, **do not worry about your life,** what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. **Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?** Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. **Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? **…… O you of little faith? ……..your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But **seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,** and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, **for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.**

_Matt 7:7-14_ "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and **only a few find it.**

_Matt 13:44-46_ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

_Luke 13:22-30_ Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, "**Make every effort** to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'

Seek first...with all your heart...the narrow gate...only a few find it...Make every effort. Is there more to being a Christian than you thought?
The Word of God

Matt 4:4  Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

2 Tim 3:16-17  All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. John 12:47-50. "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

Heb 4:12-13  For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

1 Tim 4:16  Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

John 8:31-32  To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

1Thes 2:13  And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

2 Pet 1:20-21  Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Matt 22:34-40  Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."
**1 Tim 4:16** Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

**1 Pet 4:10-11** Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

“Whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”

Jesus is speaking the word of God? When we read the Bible and what Jesus says are we hearing from God what he wants to say to us? Should we share that word with others? What will they do for the people who hear them?

“For the word of God is living and active”. What does that mean?

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

Is God always watching? We must give account?

What does watch your doctrine mean?

What does “know the truth” mean?

What does “set you free” mean?

"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

Did he say **ALL**? Heart, soul and mind?

Must God be first in your life? Why?

Enter through the narrow gate and only a few find it. What does Jesus mean?

Can you see why the gate is narrow and only a few find it?

Is it coming together for you? Are you seeing your commitment differently?

"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62
**Sin**

**Rom 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Mark 7:20-23** He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"

**Gal 5:19-21** The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**Eph 5:3-7** But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person-- such a man is an idolater-- has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them.

**Isa 59:1-3** Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken lies, and your tongue mutters wicked things.

**Ps 66:18-20** If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

**Rom 1:18-32** Please read ALL of Romans 1:18 through 32!

**1 Cor 6:9-11** Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**James 4:17** Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.
The Cross

Acts 2:22-23 "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

Acts 2:37-41 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-- for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Luke 14:27-30 Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

Matt 10:38-40 Anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me.

1 Cor 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Pet 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Rom 5:6-11 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.
Repentance

**Luke 13:1-5** Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them-- do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

**Acts 26:19-21** "So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. That is why the Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me.

**2 Cor 7:10-11** Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.

**Acts 3:19** Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

**Matt 11:28-30** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Repentance means to turn around. Make a 180 degree turn. Go the other way. You were going down the road of sin, turn around and go in the other direction. Turn from evil to good. If you are focused and busy doing good it is harder to be going in the other direction at the same time. Be focused and too busy. Sounds like the kind of instructions a good teacher or a good parent gives a child. Idle time is the devils keeper.

What part of repentance don’t you understand?

**Have a mission.** Jesus gave you one. Bring others along. Make plans to do good deeds. Work with others. Lead the way. Be a great teacher and a great influence to others. Make a plan and do it. State your mission clearly and pick a date. What are your goals? What is your strategy? Who is involved? How can I measure success? Put down this booklet and….Get started.

**Luke 15:7** ….there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.
The Holy Spirit

**John 4:23-24** Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

**John 3:6-8** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

**John 14:26** But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

**Acts 4:31** After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

**Acts 5:32** We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

**Acts 9:31** Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

**Acts 10:44** While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

**Acts 15:8** God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us.

**Rom 5:5** And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

**Eph 3:16-21** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**Gal 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

**James 2:26** As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.
**Salvation**

**John 12:47-50**  "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

**Mark 10:17-31** As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good-- except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

**Luke 10:25-37** On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

**Luke 14:25-35** Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters-- yes, even his own life-- he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

**John 8:31** To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said,  "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples."

**John 13:34** "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
Baptism

Acts 2:38-39  Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-- for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Rom 6:3-5  Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

Acts 22:16  And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'

John 3:5  Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

Eph 4:1-5  I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called--one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

Matt 3:16  As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.

Mark 16:16  Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

John 3:22  After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized.

Acts 8:12  But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

Acts 8:36  As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.
Discipling

Encourage

2 Tim 4:2  Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-- with great patience and careful instruction.

Heb 3:13  But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Heb 10:25  Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1Thes 3:2  We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith,

Isa 1:17  learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.

Acts 15:32  Judas and Silas, who themselves were prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the brothers.

Rom 12:8  if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

1Thes 5:11  Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1Thes 5:14  And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

II Th 2:17  Encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Titus 1:9  He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

Titus 2:6  Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.

Titus 2:15  These, then, are the things you should teach. **Encourage and rebuke with all authority.** Do not let anyone despise you.
Instruct

Luke 12:12 For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Acts 5:21 At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

Rom 12:7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;

Rom 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Titus 2:1 You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.

Prov 9:9 Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.

Rom 15:14 I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

1 Cor 2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?"
But we have the mind of Christ.

2 Tim 2:25 Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Ps 119:64 The earth is filled with your love, O LORD; teach me your decrees.

Ps 119:66 Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I believe in your commands.

Ps 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

Prov 22:17 Pay attention and listen to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach,
Correct

2 Tim 4:2-3 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-- with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

Matt 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Prov 10:17 He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.

Prov 12:1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.

Prov 13:18 He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.

Prov 15:10 Stern discipline awaits him who leaves the path; he who hates correction will die.

Prov 15:32 He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.

Ps 141:5 Let a righteous man strike me-- it is a kindness; let him rebuke me-- it is oil on my head. My head will not refuse it. Yet my prayer is ever against the deeds of evildoers;

Prov 1:23 If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you and made my thoughts known to you.

Prov 9:8 Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you.

Correct-“With great patience and careful instruction”!!!

Correct with encouragement.

Correct as you would like to be corrected.
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