

# DISCIPLESHIP

## **Overview of Discipleship**

Lesson	Class / Text	Date	Teacher
<b>Lessons 1-3</b>	<b>Foundations of Discipleship</b>		
<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>Overview of Discipleship</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 6</b>	<b>Erik</b>
Lesson 2	Urgency of Discipleship (Luke 9:57-62)	Wednesday, April 13	Erik
Lesson 3	Primacy of Discipleship (Luke 14:25-34)	Wednesday, April 20	Erik
<b>Lessons 4-8</b>	<b>A Follower</b>		
Lesson 4	Jesus & Pleasing the Father	Wednesday, April 27	Erik
Lesson 5	Reasons Jesus Came	Wednesday, May 4	Erik
Lesson 6	A Case Study in Evangelism	Wednesday, May 11	Erik
Lesson 7	Jesus & Prayer	Wednesday, May 18	Erik
Lesson 8	Jesus' Patience With the Disciples	Wednesday, May 25	Erik
<b>Lessons 9-13</b>	<b>A Learner</b>		
Lesson 9	Methods of Study, Pt. 1	Wednesday, June 1	Erik
Lesson 10	Methods of Study, Pt. 2	Wednesday, June 8	Erik
Lesson 11	Methods of Study, Pt. 3	Wednesday, June 15	Erik
Lesson 12	Methods of Study, Pt. 4	Wednesday, June 22	Erik
Lesson 13	Methods of Study, Pt. 5	Wednesday, June 29	Erik

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- **Goals of Classes**

- **Cultivate a Deeper Resolve to Follow Jesus**
- **Be Challenged By Jesus' Example**
- **Learn How to Learn Better**

- **Outline of Class**

- **Defining Discipleship**
- **The Purposes of Discipleship**
- **The Promise of Discipleship**

# Defining Discipleship



- **Greek Word – “Methetes” (G3101)**
  - Pupil
  - A Learner
  - To Learn by Use & Practice
  
- **Additional Definitions**
  - “A convinced adherent of a school or individual” (Merriam Webster)
  - “A person who is a pupil or an adherent of the doctrines of another; follower.” (Dictionary.com)
  
  - A Learner Who Follows and a Follower Who Learns

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- **To Learn From the Teacher (Passages from Mark)**
  - “And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve **asked** him about the parables” (4:10).
  - “And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples **asked** him about the parable” (7:17).
  - “And they **asked** him, ‘Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?’” (9:11).
  - And when he had entered the house, his disciples **asked** him privately, ‘Why could we not cast it out?’” (9:28).
  - “And in the house the disciples **asked** him again about this matter” (10:10).
  - “<sup>3</sup>And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew **asked** him privately, <sup>4</sup>‘Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?’” (13:3-4)

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He called all the disciples and ordered them to bring twenty fowls. Each pupil was instructed to take one bird to a place where he could not be seen, and to kill it. When they all returned, the birds were dead — all except the one taken by the controversial student. Junaid asked him, in the presence of the others, why he had not killed his bird. ‘Because you told me to go to a place where I could not be seen, and there is no such place; God sees all,’ answered the man. **The difficulty of transmission of knowledge is bound up with the orientation of the student. Wanting knowledge is not enough.** As we see in the case of Junaid’s students, only one in twenty acted in accordance with his own beliefs.

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# Purposes of Discipleship



- **To Become Like the Teacher (Matthew 10:24-25)**
  - **What is the Context in Which Jesus is Speaking?**
  - **To What is the Disciple/Teacher Relationship Compared?**
  - **How Will We Be Treated at Times for Being a Disciple?**
- **To Reproduce “After Their Kind” (Matthew 28:18-20)**
  - **What is Required to Become a Disciple?**
  - **“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Genesis 1:27-28)**

# Promise of Discipleship

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- **“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)**
- **Why Might People Be “Laboring” & “Heavy Laden”?**
- **How Does Discipleship Bring Rest?**