

DEMONSTRATE

BEING A DISCIPLE

JESUS

Sept 22nd

Discover-Demonstrate-Duplicate

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Being a Disciple Series

- Invitation to a journey of discipleship
- 3 Dimensional Disciples
- Last Week... Discover
 - Discipleship Dashboard for Discover
 - Posture
 - Bible
 - Prayer
 - Church
- This Week... Demonstrate

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Symptoms of a 1 Dimensional Christian

1. Consumer... Likes to hear and enjoys mental stimulation but refuses to act on what is heard
 - Eventually succumbs to their selfishness, dissatisfaction and immaturity
 - Wealth of information with no substance
2. Shallow faith... Easily swayed/influenced by “fine sounding arguments”
3. Deceived... James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”
4. Dead... 2:14–17 Faith without works is dead

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The Goal of Discipleship

1 Corinthians 3:18... And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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The Goal of Discipleship

Romans 8:28-29... ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

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The Goal of Discipleship

1 John 2:3-6... ³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.⁴ Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

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Dashboard Indicators



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Obedience

- Walk as he did... BIG shoes to fill!
- Jesus modeled obedience perfectly
- Not a popular statement in a rebellious and autonomous culture
- If you have become a Christian – if God has truly changed you – you will desire to obey him (“to love me is to obey me”)
- Great Commission... “...teaching them to obey everything I commanded...”
- The wise builder (Matt 7:24–27)



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Community

- Jesus lived in community
- The crowd
- The 12
- The 3
- Sin causes us to hide, but Christian community enables us to be known and brings us into the light
- God's design for his people has always been community based



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Serving

- Jesus was a servant (Phil 2)
- Matt 20:28... “...**just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**”
- The call of the disciple is to pour out your life for others in service
- Disturbing... how few people are actively serving and focused on becoming a servant
 - Our need to break the grip of our self-centered culture



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Embracing The Deeper Life

- To be conformed into the image of Christ...
 - God's work is the forming, ours is the pursuit
- Pursuing Jesus looks like...
 - Obeying the Word of God
 - Living as the church (a community of believers)
 - Becoming a servant
- Watch out! The process cannot be 2 dimensional!
 - Christianity is not about behaviour modification, but rather heart renovation

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