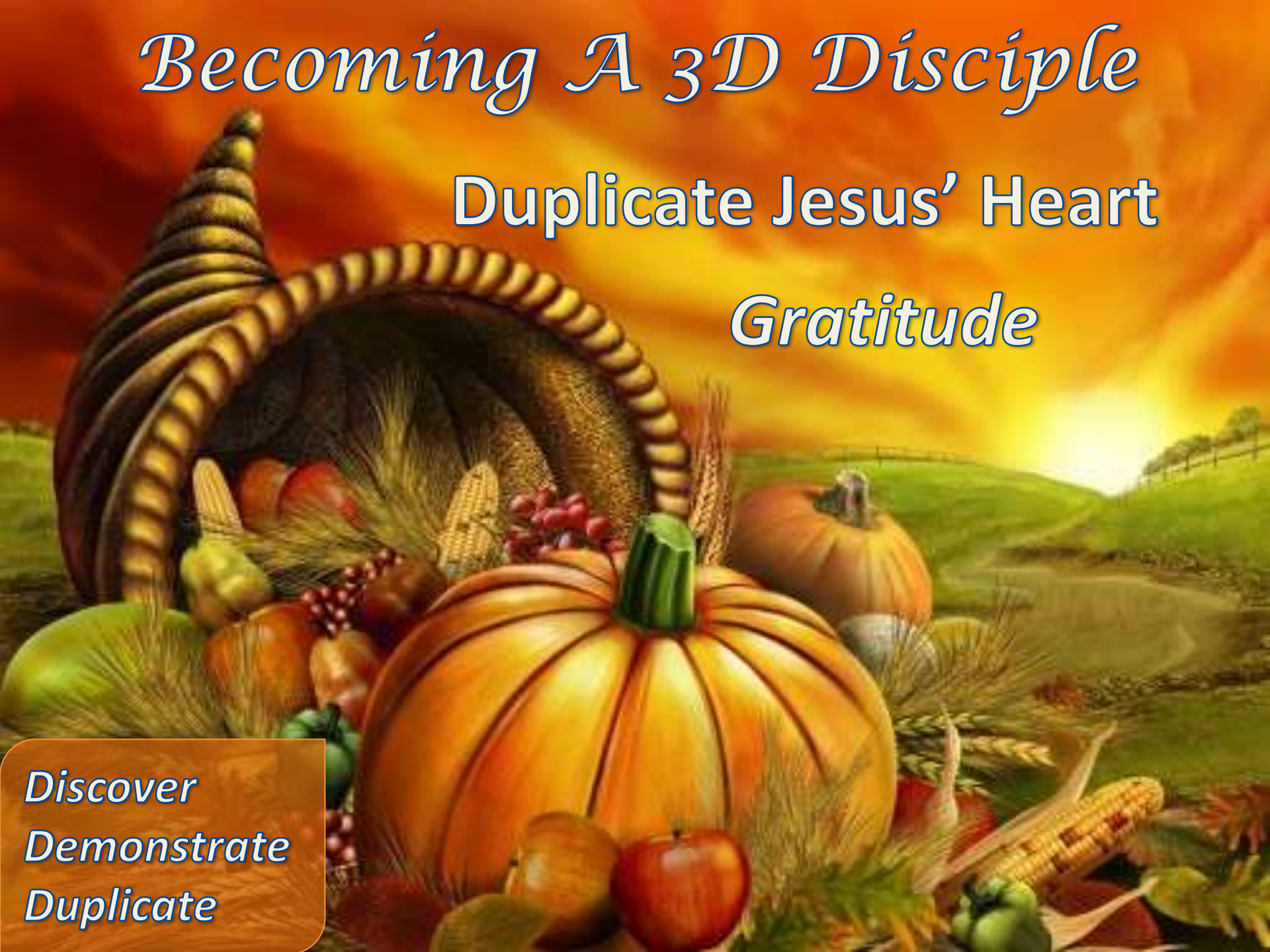


Becoming A 3D Disciple

Duplicate Jesus' Heart

Gratitude

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3D Disciples – Gratitude

Becoming A 3 Dimensional Disciple

- Discover Jesus
- Demonstrate Jesus' Life
- Duplicate Jesus' Heart
 - Gratitude is a matter of the heart
 - God desires us to be thankful

3D Disciples – Gratitude

Call From Scripture

- **It's God's will for us to be thankful people**
 - ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thess 5:16-18)
- **It's part of living in Christ**
 - ⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Col 2:6-7)

3D Disciples – Gratitude

Call From Scripture

- It's God's will for us to be thankful people
- It's part of living in Christ
- It's a posture/attitude of the heart
 - ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:6-7)

3D Disciples – Gratitude

Call From Scripture

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- It's part of living in Christ
- It's a posture/attitude of the heart
- It's springs from a knowledge of who God is, what he has done, and what he is going to do
 - ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our “God is a consuming fire.”

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- It's written on our hearts – we know we should be thankful

3D Disciples – Gratitude

Why do we struggle to be thankful people?

- Historic track record – not good!
 - The Exodus, the Prophets, Jesus' Day, the early church
- We forget
- Becoming more like Jesus is low on priority list
- We covet and/or compare ourselves to others
- God or people fail to meet our expectations
- We don't have a clear picture of who God is
- We don't understand the gospel

3D Disciples - Gratitude

Romans 1:21-22

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

3D Disciples – Gratitude

Gateways to Becoming Thankful People

- Committing yourself to the deeper life in Christ and desiring Jesus to duplicate his heart in you
- Transformation begins with the renewing of your mind – you need to think differently
- Loving the place where God has put you
- Markers and reminders

3D Disciples – Gratitude

Philippians 2:14-18

¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or complaining⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. ¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.