

Victory's Mission - Cultivating World-Impacting Disciples

*"Jesus said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them...(and) teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." **Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)***

I. Introduction

II. Discipleship---What Is It?

- o It is teaching and training disciples on why following Jesus in this way is Biblical
- o It is teaching and training disciples on what following Jesus in this way involves
- o Victory's definition of a disciple includes one who:

Has gone through our Growth Track course, has become a giver (II Cor.9:7; Luke 6:38), and is a servant on/in a ministry of their choice (Matt.20:25-28; John 15:13)

"Discipleship is not an option. Jesus says that if anyone would come after me, he must follow me."—Tim Keller

"Christian discipleship is a decision to walk in his ways, steadily and firmly, and then finding that the way integrates all our interests, passions, and gifts, our human needs and eternal aspirations. It is the way of life we were created for."— Eugene H. Peterson

"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Discipleship isn't a program or an event; it's a way of life. It's not for a limited time, but for our whole life. Discipleship isn't for beginners alone; it's for all believers for every day of their life. Discipleship isn't just one of the things the church does; it is what the church does."---Bill Hull

III. The Three Vital Components of Victory Church's Discipleship Process

1. The process involves assisting the disciple into a _____ with Jesus and God's Word---the Bible.

*"...Jesus asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "**But who do you say that I am?**" **Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** **Matthew 16:13-17***

*"Then **Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul...?" **Matthew 16:24-26***

2. The process involves assisting the disciple into a growing love _____ and _____ for their spiritual _____ in Christ.

“And they (the early church) continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers...Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and (some) sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:42-47 (NKJV)

“It takes more than a busy church, a friendly church, or even an evangelizing church to impact a community for Christ. It must be a church ablaze, led by leaders who are ablaze for God.”

--- Wesley L. Duewel

“Church attendance is as vital to a disciple as a transfusion of rich, healthy blood to a sick man.” — Dwight L. Moody

“Every believer is commanded to be plugged in to a local church.”---David Jeremiah

3. The process involves assisting the disciple into _____, _____ with and walking into their unique _____ that Jesus has called them to and gifted them for.

*“For we are God’s own handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus (born anew) **that we may do those specific good works** which God predestined (planned out beforehand) for us (taking paths which He has prepared ahead of time, that we should walk in them (living that good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live).” Ephesians 2:10 (Amp.)*

“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him---that is discovering and doing His good and perfect will for your life.” Philippians 2:13

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“Your specific calling in life will become clear as your mind is transformed by the reading of Scripture and the internal work of God's Spirit. The Lord never hides His will from us. In time, as you obey the call first to follow, your destiny will unfold before you. The difficulty will lie in keeping other concerns from diverting your attention.”---Chuck Swindoll

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” – Mother Teresa

ANSWER KEY:

- 1. deep relationship*
- 2. connection----appreciation----family*
- 3. discovering----aligning---purposes*