



Discipleship & Renewal

Matthew 28:18-20; 11:28-30

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We are a community following Jesus, seeking renewal in our city.

Matthew 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.”

Jesus didn't say:

“Go into all the world and make *Christians*.”

How is a *disciple* of Jesus different from being a Christian?

“A good working definition of disciple or apprentice is simply someone who has decided to be with another person, under appropriate conditions, in order to become capable of doing what that person does or to become what that person is.”

- Dallas Willard



“One of the major transitions of life to recognize who has taught us, mastered us, and then to evaluate the results in us of their teaching. This is a harrowing task, and sometimes we just can’t face it. But it can also open the door to choose other masters, possibly better masters, and one Master above all.”

- Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*

A disciple of Jesus is someone who is with Jesus in order to become like Jesus and capable of doing what Jesus did.

What is Jesus good at that we want to be good at?

Jesus was good at living in the kingdom and presence of God; and He applies that kingdom reality for the good of others and even makes it possible for them to enter it themselves.

Acts 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Mark 8:34-35

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.”

Being with Jesus

Becoming like Jesus

What were the practices of Jesus?

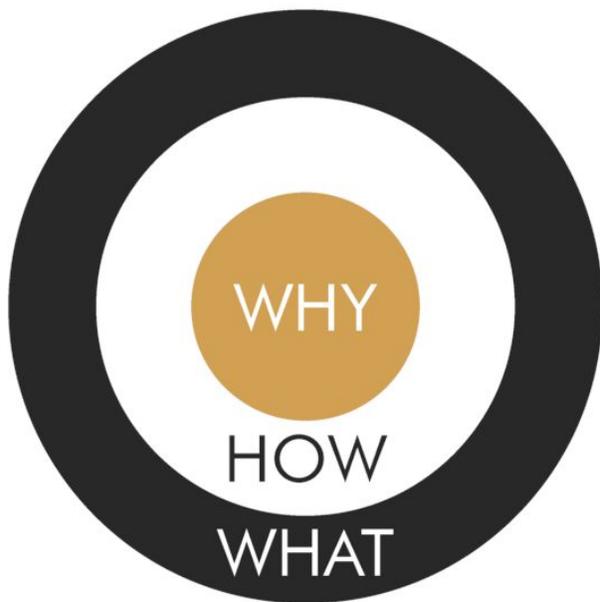
- Solitude & Silence
- Prayer
- Simple & Sacrificial Living
- Study & meditation upon God's word & God's ways
- Service to others, especially the poor & marginalized

Doing what Jesus did

Discipleship courses will deepen your discipleship to Jesus through thought and practice.

Discipleship Courses are short-term, catalytic experiences for our community in order to:

- Interact with the Bible to discern God's truth
- Experience growth & transformation by the Holy Spirit
- Learn practical skills in a life of apprenticeship
- Develop meaningful relationships with other believers



“There is no problem in human life that apprenticeship to Jesus cannot solve.”

- Dallas Willard

Matthew 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.”