

EQUIPPING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TO LOVE AND BE LOVED

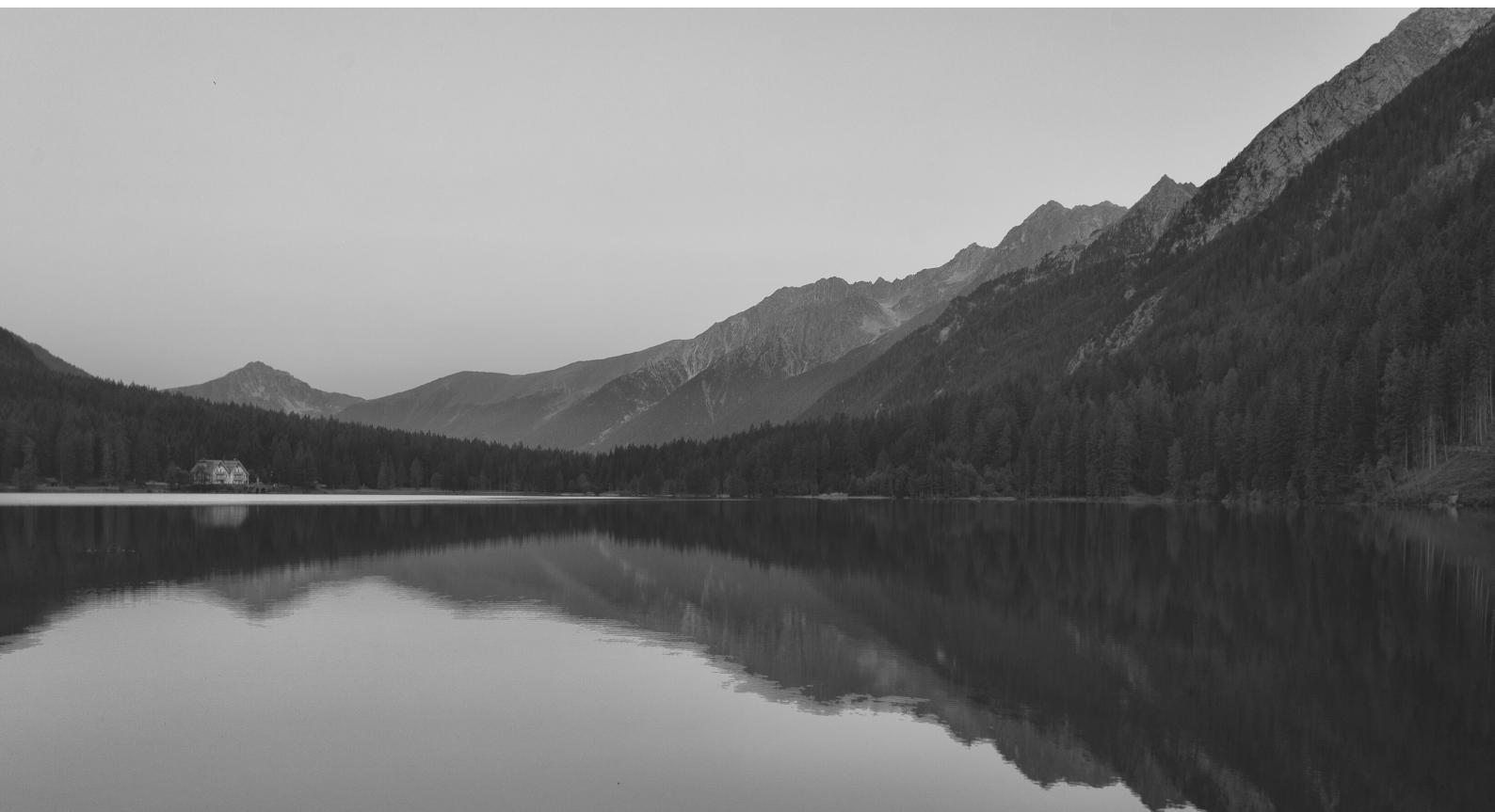
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DISCIPLESHIP

MANUAL

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AN INTRODUCTION TO DISCIPLESHIP

In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus commands us to make disciples. Jesus, our perfect example, demonstrated this; He travelled with, lived with, ate with, and ministered with His disciples, loving and equipping them, sometimes before they even felt ready. Those same disciples went on to turn the known world upside down. Discipleship is relational, intimate, and powerful.

This manual, designed to be taught in relationship, walks a new Christian through vital biblical truths. It assumes they have already repented and been baptised.

If this has not taken place, walk them through that first. The two sections, Identity and Ambassador, cover topics such as our brand new nature, the deceitfulness of sin, evangelism, discipleship, and growing healthy communities.

This weekly guide makes room for relational connection, biblical study, and practical, reproducible teaching tools, reinforcing that all are equipped and all must go. It is designed to be a guide, not a script. Learn the teaching tools for yourself and empower people to paraphrase and use them.

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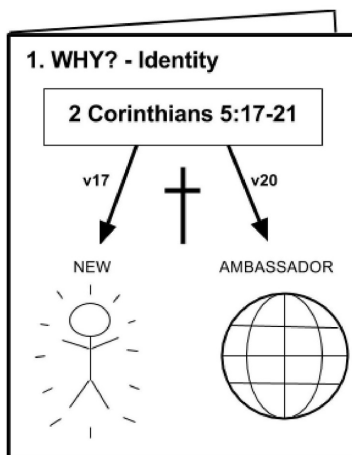
HELPFUL RESOURCES

411

Read Matthew 28:18-20, where Jesus says, “Go and make disciples”.

The “411” Training equips Jesus’ followers to make disciples by answering these 4 questions in 1 hour (or less) on 1 sheet of paper:

1. WHY make disciples?
2. WHO to reach?
3. WHAT to say?
4. WHEN to get started?



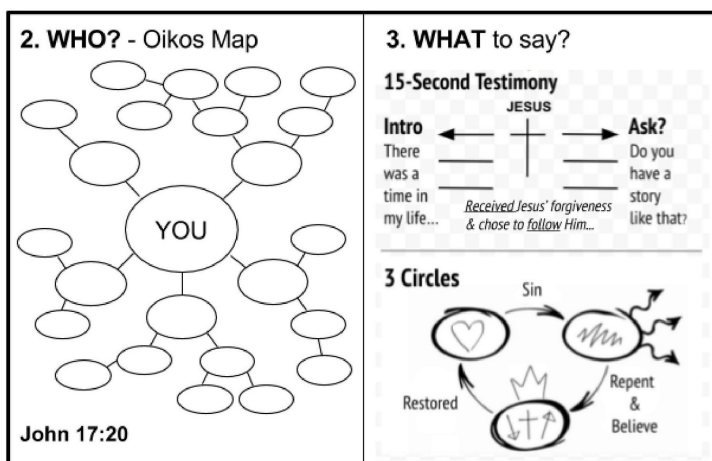
Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

We see in these verses that if you are in Christ Jesus, these two things are true of you because of Jesus:

v17 (person) - You have been made NEW! He has forgiven all your sins.

v20 (globe) - He has given you a new identity as His ambassador

You cannot separate these two. You cannot become new without being an ambassador of Jesus and you cannot be an ambassador of Jesus without being made new.



4. WHEN? - Schedule Goals

-Pray for oikos: _____
(Daily Time)

-Share Gospel: _____
(Name / Time)

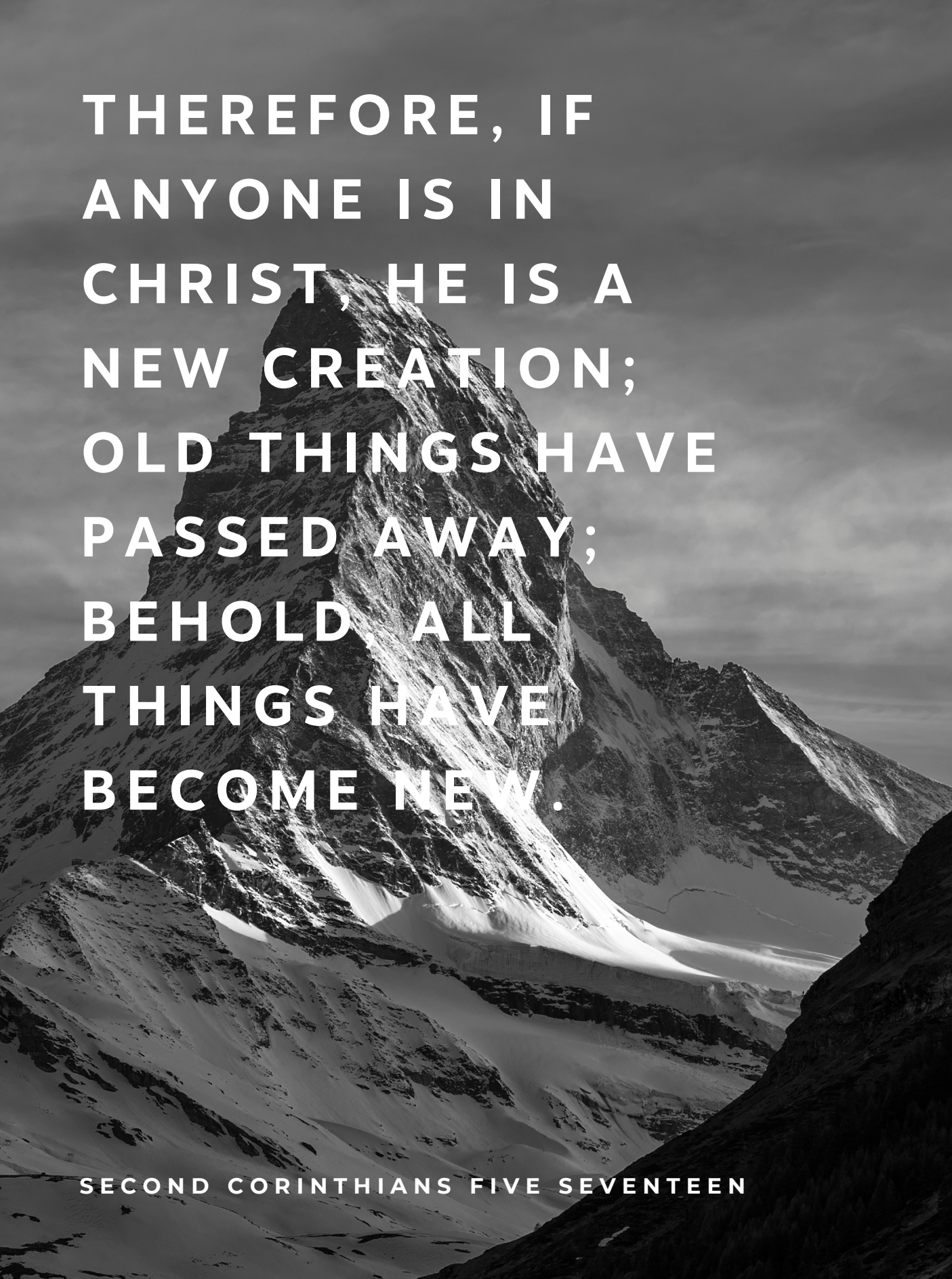
-Train 411: _____
(Name / Time)

-Start the Commands of Christ: -When? _____
-Where? _____
-Who Else? _____

(www.ObeyChrist.com for Commands of Christ)

See pages 21-25 for more information on these evangelism tools.

See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1c3sAZx0D4&t=1s> for more information on the 411.



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NEW CREATION

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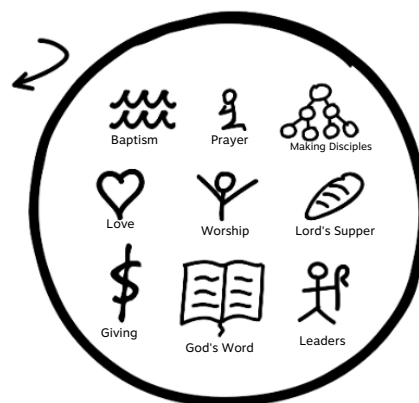
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Feel free to add other elements you see!

For more visit:
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=no+place+left+church+circle

INTRODUCE A NEW TEACHING

We were once sinners, but through His death Jesus removed our sinful nature and gave us His righteousness, meaning we are compatible with Him and are in right standing with Him.

Jesus is the truth about you.

KEY VERSES

2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Romans 10:4, Phil 3:9, John 1:29, Isaiah 44:22, Hebrews 8:12, Galatians 2:20, Colossians 3:3, Romans 6:6

DISCOVER

How does this understanding of righteousness affect your view of God?

How does this understanding of righteousness affect your view of yourself?

How might this understanding change the motives behind things like prayer, worship, or church?

TEACHING TOOLS

Rocket ship, not a Ferrari :

Many of our beliefs are centred around the idea that Jesus makes beauty out of our broken lives. The simplicity of the gospel is much more beautiful than this; our 'old man' was co-crucified with Jesus (Gal 2:20, Col 3:3), and we have become a brand new creation, now sharing the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Cor 5:21).

The word new means "of a new kind" (Strong's g2537). It's like if you were a beat-up old car; Jesus didn't just give you a new paint job and send you on your way. In fact, He didn't even exchange you for a Ferrari. Jesus took your old beat up car, demolished it, and then made you into a rocket ship. A new creation, a whole new kind of being.

Cup demonstration:

The righteousness of God is like pure water poured into a clean glass. When Adam and Eve sinned, sin entered the world, and the pure water was stained with instant coffee granules, a substance so evil it not only sits at the bottom of the glass, but dissolves into the pure water, tainting everything that was once perfect. Scooping instant coffee out of a glass is both useless and irritating, much like 'doing good' to be freed from sin. Sin dissolved into the nature of humankind, and they could not be free of it. Jesus, a perfect spotless glass of water, did not merely stand in front of our glass, blocking us from the Father so He could not see us and judge us (imputed righteousness) but He actually threw out the whole glass, and spilled His blood to make us a brand new glass, once again filled with perfect, spotless pure water, and unable to be stained by sin again. Our 'old man' is gone (2 Cor 5:17), and we now hold the same substance as Jesus, making us compatible with God.

Chicken and the Eagle (written by David Ridley)

Once upon a time there was a chicken named Will. One day Will was pecking around the coop and found an old letter. Will had never seen this letter before and read it excitedly. As he read the letter, his heart jumped because it said that it is possible for a chicken to be supernaturally transformed into an eagle. There had always been a desire in Will's heart to be an eagle, but he never thought it would be possible. That night Will prayed to God and believed that it was possible for him to be born again into an eagle.

As Will prayed, a bolt of lightning struck him and he immediately became a fully-fledged eagle. The crazy thing was that Will was so used to being a chicken he didn't realise he was an eagle! From then on he walked around the coop acting and pecking like a chicken, all the while he was an eagle. This went on for weeks before a majestic eagle flew over Will's chicken coop and saw the funny site of an eagle acting like a chicken. The eagle swooped down and perched on a tree next to the coop. The eagle yelled out to Will, "What are you doing down there in that coop acting like a chicken?" "What do you mean," Will replied, "I am a chicken!" The eagle laughed at Will and said, "Come, spread your wings and fly with me for you are an eagle just like me." Will didn't have time to think as the eagle was flying away. He spread what he thought were his chicken wings and saw two broad eagle wings. With three flaps, Will flew above the chicken coop and began to soar as eagles do.

Mocking the artist

Imagine you walked into an art gallery and saw a huge canvas on the wall. You stare up at it and exclaim, "This is hideous! The worst painting I've ever seen in my life!" Have you honoured the artist? The answer is obvious; no! But imagine instead you look up at the painting and start raving about it, telling anyone who will listen how marvellous the artist is and how wonderful the work is. Have you honoured the artist this time? Again, it is obvious; yes. But have you elevated the artwork above the artist? Of course not! The painting would never have been possible without the artist. Most Christians would agree that we must learn to listen to and value what God says, but many unknowingly disagree with what He says about humanity. Agreeing with God that we are new creations, holy and righteous is not arrogant, it is humble to give Him credit for what He created. He is the master artist and we are His magnificent painting, a painting He spilled His blood to be free of sin and its stain. We must confront false humility, which says we must speak lowly of ourselves in order to make God seem greater.

These teaching tools are designed to be told, not read. Practice retelling the teaching tools in your own words.

ACCOUNTABILITY

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INTRODUCE A NEW TEACHING

Jesus is the truth about God.

Because He fully revealed the Father, we can know exactly what God is like.

We are not separate from God, His gift of righteousness makes us compatible with Him and we can now experience intimacy with the Father.

Freedom indicates what you believe; if you truly know the truth you will live free.

KEY VERSES

2 Peter 1:3, 1 John 4:17, Psalm 17:15, Col 2:17, Hebrews 1:1-3,
John 1:18, 5:19, 8:32, 12:49, 14:7-9

DISCOVER

What can we learn about the Father through the life of Jesus?

How will this change the way you approach God?

Why is it important to understand God through the life of Jesus?

What remaining questions do you have about the nature of God?

Is there anything you can see in the life of Jesus that speaks to this?

TEACHING TOOLS

2 cups into one:

1 Corinthians 6:17 says, “Those who have been joined to the Lord have become one spirit with Him”. Take two glasses of pure, clean water, and pour them both into a third glass. Is it at all possible to tell which water came from which glass? Would you ever be able to separate the water back into their original glasses?

Often we talk about being separate from God, or we express confusion about whether our thoughts are ours or God. This type of language reveals that we do not believe 1 Corinthians 6:17. We have become one spirit with God.

Do not imagine, talk about, or think of yourself as separate from God, there is no separating you from God.

Dinner with Hitler:

Would you go to an all expenses paid dinner if you had the worst company in the world?

We need to know the character and nature of God otherwise we won't want to experience intimacy with Him.

Imitate my grandma:

What would you do if I asked you to imitate your best friend?

What would you do if I asked you to imitate my grandma who you've never met?

“Be imitators of God” (Ephesians 5:1) is a cruel command if He hasn't first shown us exactly what God is like.

Correct prescription:

Many of us have tried to live life without our glasses on, even though we can see does not mean we're seeing things clearly. We must put the perspective of Jesus on like a prescription, through which we can accurately see the Father, and not see Him merely through experience

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The Godhead are a family, they operate together and honour one another.

Therefore, we cannot accurately represent God by ourselves.

Read Genesis 1:26, Matthew 17:5, John 14:16-18, John 16:7, and John 17:1-19.

What do these scriptures teach about the way the Trinity interacts?

If God was not 3 but only 1, would this change the meaning of the scripture, "God is love" (1 John 4:8)?

DISCOVER

How does this understanding of the Trinity affect how you see yourself? How does this understanding of the Trinity affect how you see humanity? What does the nature of God (3 in 1) teach us about love?

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INTRODUCE A NEW TEACHING

We are not designed to walk alone.

In John 17 Jesus prays that we would be one as He and the Father are one (John 17:20).

He desires that we would be a family. A

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Read John 17:20-26, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, and 1 John 4:7-21.

What does the love of God look like expressed through family?

The world needs the body of Christ to be unified, this is the only way they will ever truly see God (John 13:35).

DISCOVER

If you look at the life of Jesus through this understanding of righteousness, intimacy, family, and love, what are you most inspired by? Do you feel empowered to live like Him?

What would you recommend to a Christian who is finding it difficult to love people?

Brainstorm some practical ways to love the people in your church group, your families, and those who don't yet know Jesus.

Brainstorm some ways to support and love your local Christian communities. How might these encourage unity within the church?

TEACHING TOOLS

Puzzle Pieces

The family of God is like a puzzle of a beautiful landscape. The colours and shape and intricacies of just one is a sight to behold, but we are designed to work together, and only when we all have a place can we truly reveal the fullness of God to the world.

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THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN

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INTRODUCE A NEW TEACHING

Our old man was crucified with Christ, and the life we now live we live to God (Galatians 2:20). Sin is no longer a part of our nature. But Christians still sometimes experience sin - why is this? Hebrews 3:13 says sin is deceitful; sin is an entity, an active force with an agenda, and its desire is for us (Genesis 4:7). The truth is, you died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3), we no longer have a sinful nature. Sin is deceitful and can lie to us ; it comes from the outside and challenges us with thoughts, feelings, emotions or even desires for sin that are not ours. It is when we believe that they are our desires, that behavioural sin is birthed. For a long time, many Christians have thought desires for sin is evidence of their old nature not being completely crucified. Let's look at this in light of Ephesians 6:10-20:

We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers or the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness

We are not fighting against ourselves. Sin is not attacking us from the inside out, it is an external force, a principality and power whose desire is for us.

Therefore take up the whole armour of God

A soldier does not wear armour to protect against an internal enemy, but an external one. We would not require armour to fight against our own hearts.

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth

Like a belt, truth is integral, it binds everything together, and it is useless unless it is applied. Truth is not relative, it is a person, Jesus Christ (John 14:6). In order to live free from sin we must know the truth, that is, know the person of truth.

Put on the breastplate of righteousness

Righteousness protects our hearts, proving that our hearts are worth protecting, because they have been completely purified. In this fight against sin, our heart is clearly not the issue, but a valuable treasure worth protecting. In fact, scripture says our heart is the wellspring of life (Proverbs 4:23)!

Having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace

The order of the armour is crucial; the shoes of peace come after truth and righteousness, because we cannot know peace without first knowing the person of truth and receiving His perfect righteousness. This good news (gospel) is a gospel of peace; it is in peace that we see the world reconciled to God. The preparation shows a willingness and readiness to preach the gospel, wherever we are. This verse, like many others in scripture, show the fascinating tension of the Kingdom of God; a soldier in armour is walking in peace, much like the King of the Jews who washed people's feet.

Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one

This verse is key in identifying the outside force of sin. Sin releases fiery darts at us, not in the physical world, but the enemy attacks us with desires, feelings, thoughts, emotions, temptations, which can make us feel like acting in sin. A fiery dart comes from the outside. Sin is external. If we understand that it does not come from within us, we are equipped to live free from it. The shield of faith is what we hold up against the fiery darts. The shield does not necessarily stop the darts from coming, but it stops them from working. It is by faith that we are saved, it is by faith we receive His perfect righteousness, and it is by faith that we can live free from sin, despite our feelings.

Take the helmet of salvation

Salvation protects our heads. Knowing that we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ empowers you to live like Him. It is the knowledge of salvation that reminds us to use the shield of faith. The helmet is an essential part of the armour. These fiery darts are not flying at our bodies, the enemy is attacking minds.

The sword of the spirit, which is the word of God

The Word of God, an essential weapon for every Christian. The more you familiarise yourself with His voice, the easier and easier it becomes to differentiate it from the voice of the enemy. Should Satan whisper thoughts of sin, you will quickly realise how different these whispers sound from the gentle voice of King Jesus. His sheep know His voice (John 10:4), and this enables them to live free from sin, and live for Christ.

We do not have a sinful nature. Sin is an external force throwing fiery darts, attempting to deceive Christians.

James 1 says that it is when these desires are “conceived”, they give birth to sin (v 15). It takes two parties to conceive, it takes two parties to create sin. First the enemy lies, and then we partner with this deception, and sin is the result. If we stand firm in the armour of God, these fiery darts will not hit us, deception will not be conceived, and we can actually live free from sin.

DISCOVER

If sin is an external force, how does that change the way you see your own heart and nature?
If you have been struggling with ongoing sin, how does this teaching change your understanding?

How might you support those around you struggling with sin, and how might you seek support yourself?

TEACHING TOOLS

Adam and Eve sinned in the garden

Adam and Eve were made in the image of God. At their creation there was no sin in their nature, but they were still able to choose to act in sin. We have the same choice. Acting in sin (behaviourally), goes against our pure nature, but the love of God still allows us a choice. Those made in the image of God are still able to choose sin.

Two sides of the same coin

Anything you believe about yourself (tails) you also believe about God (heads) for you have become one spirit (1 Corinthians 6:17). If you believe you have a lust problem you believe Jesus has a lust problem.

Driving

Have you ever been driving and had a random thought that you could hit another car with yours? It is clear that not all thoughts are ours, so why do we believe if we have “bad thoughts” we are still impure? If not all thoughts are ours, are all feelings ours?

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ABIDING IN THE WORD

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We hear the voice of God (John 10:4), and we can know Him intimately. He has revealed Himself in His son and through His word. For many people, the bible has long been a confusing book, uninteresting, irrelevant, or condemning. This could not be further from God's intention.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:12, 2 Corinthians 3:18, and James 1:23-25.

The bible is not designed to be a measuring stick, highlighting all the ways we do not look like God. Scripture describes it as a mirror. A perfect reflection of who we already are right now.

You do not read the bible to get closer to God, but to discover just how close you already are.

It is a perfect revelation of God, and a perfect reflection of your new nature. The bible reveals the truth about Jesus, which we now know is the truth about God and the truth about you.

Read John 15:1-17.

We must familiarise ourselves with this mirror; abiding in his word means spending time in the bible, and remaining in Him, the true and perfect Word (John 1:1).

DISCOVER

How does this understanding differ to ideas of the bible you've had in the past?

Does this understanding make reading the bible more approachable for you?

How should we approach scripture that challenges us personally?

TEACHING TOOLS

A Familiar Voice

Imagine you live in a house with a housemate who comes home every single day with the same welcome, "It's me! I'm home! I love you!" Now imagine a thief sneaks into your home one day; their car makes a different noise, they open the door differently, and you're not greeted with the normal welcoming message. It will be extremely obvious it is not your housemate. Familiarising yourself with a voice means that a counterfeit becomes clear. In fact, when professionals are learning to identify counterfeit bills, they study the real thing. When we familiarise ourselves with the voice of God, Satan's voice becomes very obvious. John 10 says, "His sheep follow Him, for they know His voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger" (v 4-5). It does not say they will not hear a stranger, but that they will not follow him. Become familiar with the true voice of life.

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INTRODUCE A NEW TEACHING

Jesus did not only die to give us a new Identity, but a New Covenant. Covenant is the 'treaty' by which we relate to God. The Bible states that Christians are in a 'better covenant' of grace, mediated by Jesus to know Him (Hebrews 8:6 & 11). However, sometimes it's easy as Christians to relate to God through works of the 'law'. Whether that be the 'law' of Moses or their own way of trying to earn God's blessing. God's character has never changed, but His covenant has.

From Noah, to Abraham and then Moses, God has demonstrated his faithfulness. But man insisted on laws and a mediator to God (Deuteronomy 5:24-27) unlike God's original plan of a nation of Priests (Exodus 19:6).

The New Testament reveals that the Old Covenant is divine (2 Tim 3:16-17), but 'it is a shadow' (Hebrews 10:1) of something better - and Jesus is that something better (Matthew 5:17; John 14:9; Hebrews 1:3, Col 2:17).

Read and discuss:

- Galatians 3:19-25 (the law was our tutor, but now faith has been revealed)
- Romans 7:7-13 (the law reveals sin)
- Romans 11:11-24 (The Old Covenant is like a branch cut off, so that people under the New Covenant might become 'grafted into' holiness).

Jesus has brought in a New Covenant by His sacrifice.

- Matthew 26:26-28
- Luke 22:19-20
- Romans 8:1-4

We have learned how we are now New Creations from the inside out. But in addition, we have a New Covenant by which we have peace with God (Romans 5:1). Our faith changes our nature, as well as the nature of our relationship with God. The closest example is the Trinity itself! Where Jesus and the Father are one (John 10:30; Hebrews 1:33), BUT they also functioned in relationship with one another (Luke 6:12).

We too are united to Christ (Romans 6:5) and made one with His Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:17), BUT we also function in relation to God through His New and Eternal Covenant (Hebrews 13:20).

DISCOVER

What have you learnt about Jesus from this teaching?

What are some ways we try to 'earn' God's love through works? Can they earn God's love?

What is the nature of our 'agreement' (or 'covenant') with God?

What is required of us in order to follow the New Covenant?

TEACHING TOOLS

Wedding Vows

In Ephesians it states that we are the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:32). Paul literally uses our marriages as an analogy to the New Covenant relationship the Church has with God. Print out cards with the title of 'wedding vows', with the group go through the Word and write out God's promises we have access to when we believe!

Communion

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Jesus states to do communion in remembrance of Him. Bring out bread and the cup (with wine or juice) and remind the group of the Gospel. As Scripture states, proclaim to one another what the death of Jesus has done in our lives. Take the sacraments together.

ACCOUNTABILITY

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COMMISSION/PRAY

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EVANGELISM

CONNECTION

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Worship and take communion together.

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY & CELEBRATION

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Affirm one another.

VISION

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INTRODUCE A NEW TEACHING

Evangelism is a command of Jesus (Matthew 10:5-8, 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-18).

We must remember that evangelism is empowered by the identity understanding we have already established, it is not separate from it. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 explains we are brand new creations, and then says we are ambassadors for Christ. One empowers the other; being made like Jesus allows us to accurately represent Him to the earth, reconciling the lost back to Christ.

He has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, power, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7), so we must allow ourselves to be moved by love and be bold in preaching the gospel. If love is your goal, you can never fail (1 Corinthians 13:8).

TEACHING TOOLS

OIKOS

A biblical term meaning “household”, an OIKOS map encourages believers to pray for those nearest and dearest to them. Create a mind map with your name in the centre. Think of a small number of unsaved friends, family members, colleagues or relationships that you have regular contact with and write their names coming off your name in the centre. From those names, brainstorm all the people that they will be able to share the gospel with once they are saved, and add to the map. Commit to praying for the map regularly, and be diligent in sharing the gospel with these people.

House of Peace

The House of Peace search is a door-knocking gospel-sharing technique, based on John 4:1-42. The woman at the well had one interaction with Jesus, and it changed her life and the lives of many others, who believed in Him because of the word of her testimony. The woman at the well was a person of peace who opened up an entire town. The House of Peace search includes intentionally searching for people of peace, people who receive the MESSENGER, MESSAGE and MISSION, until there is no place unreached. Try door knocking in your local region, getting to know your neighbours, intentionally asking them if they need prayer, and being bold in sharing the gospel. Upon finding a house of peace, be diligent in discipleship and church planting in that house.

3 Circles

The 3 Circles is a quick, easy, and accurate summary of the entire gospel, designed to be shared with people on the streets. Take some time to familiarise yourself with the 3 Circles, and then practice with your church group (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5W8ynRMr59k&t=1s>)

15 Second Testimony

Your testimony is a powerful tool to share the love of God with people. Sometimes we know exactly what we want to say, but we struggle to actually produce the words. Practice sharing your testimony, getting it down to only 15 seconds so you are ready to share it whenever and wherever you are.

Use the following format as a helpful starting point:

INTRO.....CROSS.....ASK

There was a time in my life when I lived in ... and ... then I met Jesus, and now I live in ... and ... do you have a story like this?

DISCOVER

How have these simple tools changed your ideas of evangelism?

Whose job is it to reach the lost?

Create your own OIKOS map.

Brainstorm some ways that you can go out into the harvest together as a church.

ACCOUNTABILITY

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COMMISSION/PRAY

DISCIPLESHIP

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INTRODUCE A NEW TEACHING

The point of evangelism is not merely to tick a box and feel like a “good Christian”, but to make disciples; fiery Jesus lovers who live in intimacy with God. Discipleship is not about making people like you, but inviting people to know God and learn to live like Him because they have been made like Him. In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus commands us to make disciples, not converts; the command does not end with evangelism, we must disciple. We have many biblical examples of discipleship; Jesus lived with His 12 closest for 3 years, they ate, travelled, and ministered together. He was their teacher but also their dear friend, John even felt comfortable enough to “recline back against the bosom of Jesus” (John 13:23-25). Discipleship was extremely relational. Paul and Timothy is another excellent example of this; Paul discipled Timothy but also views him as a brother and as a son, writing to him with fondness and affection. Take time to read through some of these biblical examples, and discuss the relational nature of discipleship, and the costs of truly discipling someone.

DISCOVER

What is discipleship?

Who has been commissioned to go and make disciples?

Who is qualified to do so?

Who is discipling you?

Who can you disciple?

TEACHING TOOLS

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See "Helpful Resources" at the beginning of the manual.

Discipleship Manual

Run through this booklet with someone you are discipling - maybe even a few!

Jesus has equipped and authorised you to do so (Matthew 28:18-20). You do not have to have been saved for a certain period of time, start today!

3/3rds

The 3/3rds is a simple and helpful discipleship format for churches, small groups, Jesus Hubs, or mentoring sessions.

Look Back

1. Care
2. Accountability
3. Vision

Look Up

4. New Bible Lesson
5. Practice

Look Ahead

6. Set Goals
7. Commission/Pray

NOTE: If we take out the more challenging elements (accountability; vision; practice and goal setting) we paralyse growth!

You will notice that this Discipleship Manual has been arranged into a 3/3rds format.

ACCOUNTABILITY

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COMMISSION/PRAY

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

CONNECTION

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Worship and take communion together.

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY & CELEBRATION

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VISION

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INTRODUCE A NEW TEACHING

Read Hebrews 10:24-25

It is important for Christians to gather together regularly. We have complete access to God and are completely fulfilled in Him, but He doesn't want us to walk alone! He describes us as one body with many parts (1 Corinthians 12).

DISCOVER

Take some time to read through and discuss the following questions:

Who is the church? (Acts 2:41)

What does a church do? (Acts 2:36-47)

When does a church gather? (Acts 2:36-47, Hebrews 10:24-25)

Where does a church gather? (Acts 2:46, 5:42, 17:5-7, 18:7, 19:9, 20:20, Romans 16:1-5, 1 Cor 16:19, Col 4:15, Philemon 1:1-2)

Why does a church gather? (1 Cor 10:31, Hebrews 10:24-25)

TEACHING TOOLS

Church Circle

The church circle you've been practicing is a reminder, encouragement, and accountability of a healthy church. What parts are you doing well and what parts will you focus on in the future?

(As a group, draw the circle, and as you draw each element, place the elements you are doing well with INSIDE the circle, and the elements you need to grow in OUTSIDE the circle)

Handy Guide

The handy guide to starting a church summarises the above discussion questions, making them easier to remember by putting them on the palm of a hand, with one question for each finger of the hand.

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LONG-TERM DISCIPLESHIP

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LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY & CELEBRATION

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VISION

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INTRODUCE A NEW TEACHING

Relationship is key to discipleship. Remain in His love (John 15:9) and remain in community.

Be intentional to follow the 3/3rds format, and to follow one another up, celebrating all that God is doing and holding one another accountable. Continue to use the church circle to gauge the health of your community, finding new and creative ways to love one another (Hebrews 10:24 TPT). Use this and any other tools that help you to make disciples and live like Jesus.

Follow His voice for the future direction of your community and discipleship journey.

Suggested topics include:

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| • Gifts of the Spirit | • Supernatural Healing |
| • Baptism in the Holy Spirit | • Casting Out Demons/Authority |
| • Miracles, Signs and Wonders | • Persistent Prayer |
| • Worship | • Spiritual Warfare |

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