

The Love Walk

LESSON 4:
LOVE AND DISCIPLESHIP

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What is Discipleship?

- ⦿ Discipleship is the process of teaching others to teach what you taught
 - Matthew 4:19
 - ¹⁹ And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men
 - Matthew 4:23
 - ²³ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

What is Discipleship?

- ◎ It is what Jesus told us to do (The Great Commission)!
 - Matthew 28:11 (NLT)
 - ¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, ^[b] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Discipling vs. Conversion

- ⦿ Conversion is leading sinners to the cross
 - Winning souls is what most ministries and missions do
- ⦿ Discipling is teaching others to teach and to endure what comes with being a disciple
 - We are both ambassadors (diplomats) and soldiers (warriors)
- ⦿ There is lots of conversion; not a lot of discipling

Why Disciple?

- ⦿ Discipling gives you the discipline to endure
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:4
 - ⁴So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:
 - John 13:35
 - ³⁵By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.
- ⦿ A soldier is not sent into battle without going through boot camp

How to Disciple?

◎ Disciple in Love

- Mark 10:21

- ²¹Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

- John 15:10

- ¹⁰If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Giving Birth

- ◎ The beginning of discipleship is the New Birth
 - John 3:3
 - ³Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- ◎ The new birth is important because there are no illegal aliens in the Kingdom of God!

Giving Birth

- Discipleship begins with a change in your thinking (repentance) which leads to a change in citizenship, which changes when you're born into the Kingdom

Care and Feeding

- ◎ Conversion without discipleship is devoid of love!
 - New babies are a lot of fun but they require work!
 - A parent, out of love, raises the child
- ◎ It is like having a baby then tossing it into the corner
 - Babies require feeding, cleaning, and nurturing
 - This is what typical loving parents do

Nurturing and Growing

- ◎ The purpose of rearing is to prepare children to be independent and productive
 - Galatians 4:1-7
 - ¹Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; ²But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. ³Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: ⁴But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, ⁵To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. ⁶And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. ⁷Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Nurturing and Growing

- ◎ A new convert is a babe in Christ and will remain so without disciplining!
 - Proverbs 22:6
 - ⁶Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Raising and Releasing

- ⦿ The purpose of rearing is to prepare children to be independent and productive
 - Galatians 3:24-26
 - ²⁴Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. ²⁶For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
- ⦿ Being made alive in Christ, we should reproduce after our own kind!

Leading and Loving

- ⦿ Being discipled means learning how to lead and be led
 - Matthew 10:1
 - ¹And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease
 - Matthew 10:7-8
 - ⁷And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. ⁸Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

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 - Acts 20:35
 - ³⁵I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Results

- ◎ Discipling leads to an overcoming life
 - John 16:33
 - ³³These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world..
- ◎ You move from sin consciousness to righteousness-consciousness!
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - ²¹For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.