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THE WHY & THE
HOW

Our Mission

We edify believers to mature in Christ, empower believers to engage in the work of ministry and equip believers to disciple the world.

Commitment

noun

the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.

"the company's commitment to quality"

Interactive

ZOOM + Discipleship101 Manual

What's the point of this study time together?

1. Be a disciple first!

John 14:15 KJV

"If you love Me, keep My commandments.

While we endeavor to live out that instruction by sharing our testimonies that will prayerfully draw our family, friends, etc. We need to understand that sharing God's word is vitally important as well. God's word is the foundation of our faith in God.

2 Timothy 2:15

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

2. Make a disciple next!

Matt 28: 19-20 NIV

"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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Our goal as a child of God is to do what every good child does...obey! Jesus left instructions to share the gospel with everyone we can. This was not a passive conversation to consider if and when we felt like doing it but instruction that we need to live out.

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The Word Of God (Heb. 4:12)

The Bible instructs us that the Word of God is quick and powerful; sharper than any two-edged sword piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul, spirit, and of the joints and marrows, and is a discerner of the thought and intents of the heart: **God and His Word are one**. The Word of God is alive as God is alive. Jesus Christ is the Word of God: the living Word. The word of God takes the place of the unseen Christ.

1. The Importance of the Word of God:

The Word of God is very important because of what the Word can do in the life of a Christian:

- Produces faith in us (**Rom 1:17**)
- Make us wise unto salvation (**11 Timothy 3:15; Rom 1:16, Jas 1:21**)
- Makes Jesus Christ known (**John 5:39; 1 Cor. 15:1-9**)
- Builds us up spiritually (**Acts 20:32**)

2. The Place of The Word Of God In our lives:

The Bible says that the entrance of the Word of God into a man's heart bringeth light to such a man. In other words, the Word of God illuminates our hearts, exposes our situation and prepares us for the Holy Spirit to convict us. The Word of God helps you to **"break up your fallow ground until He comes and rains righteousness upon you"** (**Hosea 10:12**) Let us take note of our heart - what the Word of God does for us:

- It exposes our sinful nature (**Rom 3:10-8, 23**)
- It exposes our former union with Satan (**Jn 8:44**)
- It instructs us about righteousness (**Rom 10:5, 17; 2Cor.5:21**)

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2. The Place of The Word Of God In our lives:

- It exposes our new position in Christ (**2 Pet.1:3-4; Eph 2:5- 6**)
- It recreates us (**James 1:18, I Pet. 1:23**). This means that the Word imparts eternal life in us.
- It renews our minds when we read the Word and begin to act upon it (**Rom 12:2, Col. 3:10; James 1:22**)
- It heals us (**Psalm 107:20; Isaiah 53-28**)
- It leads us to know who the Father is. (**Jn16:27.28**)

CONCLUSION:

The soul (your mind, will and emotions) is supposed to feed on the Word of God and that is why man does not live by bread alone but by every Word that cometh out of the mouth of God. **The Word of God then is our spiritual food.** It reveals to us the whole mind or will of God. All Christians need to study and apply the precepts in the Word of God in order to be a man after God's heart, **for we have not yet known God until we obey Him. To know God is to obey Him and accept His Word as perfect for us.**

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Part 2

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Remain focused!

Matt. 24:13 “But whoever holds out to the end will be saved.”

Don't forget that God keeps His word! His promises are sure so stay focused!

It's easy to take some things for granted in our relationship with God and we all are guilty of it! We sometimes treat Him like Santa Claus...he's just here to make our dreams come true but He's more than that! Just like our relationships with family and friends; we don't always count the cost of what it takes to develop, maintain and grow a relationship. Most of us start out excited, energetic and full of joy. Then somehow everyday life takes over and the relationship can become faint, distant, heavy and confusing. We forget how we started and begin to dwell on fear of how we might end! Remember...Jesus is a word keeper! Matt. 34:35 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

There are some things we need to consider when thinking about remaining focused:

1. Study the word of God daily. Ps 37:31 “They keep the law of their God in their hearts and never depart from it.”
2. Prayer or communication with Him about everything and about everything. This trains you to be sensitive to His thoughts and plans for you, to listen and obey. Proverbs 3:5 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know.”
3. Leave no room for doubt! At times, reflect on what He has already done to reassure you that He remains faithful. Proverbs 3:3 “Never let go of loyalty and faithfulness. Tie them around your neck, write them on your heart.”

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4. Be Christ minded! What’s important to Him is important to you. What offends Him offends you! Col. 3:5-17 “You must put to death, then, the earthly desires at work in you, such as sexual immorality, indecency, lust, evil passions and greed (for greed is a form of idolatry). Because of such things God’s anger will come upon those who do not obey him. At one time you yourselves used to live according to such desires, when your life was dominated by them. But now you must get rid of all these things: anger, passion, and hateful feelings. No insults or obscene talk must ever come from your lips. Do not lie to one another, for you have put off the old self with its habits and have put on the new self. This is the new being which God, its Creator, is constantly renewing in his own image, to bring you to a full knowledge of himself. As a result, there is no longer any distinction between Gentiles and Jews, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarians, savages, and free but Christ is all, Christ in all. You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion., kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you. And to all these qualities add love, which binds all things together in perfect unity. The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. And be thankful. Christ’s message in all its richness must live in your’ hearts. Teach and instruct one another with all wisdom. Sing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts. Everything you do or say, then, should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks through him to God the Father.”

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There are some things we need to consider when thinking about remaining focused:

If you're lazy, ungrateful, or just immature this may be a problem for you. I want to encourage us not to hide behind familiar sayings such as "I can't help it", "God still loves me away", "if he was God, he would change me", all false! Each of us was born with more than our parents DNA, we were also born with the DNA (divine nature of the Almighty) of Christ. Because His Holy Spirit lives in us; His blood has washed us; His loves fill us, and His word covers us...we can fail! Don't think of His word or instruction as a chore (a to do list), think of it as training and this training is divine. This training will take you from weak to strong; unbalanced to stable; from poor to rich and make you someone you never thought you could be.

So, stay focused, take this training to heart, encourage each other to do the same and watch God do what no man can do in your life and the lives around you.

Colossians. 3:2 "Set your mind and keep focused habitually on the things above [the heavenly things], not on things that are on the earth [which have only temporal value]."

Prayer: Father, I accept your word, plans and instructions for my life because you know what's best for me. I submit to you as the ultimate authority in my life. I am grateful for all you have done, are doing and will do for me. I humbly ask for your help to stay focused on continuing to live in your love, trust your judgment and depend on your provision. Thank you, Jesus, for choosing to be in a relationship with me. In Jesus name...amen!

