

Core Seminars – Christian Living
Discipling
Week 1

What is Discipling?

Introduction

What do you think of when you hear the word “disciple?”

1. What is Discipling?

- We could define discipling as - the intentional training and encouragement of followers of Jesus Christ on the basis of deliberate, loving relationships.

2. The Importance of Discipling

- Matthew 28: 19-20

3. What is a Disciple like?

- *The first disciples ... Mark 1:16-20 (Called, responded, set apart)*
- *A desire to know what God says. (Job 23:12; Jer. 15:16; Deut. 6:5-7; Rom. 10:17; I Pet. 2:2)*
- *A break from the world's standards. (I Cor. 10:13; II Cor. 5:17)*
- *Self-discipline. (Gal. 5:22-23; Matt. 16:24; Luke 3:11; I Cor. 9:25-27)*
- *A desire to encourage other disciples. (Rom. 15:5-6; Acts 2:42; Eph. 3:17-19; Heb. 10:25; I Pet. 1:22; I John 1:2, 7)*
- *Evangelism. (I John 3:16-24; I Pet. 2:21; II Cor. 9:6-7; Philip. 1:21; Matt. 10:32; John 14:12)*
- *Perseverance. (Philip. 3:13-14; I John 1-4; Ps. 37:23-24; Rom. 6:1-14; II Pet. 1:1-10; John 5:37-39)*

4. Biblical Discipling

- *Conversion*
- *Teaching*
- *Example*

5. More than a Program

- *Hebrews 10:14 "being made holy."*
- *Philippians 1:3-6 "will carry it to completion."*

6. Real Discipling Take a Church

- *Christ has tasked the church with the privilege and the responsibility of making disciples for their good and God's glory. Unfortunately, many today have forgotten this truth and so are trying to make disciples without the benefit of the single greatest disciple-making tool in the arsenal of the kingdom of Christ.*
- *The church tasked with discipling (Heb. 10:24-25)*
- *The church has the gifts that you do not.*
- *The church provides the oversight and accountability that you cannot.*
- *The church provides resources that you can't produce for yourself.*

Summary

- *Discipling is intentional.*
- *Discipling is the calling of all Christians*
- *Discipling is supremely the work of the church*

Next Week? Why be a Discipler?