

**Core Seminars – Christian Living
Discipling**
Week 2 - December 15, 2002

Why Become a Discippler?

Introduction:

What is the right motivation to compel a Christian to invest their time in discipling?"

1. Why Disciple?

- “For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy” - Paul to his Thessalonians disciples, 1 Thess. 2: 19-20

- Philippians 1:3-5
- Philippians 4:1
- Romans 16:19
- 2 Corinthians 7:4, 13-16
- Philippians 2:1-2
- 1 Thess. 2:19-20
- 2 John 1:4

- **Disciple other believers for your joy!**

- *What is the occasion of the joy described by the Apostles Paul and John?*

- *Is joy in discipling selfish?*

- *Does joy in discipling lead to pride?*

- **Disciple other believers for the glory of God!**

- *Fruitfulness and the glory of God.*

- *“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” - Jesus to his disciples, John 15:8*

- *John 15: 1-8*

- *What does it mean to bear fruit?*

- ***The example of Christ***

- *“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” – Jesus to his disciples, John 15:12.*

- *Jesus laid down his life for his chosen people.*

- *Laying down our lives in discipling.*

- *Jesus made known all that he had learned from his Father.*

- *Loving through intentional, instructive discipling.*

Summary

- **Fundamental motives for discipling...our joy and God’s glory.**

- **Wanting other Christians to grow through your encouragement is normal for a follower of Jesus.**

- **Making fruitful disciples is near the core of what it means to love as Jesus has loved us.**

Next Week? Excuses and barriers to discipling?