### 2022 Leaders and Ministry Workers' Training (Session #3) Wednesday, January 19th, 2022



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**Lesson Aim:** The aim of this lesson is to orient/re-orient our leaders, ministry workers, and online audience on the mindset of following Jesus by listing and defining the characteristics of a disciple.

### From our 2022 Vision

Jesus' vision of discipleship is paramount in that it assimilates believers into God's kingdom, matures them into followers of Christ, and is God's succession plan for His church in reaching each generation until eternity. Discipleship is not a plan or a program; it's a way of life.

One of the church's mandates is to show people who they are, what they can do, and what they have in their relationship with Jesus. For years, the enemy has been able to cause confusion and division among us because we were ignorant of our significance. Many of the sins that have hurt and separated us—from jealousy to envy to gossiping to backbiting to coveting—had to do with our not knowing our own worth.

Matthew 10:2 NKJV Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

Each of the disciples were in order to make up Jesus' core group of followers.
While all of them may not have been or known by man, all of them were by Jesus and essential in building His kingdom.
<b>Key Point:</b> The 12 Disciples are the foundational in the kingdom of God.
<b>Key Point:</b> Jesus' Leadership is seen in the fact that He took 12 individuals with different personalities, mindsets and upbringings and built the greatest organization ever built which is the church of The Living God.
Notes on the Disciples:

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considering its correlation with		

**<u>Key Point:</u>** When you are the leader, your actions become more obvious to others.

What characteristics of discipleship do we learn from Jesus' disciples?

They were <u>available</u>, they were <u>flexible</u>, they were <u>teachable</u>, and they were <u>dependable</u>. With these four traits, the character of any disciple can be built.

Would you consider yourself a disciple of Jesus?

Point #1: Disciples
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When we join a church, we commit to the Biblical of a teacher and/or the of the church.
The 12 disciples were not the of the discipleship principle.
Being a disciple is aboutThe Teachings of The Lord Jesus Christ.

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### Disciples Have \_\_\_\_\_

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus; My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus, My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus; No turning back, No turning back.

### Hymn 602 (Hymnary)

I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back.

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### **BAPTIST DOCTRINE**

- a) We believe in the Triune God the Eternally Self-Existent, "I AM", the Creator of heaven and earth and Redeemer of mankind manifested in three persons; Almighty Father, Divine Son and Holy Ghost. (Genesis 1:1, John 5:7, John 1:1, 4:24, Matthew 10:20, II Corinthians 3:17-18).
- b) We believe in the Bible as the inspired, infallible Word of God, inerrant in the original autographs and the only rule of faith, guide for practice and indisputable and ultimate authority of the Revelation of God, His Will and His Way. (II Timothy 3:16-17, Psalms 19:7-11, 2 Peter 1:16-21).
- c) We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, the incarnation of the father, born of a virgin, Very God of every God for, and by whom all things were created (I John 1:1-10).
- d) We believe in the substitutionary atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ, that He, by the grace of God tasted death for every man and that all must be born again through faith in Him or are forever lost. Redemption is accomplished by the cross and blood of our Lord. Jesus Christ, by grace through faith, believing in the heart that God raised Him from the dead. Salvation is by Jesus Christ and none other for God has highly exalted Him and given a name, which is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, earth and those under the earth. We further believe that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father. (Hebrews 2:9, John 3:1-18, John 6:44-49, Ephesians 2:8, Romans 10:9, Philippians 2:9-11).
- e) We believe in the physical resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and that He ascended bodily into the heaven and is now at the right hand of the Father as our Mediator, High Priest and

Advocate. (Acts 3:12-26, John 20, Hebrews 9:24, I Corinthians 15:12-28).

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- f) We believe in water baptism and Holy Communion The Lord's Supper as the ordinances of the church to be observed as public declaration of salvation through Jesus Christ and the commemoration of His death, burial and resurrection in victory over Satan, death, hell and the grave. (Matthew 3:11, 14, 26:26-29, Luke 22:17-23).
- g) We believe in the personal, visible, imminent return of Jesus Christ both for His Saints and with His Saints in reign to victory. (I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Corinthians 15:50-55, Revelation 19:19-20, 20:1-6).
- n) We believe in the authority of the believer over the enemy Satan and the victory to be gained by the exercise of that authority in the areas of deliverance, healing and holiness. (Ephesians 1:20-23, 6:10-7).
- i) We believe in the personality and reality of Satan as the enemy of the Kingdom of God, Saints of God and of the Lord; and in his ultimate defeat by the Lord Jesus Christ and potential defeat in the lives of spirit filled believers clothed in the Armor of God. (Revelation 12:9-10, Matthew 4:2-11, Isaiah 14:12-17, John 8).
- j) We believe in the autonomy of the local church as an independent entity with regard to matters of government, polity operation and discipline. (I Corinthians 5:5, II Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15, Acts 11:22, Titus 1:5).

#### **FULL GOSPEL DISTINCTIVES**

- I. We believe the Full Gospel includes: (A) the proclamation of both the eternal power of Calvary and the potential power of Pentecost; (B) the baptizing Power of Jesus Christ for salvation because of Calvary, and (C) the filling/controlling power of the Holy Ghost for service and Holy victorious living because of Pentecost. (Ephesians 5:18, Acts 20:27).
- II. We believe in the perpetual and continuing ecclesiastical value of all spiritual gifts for the edification of the Body of Christ until the end of this Church Age, which will be consummated by the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13; I Corinthians 12-14; Romans 12).
- III. We believe in the Divine personhood of the Holy Spirit and His present-day ministry to Believers, including the sovereign distribution of Spiritual Gifts which empowers believers for service in the Contemporary Church. (I Corinthians 12:7-11).
- IV. We believe in Jesus Christ as the Sovereign Giver of Spiritual Gifts to the church. We further believe that Spiritual Gifts are given for the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ and are given without regard to ethnicity, social class or gender. (Ephesians 4:7-12, Galatians 3:26-28).
- V. We believe in the full autonomy of the local church as an independent entity under the Lordship of Christ, through pastoral authority, with regard to: (A) government, polity, and operations (Titus 1:5; Acts 15:1-35), (B) discipline (I Corinthians 5:5,Matthew 18:15-17, 2 Thessalonians3:6, 14-15), and (C) with the added value of the Episcopacy as a covering (Titus 1:5; Acts 15:1-35).
- VI. We believe in the value of biblical terminology for leadership in the contemporary church: Bishop, Overseer, Pastor, Elder, Minister and Deacon. We believe that all of these are designations

for servant-leaders. (Jeremiah 3:15, Acts 20:28, II Corinthians 6:4, I Timothy 3:1-7).

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- VII. We believe in the formal and intentional praise and worship of Almighty God as a proper spirit-led, corporate acknowledgement and response to His person and work. (Psalm 46-50, John 4:23, 24).
- VIII. We believe in Jesus Christ as the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, who brings men and women at salvation into relationship with Himself and His Body, the Church. We further believe that it is the baptism of the Holy Ghost that places one into the Body of Christ. All believers have been baptized by Christ with the Holy Ghost. (Matthew 3:11; John 1:33; I Corinthians 12:13).
- IX. We believe in the indwelling of the Holy Ghost for all Believers and that the Holy Ghost verifies and validates the Believer as a part of the Body of Christ. (Romans 8:9).
- X. We believe the spirit-filled life as desirable, valuable and an issue of obedience for all Believers who are commanded to be filled with the Holy Ghost. We acknowledge that within the Body of Christ, the term "filled with the Holy Ghost" is often used interchangeably with the term "baptism of the Holy Ghost". When referring to the controlling presence and power of the Holy Ghost, as a result of the submissive will and desire of the Believer, we allow such alternation of terms. We believe it is the will and command of God that every believer be "filled," "walk in," be "led by," and "live in" the power of the Holy Ghost. (Ephesians 5:18).
- XI. We believe all believers are exhorted to be filled, walk in, be led by and live in the power of the Holy Ghost. (Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:16, 18, And 25).
- XII. We believe that it is God's desire that all believers live under the "Divine Direction" of the Holy Ghost. We believe that the filling of the Holy Ghost is an ongoing ministry of the Spirit in the life of the

Believer that enables the Believer to live a life of power, victory, and glory to God (Acts 1:8, 2:4, 4:8, 4:31