



CITY CHAPEL SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

DISCIPLESHIP LEVEL – Lesson 1 INTRODUCTION

Introduction

Welcome to the start of a new course and level. In the first season, we laid out a foundation of doctrine and belief of the basics. That is why it is called FOUNDATION School.

There are five levels or schools within the School of Ministry:

- Foundation School
- Discipleship School
- Ministry School
- Leadership School
- Commissioning

We will travel together through each level with the goal of finishing at the point where each delegate is launched into the place of their Grace, Calling and Season. For each person this will be unique and no two people will have an identical route or journey.

The main goal of this new Discipleship school is to make you like Jesus Christ. In other words, you are being moulded into a DISCIPLE of Christ.

*My little children, for whom I labour in birth again until Christ is formed in you.
Galatians 4:19*

The primary vehicle to kickstart this process will be the power inherent in the Scriptures coupled with Prayer and practical action. In these last days, this type of teaching is becoming less popular and rare.

Many Believers are being seduced by teachings that make them selfish and less concerned with what our Lord Jesus wants but more what they want.

Teachings that make many come to God to GET from Him are much more popular than those which teach that we come to SERVE Him.



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The Current Church Context

1 Timothy 4:1-5

4 Now the Spirit ^[a]expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, ² speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, ³ forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴ For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; ⁵ for it is ^[b]sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

Without looking at the Church with condemnation or bias, it is clear that there is a lot going on in churches across the world that do not fit the Biblical pattern of either the old or new testament. There is a lot of change that needs to happen in the pulpit and the pew.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3 But know this, that in the last days ^[a]perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, ^[b]unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

We are definitely in the Last Days prophesied by Paul in these Scriptures and everything mentioned is already around us in the world and even in the church. Yet the Lord is coming back for a Church without spot or wrinkle. So we need to ask, “where is this spotless church?”



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What's The Cost?

Before you pick up a product and walk out of a store physically or online, you will be asked to pay the price for that item. So before we embark on this program or journey, It would be necessary that YOU know and understand fully the COST of this course. It would be irresponsible to lead you up a path that you do not know where it leads.

At age 19yrs when I became a Christian and converted from Islam, one of my first lessons taught by the Holy Spirit via the Scriptures was the 'cost' of following the Christ.

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish it— ²⁹ lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'? ³¹ Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. ³³ So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

These passages were very real and present with me during those early years where I had to choose between my family and Jesus...literarily! My Father (of blessed memory) gave me an ultimatum to renounce Christianity and Jesus

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Christ and come back to living as a Muslim. If I didn't comply, then he would disown me! He gave me three days to decide or pack my things and leave! I chose Jesus and had to leave home at age 19yrs and went to live with my new Christian family on the University Campus during the holidays. It was a tumultuous time and very mentally and emotionally tasking.

Jesus does not mince his words in stating clearly the mindset of a true disciple. One of the main reasons for this is because of the temptations and challenges that a Believer will have to overcome in service of the Kingdom.

Acts 9

¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children^[c] of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

The reality of serving the Lord Jesus Christ demands that there will be suffering and hard choices to make in following Him. He does not put this in 'small print' but declares this upfront so that the Disciple can make a choice at the beginning. This helps to weed out the wheat from the chaff.

Matthew 19:21

²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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Convert or Disciple?

There is a big difference between Jesus our Saviour and Christ our Lord. On one hand He is our benefactor and deliverer. On the other hand He is our Master and King. It is glaringly obvious that majority of the Church in this age and generation prefer Him as Comforter rather than as Coach. We prefer the Saviour rather than the LORD!

The Church is full of converts rather than Disciples....

In these sessions, you will be converted from being a Child of God into a Son of God, functionally. This is the goal of Discipleship School. This will only happen however if you have a willing heart and a humble spirit open to correction and instruction from the Lord.

Pause for a moment and think on this. Are you sure you want to continue?

Recommended Reading – Discipleship School

- The Book of Acts
- The Final Quest by Rick Joyner