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SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

DISCIPLESHIP 14: HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES

INTRODUCTION

This session is about YOU, yes YOU! It could be a turning point in your destiny and life if you catch the essence of what this message from Jesus means for you and your life.

The main reason why this is not taught properly in the contemporary church is because of sin, pride and the structure of the church generally. If you read very carefully the New Testament and how church should operate, you will see a number of discrepancies.

I am not saying everything is wrong and corrupt, but I believe we need to stay with the VISION of Jesus and how you can implement this with your life.

THE VISION OF JESUS CHRIST

¹⁸ Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching them to observe everything** that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

This applies to you whether male or female, young or old, educated or illiterate, professional or vocational, rich or poor, black or brown, Caucasian or Hispanic, student or job seeker, parent or childless, married or single, in prison or foster care, military or civilian, bankrupt or investor, manager or waiter, president or ex-convict.

Jesus said go into ALL the world. Who is in the world? We are. We are on every continent and in every country. We are civil workers, bus drivers, nurses, magistrates, dancers, singers, artisans, astronauts, sports women and men, politicians, CEOs, bankers, court clerks, naval officers, teachers, administrators, seamen, accountants, therapists, engineers, researchers, writers, comedians, optometrists, salespersons, directors, technicians....we are EVERYWHERE!



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YOU AND JESUS

⁷ If you remain in Me and My words remain in you [that is, if we are vitally united and My message lives in your heart], ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified *and* honoured by this, when you bear much fruit, and prove yourselves to be My [true] disciples. ⁹ I have loved you just as the Father has loved Me; remain in My love [and do not doubt My love for you]. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments *and* obey My teaching, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love. ¹¹ I have told you these things so that My joy *and* delight may be in you, and that your joy may be made full *and* complete *and* overflowing.

John 15:7-11

The Lord wants you and Him to travel through life together in sweet fellowship and surrounded with His Love and Presence. This is the Will of God through Jesus Christ for you. Irrespective of trials, difficulties and challenges, He will be by your side.

He wants you to bear fruit and show that you are His disciple and not just His child. Too many Christians want Him to be God to them but not LORD over them. That is why the principle of OBEYING Him is of utmost importance. When we walk with the Lord, our lives will produce abundant fruit some of which will be obvious to others and some hidden from view.

Your life with the Lord is personal and unique. He will guide your heart and help you make the right decisions no matter how difficult in the natural they may seem. His Grace is abundantly supplied so that we can bear up under the burden of integrity and truth.

The secret to reaching others for Christ is abiding in Christ. As you become His Disciple and allow Him to train you, your life will speak volumes to other through your character, behaviour and speech.



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THE YOU WITNESS

³⁸ **You** have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH [punishment that fits the offense].' ³⁹ **But I say to you**, do not resist an evil person [who insults **you** or violates **your** rights]; but whoever [☞]slaps **you** on the right cheek, turn the other toward him also [simply ignore insignificant insults or trivial losses and do not bother to retaliate—maintain **your** dignity, **your** self-respect, **your** poise]. ⁴⁰ If anyone wants to sue **you** and take **your** shirt, [☞]let him have **your** coat also [for the Lord repays the offender]. ⁴¹ And whoever [☞]forces **you** to go one mile, go with him two. ⁴² Give to him who asks of **you**, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from **you**.

⁴³ **You** have heard that it was said, '**You** SHALL LOVE **YOUR** NEIGHBOR (fellow man) and hate **your** enemy.' ⁴⁴ **But I say to you**, [☞]love [that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for] **your** enemies and pray for those who persecute **you**, ⁴⁵ so that **you** may [show **yourselves** to] be the children of **your** Father who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on those who are evil and on those who are good, and makes the rain fall on the righteous [those who are morally upright] and the unrighteous [the unrepentant, those who oppose Him]. ⁴⁶ For if **you** love [only] those who love **you**, what reward do **you** have? Do not even the tax collectors do that? ⁴⁷ And if **you** greet only **your** brothers [wishing them God's blessing and peace], what more [than others] are **you** doing? Do not even the Gentiles [who do not know the Lord] do that? ⁴⁸ **You**, therefore, will be perfect [growing into spiritual maturity both in mind and character, actively integrating godly values into **your** daily life], as **your** heavenly Father is perfect.



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EXAMPLE OF A DISCIPLE

¹⁰ Now in Damascus there was a **disciple** named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called [Ⓜ]Straight, and ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul; for he is praying [there], ¹² and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and place his hands on him, so that he may regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many people about this man, especially how much suffering *and* evil he has brought on Your saints (God's people) at Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here [in Damascus] he has authority from the high priests to put in chains all who call on Your name [confessing You as Savior]."

¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for this man is a [deliberately] chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; ¹⁶ for I will make clear to him how much he must suffer *and* endure for My name's sake." ¹⁷ So Ananias left and entered the house, and he laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came [to Damascus], has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit [in order to proclaim Christ to both Jews and Gentiles]." ¹⁸ Immediately something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up

For several days [afterward] Saul remained with the **disciples** who were at Damascus. ²⁰ And immediately he *began* proclaiming Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "This Man is the Son of God [the promised Messiah]!"

- The Lord has His Disciples everywhere.
- You could be in a special military unit, part of research team...
- Communication is always direct between you and the Lord
- There is no need for mediators. You KNOW the Lord has spoken
- The Lord gives His Disciples all sorts of assignments, easy and hard, safe and dangerous.



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- The Lord can be very specific in His instructions
- Dialogue between Jesus and His Disciples are free and personal
- Obedience is a key currency between Jesus and His follower
- As His Disciple, you get to hear things in advance
- Your life will have adventure and stories of relating with Jesus
- You will get results
- Disciple reproduce other Disciples who reproduce Disciples...

CONCLUSION

This school's set of sessions will be perhaps the most challenging so far as they demand action and obedience from you. There are too many 'hearers only' believers in the church. In these last Days, the Lord needs DOERS! So, the big question is, will you put into practice what you have heard?

During this break and before we start the next Semester (MINISTRY SCHOOL), you are required to refresh yourself with everything we have learnt in the last sessions and put them to work.

Also, you are required to finish reading the New Testament and start reading the **Old Testament from Genesis**. I really look forward to starting with you in the New Year as we discover what YOUR Ministry is and how you can serve Jesus with your gifts and calling