

- 3) Track your time again this week. We will go over this week's time tracker next session (July 25)
- 4) Read Gary Gray's Article called *Biblical Discipleship* (a link will be sent by email this week)

Discipleship Curriculum Suggestions

The Call to Follow Christ: 6 Disciplines for New & Growing Believers. Claude King

Choose The Life: Exploring a Faith that Embraces Discipleship
Bill Hull

One on One with God Jerry & Marilyn Fine

5522 - From Colonial Hills Church (Based on 2 Timothy 2:2)

Core Discipleship & Discipleship by Design
<http://coregroups.org/ebooks.html>

Soul Shaping: Disciplines That Conform You to the Image of Christ. Jim Wilson

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deny self, love God, love people, follow Jesus, obey, abide, fruitful, witnesses, make disciples, pray, Spirit-filled, holy, addicted, to learn

Choose the Life... Session 4 Exploring a Faith that Embraces Discipleship

Answering the Call... Living the Jesus Way!

What are we called to be... and to do?

Called to _____ and take up our cross (Matthew 16:24)

Called to _____ (Luke 10:27)

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Called to _____ (Mark 1:17)

Called to _____ (John 14:15)

Called to _____ (John 15:4)

Called to be _____ (John 15:8)

Called to be _____ (Acts 1:8)

Called to _____ (Matthew 28:19)

Called to _____ (Matthew 6:6)

Called to be _____ - _____ (Ephesians 5:18)

Called to be _____ (1 Peter 1:16)

We are called to be recipients of God's love and we are called to give our lives sharing all that we can with others so that they might **hear** and **understand, experience, and embrace** that truth!

How? We must be disciples! We must make disciples!

Many Christians today are _____ to reading books about the Bible, about Jesus, about theology, about evangelism, about "overcoming", etc... We need to take a fresh look at the Words of Jesus and His Spirit.

We often times think of discipline as punishment-- but the words "disciple" and "discipline" are based on the same root word which means _____. As disciples of Jesus Christ we must be disciplined. It is imperative that we be disciplined:

- in making a conscious decision to love the Lord everyday
- in making a conscious decision to love our neighbor everyday
- in making sure we read the Bible everyday
- in listening and obeying the Spirit of God
- in making sure we obey God's statutes and commands everyday

- to resist sin every second
- in praying for others and self
- in using our spiritual gifts
- in serving Christ in our ministries

Beginning in August, as an act of discipline and obedience, each of us are to begin intentional investment in the lives of a small group of people. (5-7)

- ~ Meet with them weekly (as a group or individually)
- ~ Challenge them to embrace the Jesus life
- ~ Hold the accountable...accept accountability
- ~ Invest not just time or information, but life

ACTION STEPS

1) Identify 5-7 people that you can invest in.

Here's how to get moving:

PRAY - Ask God to show you whom to pursue. Jesus chose the twelve after a full night of prayer.

LOOK - Watch for people with a desire to grow.

ASK - Don't wait for potential disciples to come to you. Once God points someone out to you, approach him or her about a discipling relationship.

COMMIT - Jesus shared more than His teaching with his disciples. He shared his life.

ENCOURAGE - Come alongside those God gives you to disciple to form a healthy relationship of Christian love and mutual accountability.

2) Determine what course of curriculum or training you want to expose them to.

(I have listed several recommendations on the back of this guide.)