



# Discipleship

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### SELECTION: PEOPLE ARE VITAL

“It all started with Jesus calling a few men to follow him.” Jesus was not interested in developing programs that would reach the multitudes, but in developing individuals who the multitudes would follow.

What is His strategy?

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List the characteristics of those Jesus selected:

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### ASSOCIATION: WALK WITH THEM

Jesus’ disciples were not taught in a classroom and then asked to recite their lessons, but His followers saw and shared His life and ministry and carried on after He returned to the Father. **As time went on, rather than giving less time to the Twelve, He actually gave more.**

What is Coleman talking about when he says “Association?”

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Explain the Importance of time, follow up, and continuing fellowship.

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How can Selection and Association be practiced in our campus ministry?

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### **CONSECRATION: CARRY YOUR OWN CROSS**

How can you believe in the supreme value of the gospel if you do not practice it? If you do not spread it? And if you sacrifice neither time nor money for it? Jesus' disciples were not asked to make a statement of faith or to recite a creed. They were first asked to follow.

What is the way of the cross?

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In Luke 9:57-62, three men want to be followers of Jesus. What was Jesus' response to each man and what weren't they willing to give up?

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"Indeed, it would appear that the teaching of Christ regarding self-denial and dedication have been replaced by a sort of respectable 'do as you please' philosophy on expediency". What are some areas in your life where you need to be obedient to God and not "do as you please?"

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### **IMPARTATION: WHAT HE DOES IN YOU, HE WANTS TO DO THROUGH YOU**

Jesus came to give His life as a sacrifice in so many ways. He gave the most to His disciples - time, love, insight, truth, knowledge, the Spirit, peace, joy, and ultimately His life. He didn't hold anything back.

According to Coleman, what are the credentials for ministry?

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What is the work of the Holy Spirit that Jesus was offering?

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### **DEMONSTRATION: SHOW THEM HOW**

Knowing that people don't just want to be told what to do, they want to be shown, Jesus was a walking, breathing object lesson. Every moment with the disciples was a teachable moment. He wanted to show them how to live out the kingdom of God.

What way of living did Jesus show the disciples?

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Here is a simple guideline to help us understand how we can pass on life and spiritual practices to others:

- You do it, He/She watches
- You do it, He/She helps
- He/She does it, You help
- He/She does it, You watch
- He/She does it, Someone else watches

According to Coleman, "When it is all boiled down, those of us who are seeking to train people must be prepared to have them follow us, even as we follow Christ. We are the exhibit. They will do those things which they hear and see in us." What in your life needs to change so you will be prepared for others to follow you?

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### **DELEGATION: DO WORK**

It was in the purpose of Christ to train His disciples because they were then to take over the mission of spreading the message and power of the gospel everywhere. He gradually gave them more and more responsibility and sent them on smaller missions. By sending out the disciples in pairs, Jesus demonstrated that the work of God is to be experienced in partnership.

What are the brief instructions Jesus gave the disciples? How do they apply to us on campus?

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### DELEGATION: DO WORK (cont.)

What does Jesus say about expecting hardship?

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What was Jesus' post-resurrection commands?

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### SUPERVISION: DEBRIEF

Jesus didn't carelessly send the disciples on a mission and consider His job done. He was with them, taught them, showed them, sent them out, and then He followed up with them. He knew a day would come when He would not be with them so while He had time with them, He wanted to make sure they were supported, held accountable, and truly understood how Kingdom life worked.

How does Jesus check up on the disciples?

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What is the importance of continuous review and application? Give some examples from the book.

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List the two lessons on patience Jesus gives to the disciples and explain how they apply to us today.

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### **REPRODUCTION: TRAIN DISCIPLES**

The fruitfulness of our lives is not measured by our level of gifting or talents, but by the continuation of the life of Christ in and through us to a desperate world. We must become aware that we are always affecting the next generation beyond the disciple with whom we are working.

How do we gain victory in our reproduction?

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Why does the test of Jesus' ministry include the principle of bearing fruit?

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What are we to pray for and why?

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What part has supervision and reproduction played in our Christian walk?

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### **CLOSING**

How do you think Christ's method of making disciples can happen on our campus? What would it look like? What part would you need to play?

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