



IN PURSUIT OF JESUS

DISCIPLED BY JESUS

SUMMARY | At some point in your life as a follower of Christ, were you disciplined by someone? Are you discipling anyone right now?

In this two-week series, pastor and author Robert Gelinas returns to the table to challenge Mart, Elisa, and Bill to think differently about the idea of discipleship. Robert believes that discipleship as we know it is not working and that we need to reform our modern-day view of it so that Jesus is back at the center. Discover what a difference it makes to be “Disciplined by Jesus.”

This Week's Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever wished you were one of the original disciples? What advantages did they have? How does the idea that Jesus Himself is here to disciple you today change the way you think about your discipleship?
2. What's the problem with seeing Jesus as the model for discipleship?
3. How does the idea of being “disciplined by Jesus” change your perception of what it means to have a personal relationship with Him?
4. We become like our teachers. Who are some of the people you find yourself resembling, and in what ways? What can you do to allow Jesus' teaching to come through more powerfully in your life?
5. What do you find personally significant in the truth that you are the temple of the Holy Spirit?

Challenge

Intentionally spend some time in prayer this week. Praying in the Spirit is not a formula someone can give you. We can't replicate someone else's encounter with Christ any more than we could see the same vision of Jesus that the apostle John saw on the island of Patmos. Surrender to the Spirit's leading, let Him re-present Jesus to you as He sees fit, and then trust the Spirit of Christ to reveal Jesus to you.

Commit To Memory

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19–20 NIV

Prayer

Jesus, You are near. You are that fellow traveler who has always been with me.
Father, help me to see Your Son, not just as the one who died on the cross,
but as the one who rose from the dead and is actively involved in my life right now.
Spirit of the living God, open my eyes. Amen.



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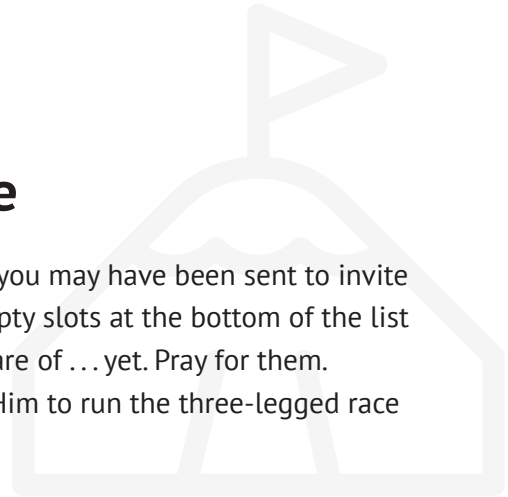
Pastor and author Robert Gelinas returns to the *Discover the Word* table to continue to challenge Mart, Elisa, and Bill to think differently about the idea of discipleship. We'll focus on the Great Commission or, as Robert calls it, "the Great Co-mission." Discover what that means and what a difference it makes to be "Discipled by Jesus."

This Week's Discussion Questions

1. Who has God placed in your life to assist you in your walk with Him? How have they enriched your discipleship?
2. How does the idea of inviting people to know Jesus change how you think about the Great Commission?
3. As you reflect on your life, what are some "crosses" Jesus has given you to bear? How would you prepare someone to receive their cross from Jesus?
4. What would you say is your "love language"? How would you explain the relationship of obedience to Jesus' commands and your love for Jesus?
5. How does remembering that Jesus has sent you to be His light in the world change the way you engage with the people in your life?

Challenge

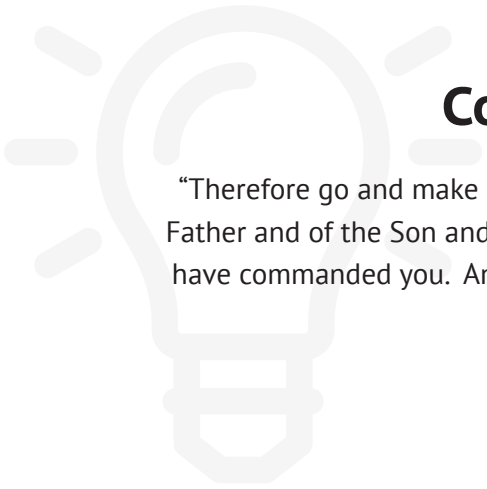
Make a list of the names of the people in your life you may have been sent to invite into being discipled by Jesus. Leave a couple of empty slots at the bottom of the list for the names of people you may not be aware of . . . yet. Pray for them. Talk to Jesus about what it looks like for you and Him to run the three-legged race of discipleship.



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Prayer

Jesus, I feel You tapping me on the shoulder. I'm hesitant, but excited, about being involved with You in the Great Co-mission, the three-legged race of enrolling others to be discipled by You. I understand that the way I love You is by loving those around me. Thank You for being my teacher, my pastor, my discipler. Amen.

