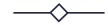
DISCIPLESHIP TODAY

Following, Abiding, Obeying and Multiplying the Way of Jesus





The Invitation

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

-Mark 8:24

3 Driving Goals

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- 1. Be with Jesus.
- 2. Become like Jesus.
- 3. Do what Jesus did.

Why follow Jesus?

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"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

-John 14:6

"If you abide in me..."

-Jesus

Habits/Practices/Rhythms

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Prayer & Worship

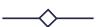
The Word

Community

"If you love me, keep my commands."

-Jesus

What is obedience?



We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.

-1 John 2:3

Do what Jesus did...

"I do as the Father has commanded me..."

-John 14:31

What does Jesus say...

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house upon the rock.

-Matthew 7:24

Obedience is essential in discipleship.

How do we obey?



How do we obey?

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~Identify the obstacles~

"Discipleship can tolerate no conditions which might come between Jesus and our obedience to him."

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

What gets in the way of our obedience to Jesus?

How do we obey?

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~Identify the obstacles~ ~Remember~ Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.

Remember...

-Deuteronomy 11:1

"With a biblical memory we have two thousand years of experience from which to make the off-thecuff responses that are required each day in the life of faith." -Eugene Peterson

"A Christian who has David in his bones, Jeremiah in his bloodstream, Paul in his fingertips and Christ in his heart will know how much and how little value to put on his own momentary feelings and the experience of the past week."

-Eugene Peterson

How do we obey?

~Identify the obstacles~

~Remember~

~We look forward~

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

-Philippians 3:14

But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do. -James 1:25

For obedience is not a stodgy plodding in the ruts of religion, it is the hopeful race toward God's promises.

-Eugene Peterson

How do we obey?

~Identify the obstacles~

~Remember~

~We look forward~

~Give up control~

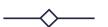
"But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand." -Matthew 7:26

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

-Luke 6:46

"According to our text (Mark 2:14), there is no road to faith or discipleship, no other road – only obedience to the call of Jesus." -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Why do we obey Jesus?



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"If you love me, keep my commands."

-Jesus

But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. -1 John 2:5

Love & obedience are inseparable in the Kingdom of God.