

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



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

Why follow Jesus?



“I am the way, and the truth,
and the life.”

-John 14:6



“If you abide in me...”

-Jesus

Habits/Practices/Rhythms



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...

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“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?



~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?



~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-the-cuff 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?

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~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.