

Being Called to be Christ's Disciples

Every children of God are invited to be disciples of Christ. Christ called twelve disciples in His days on earth. He moulded their lives and gave them the holy commission. This group of people used to be unheard and powerless but from the moment they were called by the Lord, they became the leading characters who changed the world and human history. Today, Christ is still calling us to be a useful instrument in His hands.

1. The Lord Jesus Christ left the most perfect model of “Discipleship Training” to the Church <Matthew>

- 1) Chosen <Mt 4:19>
- 2) Gospel <Chapter 5-7>
- 3) Fields <Chapter 8-9>
- 4) Practice and Training <Chapter 10-13>
- 5) Confirm <Chapter 14-17, 16:13-24>
- 6) Mystery of Heavenly Kingdom <Chapter 18-25>
- 7) Death and Resurrection <Chapter 26-28>
- 8) To be Commissioned <Mt 28:18-20>

2. Must first know Christ to become disciples of Christ <Mt 16:13-20>

- 1) Relationship between man's root problem and the 3 titles held by Christ
- 2) Son of the ever-living God (to let us see the mystery of Father God and the Heavenly Kingdom)
- 3) The mystery of dying and resurrecting together with Christ
- 4) The mystery of the name of Christ and the throne (authority), as well as the working of the Holy Spirit through the saints
- 5) The mystery of Christ and the fields of the saints, as well as the expansion of the heavenly kingdom
- 6) The second coming of Christ and His eternal dominion

3. Must know myself, and receive healing <Eph 1:15-23>

- 1) A child and heir of God who is born to be loved and blessed, and to glorify Father God
- 2) The glorious image of Father God, body of Christ, and the dwelling place of God's Word and the Holy Spirit
- 3) To love Father God and resolve: to live only for “God's Kingdom and righteousness”
- 4) To open spiritual eyes, and to receive the perspective of “judging all things with the promises of Christ”
- 5) To restore thanksgiving for the past, see the evidence of Immanuel now, and possess affirmative hope for the future
- 6) Have mercy on others, bless others, and love others

4. Learn and experience more, must equip myself <2Ti 3:14-17>

- 1) Learn the mystery of God's Word, Christ, and the Holy Spirit correctly, as well as experience and confirm them
- 2) Must receive the perspective: can correctly diagnose the problems of man
- 3) Must receive the power to lead people to the Lord, and to provide messages that gives man the assurance of born again
- 4) Must be equipped answers and power to "heal people, and lead them to sanctification"
- 5) Must receive the power to nurture shepherds and to serve the church
- 6) Must receive power and messages: can identify "faithful people who can teach others", thus being able to lead discipleship training

5. Must possess "the vision of World Evangelism" and "Strategy" <Acts>

- 1) Must treat the great commission left by Christ after his resurrection as "lifelong vision"
- 2) Must know the "relationship between seven fields and world evangelism"
- 3) Possess the perspective to identify God prepared people and disciples
- 4) Must know how to head start the work of evangelism and the priorities in ministries
- 5) The focus of ministries should be placed on the ministry of "discipleship training"
- 6) Must know the mystery of how local churches interact and communicate with each other for the sake of world evangelism (global interaction)
- 7) To correctly judge the work of God as well as His timetable and then submit