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Discipleship: Follow me as I follow Christ

Introduction:

Hebrews 10:24-25
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10;12

Why is discipleship _____?

Because Jesus said so. (Matthew 28:10-20)
To encourage and equip the body of Christ. (Eph 4:11-16)
To protect against false teaching. (Eph 4:14)
To pass it on.

What is the _____ of discipleship?

A disciple is a student. (Matthew 4:19)
A disciple submits to Christ's teaching. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
Disciples of Christ are identified by their love. (John 13:35)

How to _____ in discipleship?

Be a disciple of Jesus! (1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Timothy 4:12)
Share the Gospel. (Mark 12:30-31)
Walk with people as they walk out their faith. (2 Peter 1: 5-8)
Walk with your family. (Ephesians 5:21; Ephesians 6: 4)
Walk with the church. (2 Timothy 2:2)

Big Idea: Since we are disciples of Jesus Christ, He empowers us to make disciples everywhere, baptizing, and teaching them to obey everything He has taught us. Let's do ministry together!

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. Read Romans 12:1-2. Discipleship is a process, and it all starts with living in view of God's mercy. Are you a disciple of Jesus Christ, and what are you doing to renew your mind?
2. Read 2 Peter 1:3-8. This passage lists the qualities of an effective and productive disciple. As you grow in your faith, what are the qualities you are working on adding to your faith?

Ponderings:

3. Are you following anyone as they follow Christ? If not, do you know any fellow believers who exemplify the qualities you are working on adding to your faith?
4. Who are the mature men and women of God in your circle that you see serving God in a way you feel called to also? How could you follow them and learn from them?

Promptings:

5. Are you investing in someone to disciple? What does that look like? What does discipleship look like with your family? With your friends? With your church?
6. What are the areas that you lead or serve in where you can invite people into to disciple them to lead and serve?
7. Read Romans 12: 3-8. What gifts and passions do you have that you can use to build up the body of Christ?
8. Read Philippians 2: 1-8. One who discipled is never meant to rule over someone else but, as a servant leader, to equip the disciple for service. Just as Jesus humbled himself for our sake, how might you humble yourself for the sake of others?