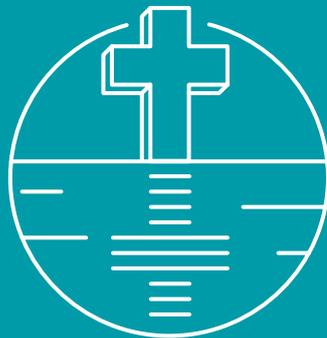


The Goal of Discipleship



Week Two

inTro



Read This Week's Passage:
Philippians 3:12–20

WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET

Have you ever caught yourself doing or saying something exactly like your parents? Perhaps it was a certain tone or some physical gesture. It may be a common phrase or some subconscious facial expression. Children often vow never to be like their parents, but somehow there are these small, unintentional behaviors that trickle through. When we catch them, we either smile with remembrance or with humorous disgust.

It is interesting that human behavior mimics that which it sees. This is not only restricted to parents and family members. Those obsessed with particular cultural icons find themselves moving, acting, speaking, and doing things like that person. In fact, it is not only for cultural icons, but we subconsciously copy everyone around us. This is the basis for fashion, trends, shifts in language, media, music, art—the list goes on.

When it comes to Christianity, however, are there tones, gestures, words, actions, and characteristics that we should mimic? In this lesson, we establish that becoming a disciple is not only about thinking or doing things differently, but it is a change of identity. And when we are associated with the Lord Jesus as His disciples, our behavior, values, and character—all things—start to change from the mere action of seeing Him



inScribe

Write out Philippians 3:12–20 from the translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write Philippians 3:15–17. You may also re-write the passage in your own words, outline, or mind-map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you



Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse in Philippians 3:12–20. Write it out multiple times to help memorization.

How is this definition of discipleship similar or different to your previous understanding of it?



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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?



What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What are other areas of our lives that Christ's discipleship must touch?



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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

- John 13:34
- Matthew 4:18–22
- 1 Peter 2:21–25
- Colossians 1:28, 29



What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with the goal of discipleship?

Review your memorized verse from Philippians 3:12–20.

A large grid of small dots for writing answers to the questions.



Meditate on Philippians 3:12–20 again and look for where Jesus is.



What has the Spirit of Christ impressed on you this week in the realm of discipleship?

What is He saying to you through the texts of the week?

How can your local church be an active vehicle for the Great Commission?



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Review the memory verse.
How does it apply to your
life this week?



After this week's study of
the chapter, what personal
applications are you
convicted of in your life?

What practical applications
must you make in your
school, family, workplace,
and church?

A large grid of small dots for writing.



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Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



Does your life imitate more the life of Christ or the life of someone else?

What three areas of Christ's character and behavior are most profound to you? Are there any areas of dissonance?

How do the common religious definitions of discipleship differ from the biblical definition of discipleship?

In which areas do you need Christ to train you?

In which areas does your local church need Christ to train you?

How come some disciples don't seem to grow, deny self, love others, and win souls?

How can more balance between in-reach and outreach be achieved?

What eclipses the real goal of Christian discipleship?