

DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

An Invitation to Follow

PART 13 | COMMISSIONING | GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

"His last words should be our first priority — and his last words were: go and make disciples."

THE BIG IDEA

Congratulations — you've completed 13 sessions exploring what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. But this is not the finish line. This is the starting line. The backpack is packed. Now it's time to walk.

And the walk doesn't stop with you. To be a disciple is to make disciples. The Great Commission wasn't given to a special few — it was given to every follower of Jesus. Including you.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:19–20

This was not a great suggestion. It was a commission — given to every follower of Jesus.

WHAT YOU'VE CARRIED THROUGH THIS COURSE

Here's a summary of the ground you've covered — the same content you are now equipped to walk others through:

PRE-COURSE Foundations	FORMATION Parts 4–8	CONTINUING Parts 9–12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The Father Heart of God✓ The Work of Jesus on the Cross✓ The Person & Power of the Holy Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Community Accountability✓ Reflective Reading✓ Persistent Prayer✓ Total Stewardship✓ Sabbath	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Expanding the Kingdom✓ Praying for the Sick✓ Dealing with the Demonic✓ Serving the Poor

WHAT DISCIPLESHIP ACTUALLY IS

Before you go and make disciples, it helps to be clear on what discipleship is — and isn't:

01 A Personal Journey Discipleship cannot be mass produced. It is not a program you complete — it is a long-term, personal journey you take with another person. It requires time, individual attention, patience, prayer, and example.	02 Largely Conversational Teaching is important, but discipleship isn't a lecture hall — it's a round table. Knowledge only reaches the depth of the soul when it becomes genuine conversation, questions, and shared experience.	03 Following a Person, Not Rules Discipleship is not about helping someone follow a code of conduct. It's about helping them follow Jesus — growing closer to the person of Christ, emulating him because they love him.
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— Leroy Eames, *The Lost Art of Discipleship*

WHAT NOW? YOUR NEXT STEPS

What would happen if every person who completed this course committed to walking one other person through the same journey in the next year? The ripple effect would be extraordinary. Here's where to start:

	What to do	What it looks like
1	Pray	Ask God to bring someone to mind — one person you could invite into a discipleship journey with you over the coming year.
2	Invite	Extend the same invitation that was extended to you. Ask someone if they'd like to explore what it means to follow Jesus.
3	Journey Together	Take them through the same content you've just experienced — Foundation, Formation, Continuing. Walk it with them, not just at them.
4	Be Patient	Discipleship is a marathon, not a sprint. Commit to the long game. One year, one person, one conversation at a time.

"Discipleship is not a sprint, it's a marathon. It is a lifelong journey of following Jesus and becoming more like him each day."

— Timothy Keller

A FINAL WORD

An invitation was extended to you. Someone said — or something drew you — to follow Jesus. You said yes. And this course has been about helping you understand what that yes means.

Now Jesus is asking you to extend that same invitation to someone else. Not perfectly. Not with all the answers. Just faithfully, personally, and over time.

"It was an invitation for us to follow. Now Jesus is asking you and me to give that invitation to other people."

REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Looking back over this course, which session or idea has had the most impact on you personally — and why?
2. Is there one person in your life who comes to mind when you think about who you could walk through this discipleship journey with? What's holding you back from asking them?
3. What does it mean to you that discipleship is a personal journey, not a program? How does that change the way you think about helping others follow Jesus?
4. The Great Commission is not a suggestion — it's a calling given to every disciple. What is one concrete step you'll take in the next week to begin living it out?