

WEEK 3
LESSON PLAN – TEACHERS COPY

Session: 1 ½ hour

Opening Prayer

Collect Homework GRIP Bible Study B

Pass out Homework for the next week: GRIP Bible Study C – John Chapters 12-17 memory verse John 12:46

Review Memory Verse: John 1:14

Group exercise: John 1:14 including (Messiah/Christ, Bread of Life, Living Bread, Light of the World, and the Door and Good Shepherd, Son of God, Resurrection and the Life, the Way, Truth and Life, and the True Vine). Write 3-5 sentence devotional thought with a picture representing that thought. Present the devotional to the class

Play in class: After the devotional thought play in class the audio “Believers,” by Pastor Reimar Schultze. While this is playing the teachers may review the homework. Return homework to the students before the class ends.

Lecture and Discussion: Believers and Disciples The handouts: Discipleship and Disciple are given to each student after the lecture. Teacher will place on the board two columns: Believers & Disciples Teacher will divide the class in half. Half the class will be asked to make a list of characteristics of what they think defines a believer and the other half of the class will make a list of characteristics of what they think defines a disciple. Place their list on the board. Is there a difference? Teacher may want to share James 2:19 that “devils also believed, but were the devils disciple’s of Christ?” Teacher may also bring into this lecture reviewing their testimony and how that fits in with believers and disciples. Below is a suggested teacher’s list. Often the class members will not think there is any difference between a believer and a disciple. This lecture promotes good discussion. Relate these characteristics with the disciples in the gospel of John.

Believers	Disciples
Participates when convenient	Forsakes All
Selfish	Denies Self
Self will	Obeys
Self motivated	Abides in Jesus Christ
Disobeys	Attends church
Emergency prayer and Bible reading when in crisis	Tithes and offerings
Not faithful	Daily Bible reading
Gives bare minimum	Daily Prayer
Hearers only	Witness at every opportunity
Barren	Makes other disciples
Bored	Goes the extra mile
Only does what is required	Joy
Not willing to witness	Doer of the Word
Love who they want to love	Love for all
Complainers	Rejoices
Sin	Endeavors to live holy
	Life of service

After discussion place on the board the word: Disciple. If possible leave their ideas on the board and write the acrostic **DISCIPLE**. Assigned Bible verses for each letter will be given to students to read to the class. We weave into the lecture from the book of John several disciples such as: the woman at the well. The town was changed because of her testimony. Was she a believer only? If time allows play the other audio “Believers and Disciples.”

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D – DAILY DECISION TO DENY SELF

Jesus said: Luke 9:23 “To them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Matthew got up denied his ideas or plans for the day and followed Jesus when he called him. He made a decision. You can become a disciple the same day you become born-again. It is a DECISION. One cannot drift into becoming a disciple, because spiritual growth is not on automatic but it is a daily moment by moment denial of self to follow. A disciple does not figure it all out but follows.

I - IMMEDIATELY OBEYS JESUS COMMANDS

Jesus said Luke 14:26 “If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. This was radical challenge as family was important but Jesus strongly uses the word hate to emphasize that family or anything cannot stand in the way following and obeying Jesus.

S - SUBMITS AS A SLAVE TO JESUS 24/7

John 12:26 “If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.” Jesus took on a form of a servant in Phil 2:7 and the word servant here in the Greek is duolos or slave. There is a big difference between a servant and slave. A servant has rights and slave does not. A servant can punch the clock 9-5 but a slave is on duty 24/7. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:19 “I made myself a servant.

C - CARRIES HIS CROSS - CHILDLIKE IN SPIRIT

Luke 14:27 Jesus said: And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Jesus also said in Matthew 18:3 “Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted; and become as a little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

I - INWARD TRANSFORMATION

RO 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. EPH 4:24: And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. We have the OUTER WORK, and the Holy Spirit has the INNER WORK to do in our hearts and mind.

P - POOR IN SPIRIT

Matthew 5:3 Jesus said: “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of God.” Poor in spirit is one who relies on, trusts in and adheres to Jesus Christ. A little child is totally dependent upon his parents for his care. A little child allows the parents to make the decisions of what he wears, where he goes, etc.

L - LOVES AND LIVES IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD -- FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT EVIDENT

John 13:34-35 Jesus said: “A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” John 15:8 Jesus said: “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.” Gal 5:22-23 The fruit of the spirit: Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

E - EVANGELIZES -- SHARES THE GOOD NEWS

Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus said: Go ye therefore, and teach disciples all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you.”

Class closure: Prayer