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We are a Discipleship Community  
Church, a Community on Purpose-- part 2

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**What is discipleship?**

*John 1:43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."*

*Mark 2:14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.*

*John 10:27 (Jesus) "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."*

*Mark 3:14 And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might **be with him** and he might send them...*

The simplest way to think about discipleship is the "**with him**" principle.

*Luke 9:57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."*

*Luke 9:59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."*

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*Luke 9:61 Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."*

## **The cost of discipleship**

*Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple."*

*Luke 14:27 "And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."*

*Luke 14:33 "In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples."*

## **How does discipleship happen?**

*2 Timothy 2:2...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.*

*Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise men becomes wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm.*

*Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.*

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## **Why is discipleship done in community?**

*1 Tim. 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*

Informal discipleship is always happening even when we're not aware of it.

*1 Cor. 11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.*

*Philippians 4:8 And what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me do, and the God of peace will be with you.*

*Philippians 3:17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.*

*Philippians 3:18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

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