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- † To Learn Who God is
- † To Understand Who I am in Christ
- † To Discover the Power of the Holy Spirit
- † To Be Equipped to Serve the World in His Name

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STUDY GUIDE YEAR 2

LESSONS 1-15

DISCIPLE ONE...DISCIPLE THE WORLD

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Study Guide Year 2

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YEAR 2 Lesson 15

DISCUSSION

- † How have you sensed the cleansing power of the Word of God in your life?
- † Reflecting on James 1.22-25, how has the Word been a mirror for you?
- † How is the Holy Spirit strengthening you to live out truth? to speak truth in love? to serve the Lord?

ENCOURAGEMENT: JOHN 15.4-5

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

ACTS 2.37-47, 1 PET 1.13-2.12

**“Called to Live Together in Christ –
What is “the Body of Christ?”**”

YEAR 2 Lesson 15

*"The Word of God Equips Us
for Every Good Work"*

TEACHING

- † The Word cleanses....
- Jesus bathes us
...by water and Spirit for **rebirth**
...continually washed for **growth**
...word of Christ brings **faith**
- John 13.8-10
John 3.3-8
John 15.2-3
Eph 5.26
Rom 10.8-17
- † The Word sanctifies....
- Jesus sets us apart (sanctifies)
 - by truth (the Word)
 - An instrument for noble purposes
- John 17.17-19
1 John 1.1-4
2 Tim 2.20-21
- † The Word equips....
- The fruit of discipleship
...holding to the words of Jesus
 - Set an example
...Command, teach, devote yourself
 - For every good work
..."I have sent them into the world"
- John 15.8-16
John 8.31-32
1 Tim 4.11-16
2 Tim 3.17
John 17.18
- † Guard it!!!....
- That which is entrusted
 - With the help of the Holy Spirit
 - Entrust it to others
- 1 Tim 6.20
2 Tim 1.13-14
2 Tim 2.2



Erilyne Barnum

...developed this course in 1977.

Since then she has led many people into a Biblical understanding of who they are in Christ and how to live that out in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Erilyne believes deeply in her heart that
"if you disciple one, you disciple the world."

"When people become discipled to Jesus, living their lives according to the word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit, they affect their families, their communities, the educational system, and the job market. Like ripples in a stream, their influence continues to reach out."

She and her husband, The Rt. Rev. Thaddeus R. Barnum share their passion for discipling God's people through the proclamation of His Word.

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

COVENANT

By the grace of God, I hereby commit myself to the other members of my Discipleship Small Group in the following manner:

I will make attendance a priority.
Hebrews 10.25

I will be on time for each meeting.
Ecclesiastes 3.1

I will pray for each of the other members regularly.
Colossians 1.9

I will read and meditate daily on each week's Biblical passage.
Psalms 119.11

I will journal my thoughts, questions and prayers.
Exodus 17.14

I will be committed to my small group.
Acts 2.42

I will be committed to confidentiality.
Proverbs 11.12, James 1.26

YEAR 2 Lesson 14

DISCUSSION

† What is your present attitude regarding the Bible?

† Can you name the obstacles that have kept you from a regular “diet” of spiritual food?

† How has the Lord used His Word in your life to reveal His truth and power?

ENCOURAGEMENT: JOHN 6.63

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

JOHN 15.1-11, ROM 10.8-17

“The Word of God Equips Us for Every Good Work”

TEACHING

- | | |
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| † "I have hidden your Word in my heart..." | Psa 119.11 |
| - as a guard against sin | |
| ...teaches us to discern good from evil | Heb 5.14 |
| - for guidance and understanding | Psa 119.105 |
| ... "direct my footsteps..." | Psa 119.133 |
| - for sustenance and hope | Psa 119.144 |
| | |
| † Lest we drift away.... | Heb 2.1 |
| - paying "careful attention" | |
| ...to not "ignore" | |
| ...to hear "God's testimony" | |
| - to learn obedience | John 15.7 |
| ...words to remain in us | |
| ...to remain in His love | |
| ...that our joy may be complete | |
| | |
| † Therefore, meditate on the Word.... | Josh 1.7-9 |
| - keep the Word in your hearts | Deut 6.1-9 |
| - talk about the Word at all times | |
| - bind the Word to yourself in all things | |
| | |
| † The "logos" of God.... | |
| - Word made flesh | John 1.1-3 |
| - Word within us | Ezek 2.8-3.3 |
| ... "Hidden in our hearts" | Rev 10.9-11 |
| ... So that others might know | |

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YEAR 2 Lesson 1 "Christ in Me, the Hope of Glory"

TEACHING

- † Where we have been
 - The intention...
 - ...God's desire Col 1.9-14, 25-27
 - The problem...
 - ...Sin/confusion/identity lost Exod 25.8
 - The solution...
 - ...God provides a way back John 6.67-68
 - The example...
 - ...The Tabernacle today Gen 15
 - The tabernacle/"naos"
 - The church Heb 6.19-20
 - The believer Eph 2.19-22
 - ... "Christ in me..." Rom 8.10-11
- † Where we are today
 - Self-examination
 - ...Jesus Christ within us 2 Cor 13.5
 - Call to a deeper walk
 - ...How then do we live? Php 3.8-14

YEAR 2 Lesson 13

DISCUSSION

- † What importance have you attached to reading, inwardly digesting, and studying the Bible in the past?
- † What kinds of resistance have you felt towards regular reading of the Bible?
- † Have you had doubts concerning the Scriptures? What were they? Where are you now with those doubts?

ENCOURAGEMENT: PSALM 119.130

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

PSA 119, DEUT 6.1-9

"Hiding God's Word in Our Hearts"

YEAR 2 Lesson 13 "A Call to Continue and Grow
in the Word of God"

TEACHING

- † Let the Word of Christ dwell in you
 - Learn it Col 3.16
 - It convinces us of *truth* 2 Tim 3.14
Psa 119.160, John 6.68

- † God's wisdom 2 Tim 3.15
 - For salvation
 - ...Old Testament wisdom Acts 7.37-38
 - ...New Testament wisdom Acts 2.32-36
 - Through Jesus Christ
 - ...prophesied by and fulfilled through Luke 24.25-27

- † For teaching 2 Tim 3.16
 - God-breathed
 - ...written by the Holy Spirit 2 Pet 1.20-21
 - ...carries His authority Matt 7.28-29
 - Rebuke and correction
 - ...growth in Christ Col 1.28
 - Training in righteousness
 - ...by practice, senses are trained Heb 5.11-14
Jas 1.22ff

- † For preparation 2 Tim 4.2-5
 - In and out of season Matt 7.24-27
 - ...whether convenient, or not
 - Encouragement
 - ...build each other up with the Word
 - Endurance Col 1.23
 - ...God strengthens by the power of His Word
 - ...Testing of our faith produces endurance Jas 1.2-4

Year 2 Lesson 1

DISCUSSION

- † How has the experience of the previous year in discipleship changed your life?

- † What has been the most significant factor in that change?
(Allow for people to recap last year and remember the impact the Lord has made on their lives.)

- † How does the Holy Spirit do the work of discipleship?
Through our relationship with Jesus...Through the scriptures...
Through each other Titus 2.11-15

ENCOURAGEMENT: 2 Peter 1.3-4,8

PRAYER: For each other, this continued journey and for any fears or anxieties.

† **Don't forget to read and journal, and to review the Covenant on the inside cover.**

NEXT LESSON
MATT 4.18-22, GEN 12.1-9, LUKE 9.57-62
"The Call to Follow Jesus"

YEAR 2 Lesson 2

"The Call to Follow Jesus"

TEACHING

† "Christ in me, the hope of glory" Col 1.27

† How then should we live?
- Some definitions: "Walk" and "Follow"

† Jesus issues the call
- preparation has been made John 1.35ff
- a response is given – the nets are dropped immediately

† Have we heard the call?
- Yes, you say, that's why I am here.
Okay, here are the next questions –
...Where are we now?
Where are we in our lives today? Gen 3.9
Are we hiding from God?
...Name that tree!!!
Disciples...fishing, tax-collecting, zealots, etc....
Us...family, background, education, vocation, etc...
...How to drop the "nets"? Php 3.3-7
Where are our priorities?
How are we walking? Are we following after...
or, are we falling behind?

† Put it in context...
- Abraham heard the call.....AND FOLLOWED!! Gen 12.1-9
...He dropped his "nets" to go Gen 22
...Abraham put all on the altar.
- Can we not only name the trees but also offer them up to the Lord?
- Can we immediately follow after Jesus?

YEAR 2 Lesson 12

DISCUSSION

† When thinking of worship do we focus on going to church services? singing hymns or songs of praise? assuming a certain posture?

† How has your understanding of worship changed? been deepened? How is this helping you to enter into worship more fully?

† If true worship is an attitude of the heart before the living God, in what ways might you be changed by true worship?

ENCOURAGEMENT: 1 JOHN 3.1-3

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

2 TIM 3.14-4.5, JAS 1.22-27

"A Call to Continue and Grow in the Word of God"

YEAR 2 Lesson 12

*"Worship Transforms Us,
Changes Us, Empowers Us"*

TEACHING

- † The Result of True Worship – Transformation Rom 12.1-2
Being in the Lord's presence changes us.....
- Moses *on the mountain* Exod 34.4-8, 29-35
 - ...Presents himself before the Lord
 - ...Bows down and worships
 - ...Becomes radiant with the Lord's glory
 - Jesus *on the mountain* Luke 9.28-36
 - ...Presents himself before the Father
 - ...Enters into prayer
 - ...Becomes **"transfigured"** with God's glory
 - Believers *as we gather to worship the Lord* Rom 12.1-2
 - ...We offer ourselves, coming to Him 1 Pet 2.4-5
 - ...We offer sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving Heb 13.15
 - ...We are "transformed" by God's glory
- † How this happens....
- From glory to glory 2 Cor 3.7-18
 - ...In Jesus the veil is taken away
 - ...We reflect the Lord's glory
 - ...We are being "transformed" into His likeness
 - By the Holy Spirit John 4.23
 - ...He brings God's glory Rom 8.10-11, 16-17
 - ...He helps us pray, praise & worship 2 Cor 3.18
 - ...He brings the power of God to change us
- † Therefore....
- *A call to worship and transformation* Heb 10.19-25

Year 2 Lesson 2

DISCUSSION

- † Where were you when you first heard the call on your life to follow Jesus?
- † What changes did answering that call make in your life?
- † What trees do you find yourself behind? Are you still holding on to the nets? Does your "walk" reflect "following" Jesus, or, doing it your way?

ENCOURAGEMENT: John 10.1-4

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

JOHN 1.35-51, JOHN 9.35-41

The Invitation to "Come and See"

YEAR 2 Lesson 3

The Invitation to "Come and See"

TEACHING

- † Recap Matt 4
- following after and walking in Him Gen 12, Luke 9
- Come and See! (vs. 39) John 1.35-51
- † John's testimony – John 1.31,32,34
- I have come, I have seen, I give testimony
- † Disciples' testimony – John 1.35
- John points the way
... "Look, the Lamb of God"
... They followed Jesus
- Jesus asks, "What do you want?"
They ask, "Where are you staying?"
... "Come & See!"
They came, they saw, they gave testimony.....
...Andrew gets Simon, Philip gets Nathaniel...
... "Come & See!"
- † Come..... Matt 11.28
- "Come to me"/an invitation to receive something
- "...If anyone is thirsty,
let him come to me and drink" John 7.37
"receive who I am – partake of me" – ENTER IN
- † See..... Psa 34.8-11
- "Taste and see that the Lord is good"
- "Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing"
- "Come, my children, listen to me:
I will teach you of the Lord"
...Who is He? Here He is! I believe! John 9

YEAR 2 Lesson 11

DISCUSSION

- † How have you perceived worship in the past?
- † When have you experienced the need within you to worship, to adore, to give honor?
- † With what or whom have you filled that need in the past?

ENCOURAGEMENT: HEBREWS 13.15-16

PRAYER....

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NEXT LESSON

PSA 27, ROM 11.33-12.2

**"Worship Transforms Us,
Changes Us, Empowers Us"**

YEAR 2 Lesson 11

"The Call to Sanctification Through Worship"

TEACHING

- † Called to live holy lives 1 Pet 1.14-15
- † What is worship
 - Definitions:
 - ...draw near to kiss
 - ...bow down low; adore 1 Kgs 19.18
 - Biblical 'acts of worship'
 - ...falling down; lifting hands, singing, Psa 95
 - clapping, kneeling, praise Psa 96
 - ...bringing gifts and offerings Psa 100
- † Created to worship
 - God's intention 'Life in Eden' Gen 2
 - ...formed by God to be in fellowship with Him
 - Sin's separation Gen 3.23
 - ...the 'God-shaped void'
 - ...we fill the void with objects of worship Isa 44.6ff
 - ...God's grace intervenes Ezra 9.15
- † True Worship
 - Based on 'sacrifice'
 - ...unable to draw near Isa 59.2
 - ...provision made Lev 17.11
 - The **Lamb of God**
 - ...No one comes but through Me John 14.6
 - ...Saved to worship Titus 3.3
 - ...Spirit and truth John 4.23
- † Present yourselves....
 - Come into His presence *based on His sacrifice for sin*
 - Bow down and kneel; ascribe glory to Him; Rom 12.1-2
 - ...offer your bodies; continually praise Heb 13.15

YEAR 2 Lesson 3

Came so that the blind could see....

What about us?.....

What am I looking for? Not....Come and Observe;

Not....Wait and see;

But...Come (taste, believe, partake) and

See (know, understand, receive)

DISCUSSION

† Try to imagine Jesus turning, looking at you and asking, "What do you want?" How would you answer Him? What are you looking for?

† How can you testify to others?

† How is the Lord enabling you to name the trees, drop the nets and follow after Jesus? Have you asked the Lord to help this process? (personal)

ENCOURAGEMENT: LUKE 10. 21-22

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

MATT 16.21-26, I KINGS 19. 9b-18

"The Call to Participation with Jesus"

YEAR 2 Lesson 4

"The Call to Participation with Jesus"

TEACHING

† A new understanding of "follow me".....

- not just "following after";

But "come alongside," participate

Matt 16. 21-26

- Context – what is happening in this scene?

...The disciples continuing to "follow after"

...Peter's great confession; and then, *rebuke*

...Jesus deepens the call –

lay down your life, commitment

† A look at the Old Testament –

- Hagar

Gen 16.8

Where have you come from and where are you going?

...Servant of Sarai (Sarah)

...Pregnant with Ishmael and running away

...Return and submit - there is work to be done

- Elijah

1 Kgs 19.9-15

What are you doing here?

...Great prophet of Israel

...Running away from Jezebel

...Return and submit – there is work to be done

† WHERE ARE WE??

- Return to text

Matt 16.23

...things of men - stumbling blocks

...things of God - return and submit

YEAR 2 Lesson 10

DISCUSSION

† How satisfying is the "secret" place you create by not sharing your private thoughts with anyone else?

† In remembering how Satan came to Eve in Gen 3, why is it important to have the light of Christ flood your thoughts?

† What holds you back from allowing the Lord of Lords to Be **Lord** of your mind?

ENCOURAGEMENT: COLOSSIANS 3.1-3

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

PSA 95.1-7, PSA 96, TITUS 3.3-8

"The Call to Sanctification Through Worship"

YEAR 2 Lesson 10

"The Undivided Mind"

TEACHING

- † What is the mind? Psa 139.23, Jer 17.9-10
- the seat of understanding, practical reason,
process of thought
- throughout Scriptures used interchangeably
with *heart* Pro 23.7
- † Testing of the Mind
- to refine, as silver or gold, to try Gen 3.1-4
- the darkened mind Eph 4.17-19
- hostile to God Rom 8.6-7
- † Lord of the Mind
- pictures for understanding
...seals Exod 28.36-38
...foreheads Deut 6.6-8
...stability/peace Isa 26.3-4
...God's name Rev 14.1
- † Set (direct) your Mind
- renewal of the mind Rom 12.1-2
- think on these things Php 3.18-20, 4.6-9
- set your mind Col 3.1-4

YEAR 2 Lesson 4

DISCUSSION

- † What is the distinction between the two "follow me's"?
- † Why do you find yourself proclaiming who Jesus is with your mouth, but then find yourself submitting to your circumstances and running away from God?
- † What are the stumbling blocks (things of men) that prevent you from taking the step to come alongside Jesus?

ENCOURAGEMENT: 1 PETER 5.6-7

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

MATT 13.1-23, JOHN 12. 20-26

"Pick up Your Cross and Follow Me"

YEAR 2 Lesson 5

"Pick up Your Cross and Follow Me"

TEACHING

- † Picking up your cross.... Matt 16.24
- not a burden in life, a chronic affliction, or unpleasant person
 - What is the cross? An instrument of death
...I AM CRUCIFIED with Christ; 1 Cor 15.31
...My old life is dead, the new life is here Gal 2.20
- God's interests, not man's 2 Cor 5.17
Matt 16.23
- † daily..... Luke 9.23-26
- walking the talk 1 Cor 15.31
 - troubles, persecutions, worries of this life Matt 13.18-23
 - being with Jesus where He is each day Rom 6.8-14
- † losing self.... Acts 20.24
- "good soil" hearing and understanding Matt 13.23
 - grain of wheat dying John 12.24
 - dying to ourselves, our desires, our agendas, our plans
- † finding life.... Mark 4.26-29
- knowing Jesus John 17.2-3
 - consider everything loss for Jesus Php 3.8-11
 - bearing fruit....the stalk; the head; the full kernel
...the process of growth

YEAR 2 Lesson 9

DISCUSSION

- † How can you know from your own experience the deceitfulness of your heart?
- † Compare Psalm 139.23-24 and Jeremiah 17.9-10. What are your treasures? Where are they?
- † In what ways can you exhibit an undivided heart towards God?

ENCOURAGEMENT: JEREMIAH 29.11-14

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON
ROM 8.1-17, EPH 4.17-24
"The Undivided Mind"

YEAR 2 Lesson 9

"The Undivided Heart"

TEACHING

† "How do we know the way?"

- Can we trust our hearts?

Jer 17.9

† The heart's slowness

- Our foolishness
- Pleasing the Lord
- Just ask....

Luke 24.25ff
1 Kgs 3.5-14
Jas 1.5-8, Jas 3.13-18, Jas 4.7-8

† Our heart's treasure

- Our valuables, the store of our hearts
 - ...the deceit of our hearts
 - ...behavior emanates from the heart
- True treasure
 - ...the Glory of God in the face of Christ
- All-surpassing power
 - ...jars of clay, noble instruments

Matt 6.19-21
Mark 7.20-23
2 Cor 4.5-7
Eph 1.18-21
2 Tim 2.20-21

† Wholeness of heart

- Heart circumcision
 - ...cutting away
 - ...not by the hands of men
- Burning hearts
- Set your hearts...
 - ...choose to be "**whole-hearted**"
 - ...undivided, single-minded

Jer 4.4
Col 2.9-12
Deut 30.19
Luke 24.32
Col 3.1

YEAR 2 Lesson 5

DISCUSSION

† Jesus is asking you to "*come along side.*" What does that mean to your individual life?

† How do you hear Jesus' words "*deny yourself*"? In your life what could that mean?

† What would you say if you were asked, "*What is your soul worth?*"

ENCOURAGEMENT: ROMANS 6.5-7

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

PHP 3.12-4.1, EXOD 33.12-23

"The Call to Be Where Jesus Is"

YEAR 2 Lesson 7

"Walking in Jesus/Lordship"

TEACHING

- † Further understanding of the words "follow Me" John 21.22ff
- We have heard "walk after Me" and "walk with Me," now we hear "walk ***in*** Me" John 21.18,19,22
 - Scene is after the resurrection, Jesus has already "breathed" on them; God-breathed life ***in*** them John 20.22
 - The call is now to follow "***in union***" with Jesus
- † As you first received Him....(NASB) Col 2.6-7
- Your first encounter with the Lord Jesus John 3.3-8
 - New creation 2 Cor 5.14-17
 - New heart; Holy Spirit life; joy Psa 51
- † So walk in Him (continue to live ***in*** Him)
- Set your minds and hearts Col 3.1-4
 - Focus: things above.....
 - Do you truly love Me? John 21.18
- † Lordship Col 2.6
- Set Him apart in your hearts 1 Pet 3.15
 - Life in the Spirit Rom 8.9-11
 - Christ in you, the hope of glory Col 1.27

YEAR 2 Lesson 7

DISCUSSION

- † (You should be remembering last year's teaching that God perceives the blood covenant as a marital contract. As Jesus pours His life into you, you are joined to Him as to a husband. Submission to His Lordship brings the power and authority to live as His beloved, His wife, the bride of Christ, the body of Christ.)
- † Describe how you felt when you first met the Lord.
- † Do you still have that unbridled joy and sense of freedom? If not, what is it that has lessened that "joy of God's salvation"?
- † Have you yielded your life to His Lordship? "If not, where not?"

ENCOURAGEMENT: COLOSSIANS 1.9-14

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

JOHN 14-16

"Following in the Power of the Holy Spirit"