

### PURPOSE STATEMENT:

The Call To Discipleship is a community based Bible Study committed to providing an opportunity to know Jesus, be transformed by His Word, and to be equipped to serve the world in His name.

- † 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

### VISION STATEMENT:

To Call A New Generation To Radical Discipleship  
Under The Lordship Of Jesus Christ



# STUDY GUIDE YEAR 1

## LESSONS 11-20

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THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

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**Erilynne 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.

*Erilynne 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 1 Lesson 20

## DISCUSSIONS

† What does circumcision of the heart mean to you?

† What “**signs**” in your life show that there has been a *cutting away* in your heart and spirit because of your relationship with Jesus?

† Why do we resist making these changes?

**ENCOURAGEMENT:** ROMANS 8.1-2

**PRAYER....**

### NEXT LESSON

GEN 16, 1 KGS 19.1-18

**“God’s Promises and Man’s Manipulation”**

TEACHING

† The Seal of the Covenant	Gen 17
- God confirms the covenant	Gen 17.1-8
...Covenant statement =	
<b>"I will be your God and you will be my People"</b>	
- Name change	Gen 17.5,15
† The Sign of the Covenant	
- Circumcision	Gen 17.10-11
- <b>A walk through the Scriptures...</b>	
...Call for heart circumcision	Deut 10.16
...Remove the foreskin	Jer 4.4
...Rend your hearts	Joel 2.13
...Call for ear circumcision	Jer 6.10
...Resisting the Holy Spirit	Acts 7.51
...Singleness of heart	Jer 32.29
...The truth	Rom 2.29
- <b>Carried in the flesh.....</b>	Rom 4.11
- <b>A seal of righteousness.....</b>	
...Uncircumcision = sin	Col 2.9-15
...Circumcision = sin cut away	
† What about us?	
- Sealed in Him	Eph 1.13-14
- Given a new name	Rev 2.17
- <b>In Jesus, God is <u>OUR</u> God</b>	1 Pet 2.9-10

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## YEAR 1 Lesson 11

## "Effects of the Fall"

### TEACHING

- † Pre-flood civilization
- Earth like a large greenhouse Gen 1.6
  - no rain, animals grow larger, people live longer Gen 2.5-6
  - earth was full...
    - ...of people – “other sons & daughters” Gen 5
    - ...of sin – evil, corruption, violence
- † Two viewpoints
- “the sons of God saw...” Gen 6.2
    - ...what they desired, what they needed
  - “The Lord saw...” Gen 6.5
    - ...man’s evil intent, his complete corruption
    - ...and the resultant violence
- † God’s pain
- Grief that leads Him to destroy his creation Gen 6.6-7
    - ...Noah’s day - the flood
    - ...Israel - scattering of the nation Eze 8.17-18
    - ...Today Matt 12.33-37  
Matt 15.16-20
- † God’s plan
- Grace that provides a way of escape Gen 6.14-22
    - ...Noah found “favor” (Grace)
    - ...Israel Jer 33.14-16
    - ...Today Eph 2.1-10
- † How then should we live? 2 Pet 3.10-13

## YEAR 1 Lesson 19

### DISCUSSIONS

- † How is your relationship with Jesus affected by seeing yourself as part of the bride of Christ? by seeing Jesus as your husband (personally)?
- † How does this help your understanding of “Blood covenant?”
- † What idols can you identify in your own experience?

**ENCOURAGEMENT:** ISAIAH 43.1-7

**PRAYER.....**

**NEXT LESSON**  
**GEN 17, COL 2.9-15**  
**“Sealing the Covenant”**

## YEAR 1 Lesson 19

### *"Blood Covenant as a Marital Contract"*

## TEACHING

### † Revisiting...

- Creation of Adam and Eve Gen 2.7, 21-22
- Their coming together Gen 2.23-25
- Who man and woman represent Rom 5.14, Jer 3.14

### † Blood Covenant as a marital contract

- Often used to seal marriage
  - ...coming together of two families and their descendants 1 Sam 20.14-16
- God's perspective
  - ...His covenant with His people is as a marriage Isa 62.1-7

### † Old testament – God, Israel's husband

- Graphic description of God's call to His beloved Isa 54.5
- Israel breaks covenant
  - ...spiritual adulteries (idolatry) Ezek 16.1-19
  - ...covenant broken Jer 3.6-8
- God proclaims His love for the remnant
  - ...He commits to call her back Hos 2.14-20

### † New Testament – image continues

- Paul presents our relationship with Jesus as a marriage 2 Cor 11.2
- Explanation of Gen 2.23-25 Eph 5.22ff
- ...What it means to be "one flesh" 1 Cor 6.15-17
- ...Our union with Jesus – "one spirit"

### † We end as we began....

- Marriage supper of the Lamb Rev 19.7
- ...Savior, Lord, husband
- The new Jerusalem Rev 21.2

## YEAR 1 Lesson 11

## DISCUSSION

† How do we see sin multiplying in the world today?

† How do you see God's holiness and judgment manifested today? His mercy? In what ways?

† How is God's "favor" (grace) extended to you today in the cross of Calvary?

**ENCOURAGEMENT: JOHN 3.16-18**

**PRAYER....**

### NEXT LESSON

GEN 7-9, 1 PET 3.18-22

**"The Grace of God Provides a Way of Escape"**

## YEAR 1 Lesson 12

*"The Grace of God Provides  
a Way of Escape"*

### TEACHING

- † Noah – means “rest” / “comfort”  
- found favor, or **GRACE** Gen 5.28-29  
Gen 6.8
- was obedient to the Lord in all things Heb 11.7
- † The ark Gen 6.15  
- approx 450ft. long, 45ft. high and 75ft. wide  
(about ½ size of the “Titanic”)
- † “pitch” means “to cover” Gen 6.14  
- and comes from a root which means to expiate,  
atone, cleanse, be merciful  
- “saved through water” resurrected  
out of judgment 1 Pet 3.18-22
- † Noah and the Lord Gen 8.1  
- God “remembered” Noah  
- God dries up the waters and calls Noah out  
- **Noah responds in worship and gratitude** Gen 8.20-22  
...sacrifice  
...God receives and is pleased  
... judgment never again to be by water
- **God responds by creating a covenant** Gen 9.8-17  
...be fruitful and multiply  
...covenant with all life on earth  
...the sign of the rainbow in the clouds
- † Where are we? Psa 103  
- God’s judgment brings conviction  
- His grace brings salvation, healing and deliverance  
- His covenant brings comfort,  
rest and assurance Isa 43.1-7

## YEAR 1 Lesson 18

### DISCUSSIONS

- † How has your understanding of Jesus as the “*Lamb of God*” broadened?
- † How can you apply the three levels of biblical interpretation in your personal Bible study?
- † What is available to you because your sin was laid upon Jesus when He shed His blood on Calvary? ...forgiveness of sin? ...eternal life?

**ENCOURAGEMENT:** HEBREWS 10.19-22

**PRAYER....**

### NEXT LESSON

GEN 15, ISA 62.1-7, HOS 2.14-20

**“Blood Covenant as a Marital Contract”**



## YEAR 1 Lesson 18

### "God's Use of Sacrificial Animals in Covenant Offerings"

## TEACHING

### † Understanding of Biblical Interpretation

- **Real**  
...the account in its biblical context.
- **Prophetic**  
...how does the account reveal God's promise fulfilled in and through Jesus.
- **Universal**  
...the overview from God's perspective

### † Looking again at Blood Covenant

- (*Real*) God tells Abram to bring a heifer, a goat and a ram  
...why these animals and why birds? Gen 15.9-11
- A walk through the Scriptures.....  
...remember Cain & Abel  
...the importance of "sacrifice" Gen 4.1-5
- (*Prophetic*) Abram's story looks forward to the Law  
...the Tabernacle in the Wilderness Exod 25ff  
...system of worship given by God  
...God's command Exod 25.40  
Heb 8.5  
...blood sacrifice for forgiveness of sin Heb 9.22  
- celebration of cleansing of lepers – birds Lev 14.1-7  
- atonement sacrifice – "scapegoat" Lev 16  
- prophecy concerning Calvary Isa 53

### † What it all means

- (*Universal*) "Behold the Lamb of God" John 1.29
- "A lamb...as if it has been slain" Rev 5.6,12  
...Jesus
- God provides the sacrifice and opens the way to salvation Heb 10.19-25

## YEAR 1 Lesson 12

## DISCUSSION

† How has your understanding changed about this familiar story?

† How do the histories in the Old Testament shed light on God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ?

† What are some of the more difficult "waters" that have threatened your life/joy, and how has Jesus shown Himself to be the "ark" for you?

**ENCOURAGEMENT: ROMANS 6.14**

**PRAYER....**

## NEXT LESSON

GEN 11.1-9, ACTS 2.1-13

**"Dispersion of the Nations to Fill the Earth"**

## YEAR 1 Lesson 13

### "Dispersion of the Nations to Fill the Earth"

#### TEACHING

- † After the flood...  
- Noah's drunkenness  
- the curse of Canaan  
- the table of Nations  
Gen 9.18-29  
Gen 10
- † The event at Babel  
- Shinar (Babylonia)  
- One language = unity, common purpose  
Gen 11.1-9  
Gen 10.9-10  
Gen 11.1
- † Man's purposes  
- **Let us...**  
...make bricks...ingenuity – they had no stone  
...build ourselves a city  
they wished to preserve their name  
they did not want to be scattered  
Gen 11.3-4
- † WHY???  
- **Hubris – immense pride**  
...disobedience and proud ambition  
Gen 9.7  
Gen 11.4
- † God's purposes  
- **Let us...**  
...go down  
their efforts to "reach" heaven fail  
...confuse (confound) their language  
accomplishes the "scattering"  
disperses the "power"  
Gen 11.5-7  
Gen 11.4  
Gen 11.6

## YEAR 1 Lesson 17

#### DISCUSSIONS

- † How does the understanding of 'blood covenant' impact your relationship with the Lord?
- † How does this change my perception of what it means to be a Christian?
- † How is my faith strengthened by the assurance of that covenant and its promises for me?

*(A point to emphasize: God has willingly entered into covenant with you through Jesus if you will receive it. **Have you received it?**)*

**ENCOURAGEMENT: GALATIANS 3.26-29**

**PRAYER.....**

#### NEXT LESSON

**GEN 15, ISA 53, HEB 10.1-25**

**"God's use of Sacrificial Animals in Covenant Offerings"**

## YEAR 1 Lesson 17

### "Introduction of the Blood Covenant"

#### TEACHING

- † A dialogue between Abram and God
- Recall of the promise Gen 12.1-3
  - Abram's confusion Gen 15.2
  - God's answer to the question Gen 15.4-7
- † Abram's *belief* and Abram's question Gen 15.6,8
- The preparation of "blood covenant"
  - What is a "covenant" (Beryth)
    - ...How is it done?  
the blood, the terms, the seal
    - ...How was it perceived?  
everlasting; to all generations
- † God makes it 'sacred' ...
- a different kind of covenant, 'a Sacred Beryth'
  - Recall principle of 'sacrifice'
    - ...*Life for a life* Gen 4
    - ...*Must be blood* Lev 17.11,14
    - ...Heb 9.11-22
  - Blood of bulls and calves...Jewish system of worship
  - The Lamb of God...covenant fulfilled
- † *God's commitment* / Abram's response Gen 15.18,6
- "I will be your God..." Gen 17.7-8
  - "I believe" ...covenant promises...inheritance
- † WHAT ABOUT US?? Gal 3.6-22
- Jesus is the "seed" of Abraham
  - We are the offspring of Abraham
  - The covenant and the inheritance is ours through Jesus

## YEAR 1 Lesson 13

† WHY???

- *Unity, purpose and power....*
  - ...in rebellion against God
  - ...in submission to God
  - "in one accord" = *power*

Gen 11.1-9  
Acts 2.1-12  
Acts 1.7-8

**The Holy Spirit brings unity, one heavenly language, and the power of God!**

#### DISCUSSION

- † Can you think of times when you have gone your own prideful way and ignored, or deliberately disobeyed the Lord?
- † What "confusion" and "scattering" of purpose was the result?
- † What things can you do in your own life to resist pride and bring submission to Jesus as Lord of your life?

**ENCOURAGEMENT: 2 TIMOTHY 1.7**

**PRAYER....**

**NEXT LESSON**  
**GEN 12.1-5, ACTS 7.2-5, HEB 11.8-10**  
**"The Call of Abraham and His Response"**

## YEAR 1 Lesson 14

### *"The Call of Abraham and His Response"*

#### TEACHING

##### † The Call of Abram

- How the call comes
- Three points of the call
  - ...the land
  - ...the nation
  - ...the blessing

Acts 7.2-3  
Gen 12.1-5

##### † The Response of Abram to the call

- Abram's obedience
  - ...he follows and obeys
- Abram's safety net
  - ...what God told him to do
  - ...how Abram "hedges his bets"
- The detour to Haran
  - ...the delay of circumstances
  - ...God's ever present mercy

Gen 12.4-5  
Heb 11.8

Gen 12.1  
Gen 12.5  
Acts 7.3-4  
Gen 12.7

##### † How God effects the call

- Were the promises ever fulfilled?
  - ...the earthly fulfillment under King David
  - ...the spiritual fulfillment of the kingdom
    - Abram's descendants
    - the seed of Abraham
- The land, the nation and the blessing

2 Sam 8.1-14

Gen 15.18  
Gal 3-16  
Gal 3.8-9

##### † What about us?

- Our call
- How do we respond?
- God's promise to us

Heb 3.1-3  
1 Pet 2.9-10

## YEAR 1 Lesson 16

#### DISCUSSIONS

† God intervenes to win the battle for Abram and to bless him through Melchizedek...How has God done this in your life?

† What is the Lord providing for you through His covenant as He offers you His "bread & wine" (His Life) and blessing through our "High Priest"?

† How is having a "living relationship" with the Lord different than being burdened by only the "rules" for living a Christian life?

**ENCOURAGEMENT:** 2 CHRONICLES 20. 15,17

**PRAYER.....**

**NEXT LESSON**

**GEN 15, HEB 9.11-12**

**"Introduction of the Blood Covenant"**

## YEAR 1 Lesson 16

*"After the Order of  
Melchizedek—An Eternal Moment"*

### TEACHING

- † Who is Melchizedek?
- Genesis tells us.... Gen 14. 18-20
    - ...King of Salem
    - ...“Priest of God Most High”
    - ...able to “bless” Abram
  - Hebrews tells us.....
    - ...repeats Genesis description Heb 7.1
    - ...definition of name given Heb 7.2
    - ...without any genealogy Heb 7.3
    - ...“like the son of God; a priest forever”
    - ...comparison of Levitical priests,  
Melchizedek, and Jesus Heb 7.11-25
- † Why “bread & wine”?
- Covenant meals and why they are eaten Exod 24.11  
Matt 26.26-28
  - Significance of “bread & wine” biblically John 6.48, 53-59
- † Why the “tithe”?
- King of Sodom had a different idea of “spoils” Gen 14.21
  - Abram gives the tenth to Melchizedek
  - Biblical view of the “tithe”
    - ...the law Mal 3.8-12
    - ...paid through the Levitical priests Lev 27.30-33
    - ...Abram honors God through Melchizedek Num 18-21
- † What about us?
- The permanent priesthood of Jesus Heb 7.15-28
  - Creator of a better covenant
  - *Able to save completely ... worthy of our “tribute”*

## YEAR 1 Lesson 14

### DISCUSSION

- † How has God’s call come to us in our lives?
- † Are the same promises in effect for us today? How?
- † How do we sometimes “hedge our bets” in response to God’s call?

**ENCOURAGEMENT:** 1 CORINTHIANS 1.8-9

**PRAYER....**

**NEXT LESSON**  
**GEN 13, PHP 3.12-4.1**

**“How Abraham and Lot Made Their Decisions”**

## YEAR 1 Lesson 15

### "How Abraham and Lot Made Their Decisions"

## TEACHING

- † What's happening?
- Coming back from Egypt Gen 12.10-20
  - Self-preservation through deception
  - The relationship between Abram and Lot Gen 13.5-7
    - ...Possessions too great
    - ...Quarreling/strife among the troops
    - ...Unable to live together
  - ***A decision has to be made***
- † Attitudes behind choices
- Abram
    - ...security in God's promise Gen 13.8-9
    - ...able to let Lot decide
    - ...worships before ***and*** after decision Gen 13.4,18
  - Lot
    - ...“looks like God” Gen 13.10
    - ...reminds me of “good times”
    - ...satisfies my immediate needs
- † Ramifications of those choices
- Long-term effects 2 Pet 2.7-10
  - The torment of wrong choices
  - ...God redeems but consequences remain
- † Paul's testimony
- Pressing on in the Lord Php 3.12-4.1
  - Forgetting what lies behind
  - Earthly things vs. heavenly things Col 3.1-4

## YEAR 1 Lesson 15

## DISCUSSIONS

- † What consequences in your lives have resulted from poorly made decisions?
- † How do you approach making important decisions? Do you look at what ***appears*** to be godly or things that seem to reflect the “***comfort zones***” of your life?
- † How can you seek God's plan for yourself regardless of how things appear to be?

**ENCOURAGEMENT:** PROVERBS 3.5-8

**PRAYER....**

**NEXT LESSON**

**GEN 14, HEB 7**

**“After the Order of Melchizedek —  
an Eternal Moment”**