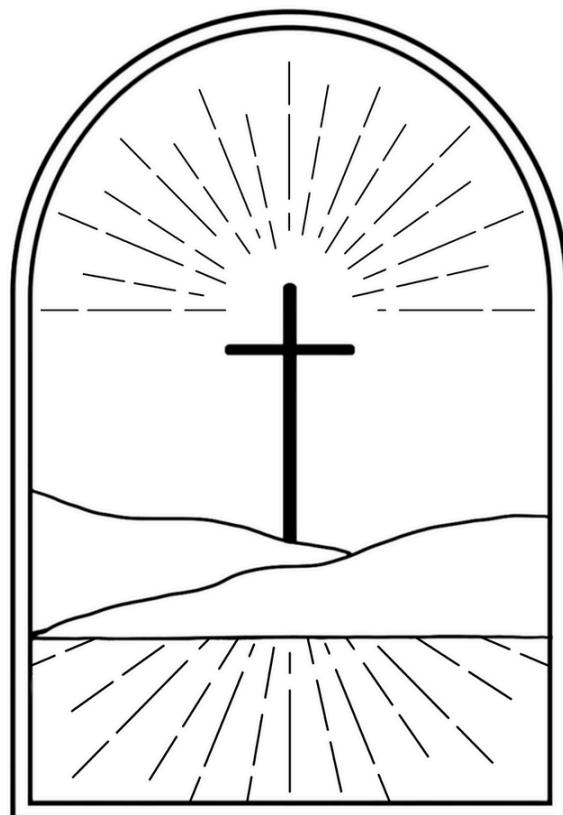


Intentional Discipleship

Follow the Leader - Giving

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Introduction to Intentional Relational Discipleship

The Power of Intentional Discipleship

1-on-1 discipleship is one of the most effective ways to foster deep spiritual growth. It creates space for honest conversation, personalized encouragement, and accountability that is often hard to achieve in larger groups. In this setting, believers can walk closely with one another—much like Jesus did with His disciples—learning, growing, and sharpening each other through authentic relationship.

The Importance of Praying for One Another

Prayer is a vital expression of love and spiritual support within the body of Christ. When we pray for one another, we carry each other's burdens, intercede for God's help and guidance, and strengthen our unity. James 5:16 calls us to "pray for each other so that you may be healed." In doing so, we not only bless others but also deepen our own dependence on God.

The Value of Weekly Consistency

Consistency builds trust and fosters lasting transformation. Weekly discipleship rhythms create a steady structure where Scripture, prayer, and spiritual growth become a natural part of life—not just occasional check-ins. Over time, these small, faithful moments add up to significant spiritual maturity.

The Necessity of Transparency

True discipleship cannot happen without honesty. When we're transparent about our struggles, doubts, and sins, we open the door to healing and grace. Transparency invites accountability, fosters genuine connection, and allows God's truth to penetrate the areas we often keep hidden. As Scripture reminds us, "The truth will set you free" (John 8:32).

Weekly Discipleship Structure

T.A.G. approach (Topic, Association, Guidance). Every week this will be our format, but the order will be **A.T.G.** If you do not have a discipleship partner, each week I'll have "20 Questions" for you to answer and reflect on with some scriptures and assisted prayers. But the goal is to find a partner.

A- Association: is the intentional investment of time, presence, and relationship between a disciple-maker and a disciple. It's walking through life together—modeling Christlikeness not just in words, but through lived example. It reflects how Jesus invited His disciples to *be with Him* (Mark 3:14) before sending them out.

T- Topic/Teaching: is the biblical truth or spiritual principle being explored in each discipleship conversation. It provides the foundation for learning, discussion, and life application. This component ensures that discipleship is rooted in Scripture—not just personal opinion or experience—and that spiritual growth is anchored in truth.

G- Guidance: is the relational and spiritual mentorship that offers wisdom, correction, encouragement, and accountability as a disciple learns to follow Jesus more faithfully. It's where biblical knowledge (Topic/Teaching) and shared life experiences (Association) are shaped into personal growth and obedience through ongoing care and direction.

1-on-1 Intentional Discipleship Discussion

Giving

In this discussion, we'll explore what Scripture says about giving, reflect on our own habits and attitudes, and seek practical ways to live generously as disciples of Jesus.

Association:

Share how your week went. Share prayer requests and spend a few moments in prayer together. Invite the Holy Spirit to lead your conversations, soften your hearts, and provide clarity as you begin this journey.

- Have you ever experienced a time when giving felt costly but led to unexpected joy or growth?
- Have you ever struggled with giving? If so, what was holding you back?
- What is currently easy for you to give away? What is hard?
- Are there areas of your life where you might be storing up “earthly treasures”?
- When you think about giving, do you feel fear, excitement, guilt, or something else?
- In what ways has your relationship with money and possessions changed since coming to Christ?

Topic/Teaching:

- Read **Matthew 6:1-4** together
- Read **Matthew 6:19-24** together
- Read **Matthew 6:25-34** together
- Read **2 Corinthians 9:6-8** together
- Read **Proverbs 3:9-10** together
- Read **Mark 12:41-44** together
- What do these passages teach us about the heart behind giving?
- How does giving connect to trust and faith?
- Do you believe generosity is limited to money? What other things can we give?
- Jesus talks about money often; why do you think it's such a spiritual issue?

Guidance:

- What are some reasons Christians may resist giving? How can Scripture speak to those fears?
- Think about your current lifestyle, what does it say about your priorities?
- Why is it impossible to serve both God and money?
- What's one intentional step you could take toward more consistent generosity this month?
- What might God want to free you from through giving? (Fear? Control? Materialism?)
- How can you move from giving leftovers to giving your firstfruits?
- What would it look like to take a “faith step” in your giving—doing something beyond what feels safe?

Close in prayer, asking God to plant His Word deep in your hearts and to give you the courage to apply it to your life.

20 Questions Personal Study & Application

Giving

This week I'll have Scripture to help guide you through each question. Take several days to answer if needed.

1. **Why does God love a cheerful giver?**
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:7
2. **What does it mean to give out of love rather than obligation?**
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:3
3. **How does my attitude toward giving reveal my trust in God?**
Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6
4. **Do I give my “firstfruits” to God, or what’s left over? Why?**
Scripture: Proverbs 3:9-10
5. **Am I seeking to honor God with my resources or myself? Explain**
Scripture: Matthew 6:1-4
6. **What does it mean to “sow generously”?**
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6
7. **How has God provided for me in the past when I've given faithfully?**
Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1, James 5:16
8. **What fears or doubts hold me back from giving more freely?**
Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33
9. **How does giving help loosen my grip on materialism or control?**
Scripture: Luke 12:15
10. **What promises does God give to those who give?**
Scripture: Malachi 3:10, Luke 6:38
11. **How does giving reflect the heart and character of God?**
Scripture: John 3:16, James 1:17
12. **Is giving commanded, encouraged, or optional in the Christian life?**
Scripture: Matthew 6:3-4
13. **How can I view giving as an act of worship?**
Scripture: Romans 12:1-2
14. **How does my giving help meet the needs of others?**
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:13-15
15. **How can I use giving as a tool for discipleship and mission?**
Scripture: Matthew 25:35-40
16. **What area of my life do I need to surrender more fully to God when it comes to giving?**
17. **Am I giving consistently, joyfully, and sacrificially? Why or why not?**
18. **Is God leading me to support a specific ministry, person, or cause right now?**
19. **How might I involve my family or community in generosity together?**
20. **What's one step I can take this week to grow in biblical giving?**

Challenge: Who is one person you could walk alongside into an intentional discipleship relationship with?
 If you need help finding someone, contact Joe: 417-224-6064 or joe@glendalechristian.org

Additional Resources

Right Now Media

If you haven't downloaded RightNow Media yet, make sure you check it out! Click [this link](#) (<https://api.fluro.io/correspondence/681e187747a949003659fbae/clickthrough/https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/join/glendale>) to create your free account and start browsing more than 20,000 videos! With this app, you can listen to audiobooks, podcasts, and Bible studies by yourself, or stay connected and participate with a friend or family. Parents, make sure you check out the kids section for biblical shows, music, and studies for kids of all ages! This resource is a 100% free gift from the church. Take advantage and check it out!

Follow the Leader | Reading, Reflecting, & Responding to Scripture: "Scripture Practice" - John Mark Comer
<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/900373>

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<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/836788> | <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/836794>

Follow the Leader | Giving: "Generosity Practice" - John Mark Comer
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