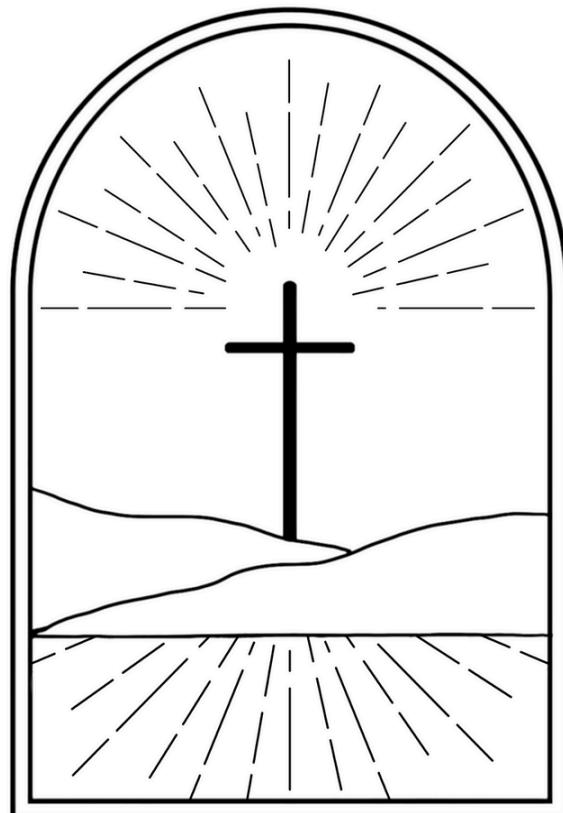


Intentional Discipleship
Follow the Leader - Service

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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

Service

To understand that Christian service is a vital expression of our faith, rooted in Christ's example of humility and love. Through serving others, we grow in spiritual maturity, reflect God's character, and advance His Kingdom.

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.

- Who has served you in a way that impacted your walk with Jesus?
- When have you experienced joy through serving someone else?
- How can serving others change the way we view people in need?
- In what ways can we serve within our homes, churches, and communities?
- Are there times when pride or fear has kept you from serving?
- How does serving others help build stronger relationships?
- What do your current habits of service say about your heart posture?
- How can you encourage others to serve using their unique gifts?
- What's the difference between serving for recognition and serving for God's glory?
- How does Christian service create opportunities to share the Gospel?

Topic/Teaching:

- Read **John 12:26** together
- Read **Galatians 5:13-14** together
- Read **1 Peter 4:10-11** together
- Read **Mark 10:45** together
- Why is service an important part of the Christian life?
- How does serving others help us grow spiritually?
- What gifts or abilities has God given you that can be used in service?
- How do we distinguish between serving from obligation vs. serving from joy?
- How can Christian service be an act of worship?

Guidance:

- What fears or excuses hold you back from serving consistently?
- How can you invite someone to serve with you and grow together?
- How do you evaluate whether you're serving in alignment with your spiritual gifts?
- Do you need to step back and evaluate if your service is leading to burnout?
- How can you turn ordinary tasks into intentional acts of service?
- What prayer can you begin praying for a servant-hearted mindset?
- How can you model servant leadership in your circles of influence?

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

Service

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

1. **What does it mean to serve others like Jesus did?**
Mark 10:45
2. **How can I use my freedom in Christ to serve others?**
Galatians 5:13-14
3. **What spiritual gifts has God given me to serve?**
1 Peter 4:10
4. **How can I serve with the right attitude?**
Philippians 2:3-4
5. **What does true servant leadership look like?**
John 13:14-15
6. **How does service relate to worship?**
Romans 12:1
7. **Am I serving for God's glory or my own recognition?**
Matthew 6:1
8. **How can I serve others with joy?**
Psalm 100:2
9. **What role does love play in Christian service?**
1 Corinthians 13:3
10. **How should I respond when I feel unappreciated in service?**
Colossians 3:23-24
11. **What are practical ways I can serve in my local church?**
Romans 12:6-8
12. **Am I being faithful in the small opportunities to serve?**
Luke 16:10
13. **How can I serve without burning out?**
Matthew 11:28-30
14. **Who in my life can I serve this week?**
James 2:15-17
15. **What does it mean to carry one another's burdens?**
Galatians 6:2
16. **How can I serve my enemies or those I find difficult to love?**
Luke 6:35
17. **What reward does God promise for faithful service?**
Matthew 25:21
18. **How can my service point others to Christ?**
Matthew 5:16
19. **Am I willing to serve when it's inconvenient or uncomfortable?**
Luke 10:33-34
20. **How can I encourage others to join in serving?**
Hebrews 10:24

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) (<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>

Follow the Leader | Prayer & Fasting: "Prayer Practice" & "Fasting Practice" - John Mark Comer
<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
<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/893650>

Follow the Leader | Fellowship: "Community Practice" - John Mark Comer
<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/900374>

Follow the Leader | Solitude: "Solitude Practice" - John Mark Comer
<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/836801>

Follow the Leader | Service: "How to Motivate to Serve" - Anne Cody
<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/interactive-content/529165/details>