

DISCIPLESHIP

JESUS SAID, "FOLLOW ME."

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

This is our last week on the topic of discipleship. Next month we will be focusing on the topic of fellowship. This guide will walk you through a week of scriptures that give examples of relational discipleship as a bridge between the two topics.

MONDAY

Read John 2:1-11

When you think about [this miracle] in terms of real significance, it's pretty mundane. This incident doesn't seem to have much of an impact other than to keep the party going. It doesn't change the trajectory of a person's life. It doesn't reverse a curse or heal a lifelong debilitating disease.

What was Jesus doing here? He was simply preserving a guy's dignity.

Jesus was invited to this wedding, which means He must have known the bride or the groom or most likely both. The wine started running low, a potentially humiliating thing for a party host in that culture, so Jesus came in to rescue a buddy in need.

While many of Jesus' miracles corrected people's physical limitations, it seems He had another goal in mind at times. Jesus was concerned with people's standing within their communities. Sometimes the greatest thing we can do is not related to **what** we can change in life but **whose** life we can change. We grow closer to Christ as we seek to invest in the lives of others. And we grow closer to Christ as we grow closer to one another.

- Heather Zempel, [Sacred Roads](#)

Ask God to open your eyes to see how you can preserve the dignity of the people you encounter this week.

TUESDAY

Read Exodus 17 & 24, Numbers 27, & Deuteronomy 31:7

What do you learn here about the relationship between Moses & Joshua?

Read 1 Kings 19:19 & 2 Kings 2

What do you observe in the relationship between Elijah & Elisha?

Thank God for people who have disciplined you. Pray for people that you have been able to disciple.

Pray for the people at FPC who are in designated roles as disciplers: students leaders, pastors, SS teachers, small group leaders, marriage mentors, school teachers, Stephen Ministers, adult class teachers, prayer team, ministry team leaders, etc.

WEDNESDAY

Read the Book of Ruth

Who are the people in your life that you have shared a long history with? What have you learned through these relationships? How have you been supported through the everyday ups and downs of life through these relationships?

Pray for these people. Give God thanks for the things you have learned and the ways you have been supported through these relationships.

THURSDAY

Read Mark 3:14, John 13 & John 17

Jesus taught the crowds, disciplined 12, & mentored 3.

Do you have a similar pattern of relationships in your life—concentric circles that increase in intimacy? Think about how discipleship happens in each of these circles.

FRIDAY

Read Acts 2:42-47, 2 Timothy 2:2 & 1 Thessalonians 2:8

Ask God to strengthen our network of relationships at FPC and beyond so that we are creating more opportunities to disciple one another.

Join Paul in his prayer for us by reading Ephesians 3:14-4:13 as a prayer.