



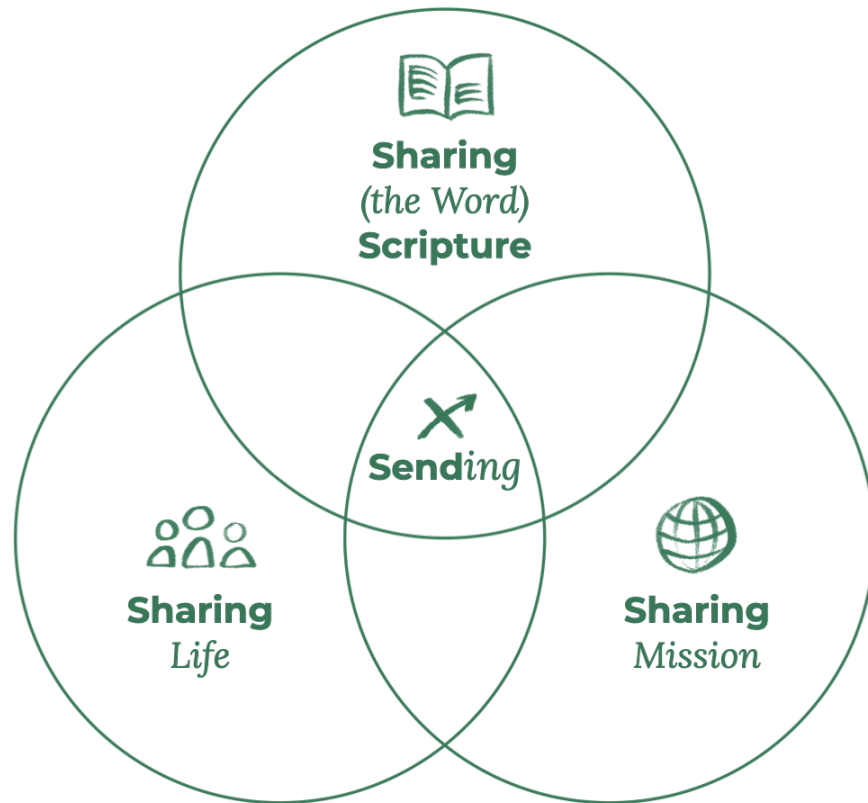
4 *Practices of* Discipleship

Fulfilling the mission of Jesus to make disciples who know Christ, live Christ, and make Christ known.



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What are the 4 Practices of Discipleship?

The Four Practices of Discipleship is the process Living Church house churches use for fulfilling the mission of Jesus to make disciples who know Christ, live Christ, and make Christ known.

We see these Four Practices embodied, lived and modeled by Jesus Himself. We also see these lived and taught by His disciples and house churches in the 1st century, and centuries following.

We see these practices lived individually. We see these practices lived in and with a community of Jesus followers.

This makes living the Four Practices necessary for disciples of Jesus and His Church to grow individually and together in knowing Christ, living Christ, and making Christ known.

Some helpful definitions:

SHARING SCRIPTURE (THE WORD):

Studying and teaching of the Bible individually and together growing in knowing Jesus and obedience to Him.

SEE ACTS 2:42, 2 TIMOTHY 2:2, 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

SHARING LIFE:

Meeting needs of those within your house church community. This involves eating together, playing together, encouraging and serving one another. Involves sharing what material and spiritual needs we have, sharing possessions, finances, etc, making sure needs are being met. Doing life together.

SEE ACTS 2:45, 4:32-37

SHARING MISSION:

Meeting needs of those who are not yet following Jesus or sharing life with your house church community. This meeting of needs is done with the intent to bring people from unbelief to belief in Jesus making new disciples of Jesus who then assimilate into sharing life with your house church or a church of like belief.

ACTS 2:47, MATTHEW 9:35-38, 1 PETER 2:11-12

SEND / MULTIPLY:

Living out your missionary identity as a sent missionary in the place you live, work, and play, praying and seeking to start a new Bible study, or plant a new house church or lead a new ministry leading to the multiplication of disciples and new house church communities.

JOHN 20:21, ACTS 13:1-5, TITUS 1:5

DISCIPLEMAKER

A Disciplemaker is a disciple of Jesus helping others believe Jesus and obey and live out His teachings.

DISCIPLE

A Disciple is believing Jesus and His sacrifice of blood on the cross and His defeat of sin and death at His resurrection for their personal sins against God, and in response of gratitude and love the disciple is living to obey Jesus and His teachings.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship is helping people believe and follow Jesus, and obey and live out His teachings.

What are the 4 Practices of Discipleship?

SHARING THE WORD:

"And **THE WORD** (Jesus) **BECAME FLESH** and dwelt among us..." (John 1:14)

"Now after John was arrested, JESUS came into Galilee, **PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF GOD**, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:14-15)

"And they (disciples) **DEVOTED** themselves **TO THE APOSTLES TEACHING...**" (Acts 2:42)

SEE ALSO:

Acts 18:9-11, 20:20
Romans 16:25-27
2 Timothy 2:2, 3:16-17

SHARING LIFE:

"And the Word (Jesus) became flesh and **DWELT AMONG US...**" (John 1:14)

"And they (disciples) devoted themselves to the apostles teaching **AND THE FELLOWSHIP...**and they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need." (Acts 2:42,45)

"...just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to **SHARE WITH YOU** not only the gospel of God but **OUR LIVES** as well." (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8)

SEE ALSO:

Acts 4:32-37
1 Corinthians 12
Hebrews 10:23-25

SHARING MISSION:

"And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom (spiritual) and healing and every affliction (physical). **WHEN HE SAW THE CROWDS HE HAD COMPASSION** on them..." (Matthew 9:35-38)

"So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to **EQUIP** His people FOR works of **SERVICE**, so that the body of Christ may be built up." (Ephesians 4:11-12)

SEE ALSO:

Matthew 28:19-20
1 Peter 2:1

SENDING / MULTIPLYING:

"After this the Lord appointed seventy two others and **SENT THEM** on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go." (Luke 10:1)

"As the Father has **SENT ME, I AM SENDING YOU...**" (John 20:21)

"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "**SET APART** for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and **SENT THEM** off. The two of them, SENT on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. (Acts 13:1-5)

SEE ALSO:

Luke 10:2-20
Acts 1:8
Acts 16:6
Titus 1

The 4 Practices of Discipleship Worksheet

Today's date: _____

60 days from now: _____

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together...they broke bread in their homes and ate together...praising God...and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

ACTS 2:42-47

SHARING THE WORD:

What are you learning about Jesus in His Word? What will you do to make time with Jesus in His Word more of a priority for you/your family? In what areas of life do you need to obey Jesus?

AREAS OF SUCCESS:

AREAS FOR GROWTH:

ACTION STEPS: _____

SHARING LIFE TOGETHER:

How are you meeting needs of the church, your house church? Who are you intentionally spending time with to learn more about being a disciple of Jesus? How's your commitment to being present & sharing life with the church?

AREAS OF SUCCESS:

AREAS FOR GROWTH:

ACTION STEPS: _____

SHARING MISSION TOGETHER:

How are you serving your community / neighborhood? Who are you praying for to know Jesus? Who are you intentionally serving & spending time with to show and share Jesus with them? How's your commitment to being present & sharing life with the church?

AREAS OF SUCCESS:

AREAS FOR GROWTH:

ACTION STEPS: _____

SENDING (TO MULTIPLY):

How are you living like a missionary among your relationships? How are you supporting and encouraging the planting of new house church communities?

AREAS OF SUCCESS:

AREAS FOR GROWTH:

ACTION STEPS: _____