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Abraham Kuyper, former PM Netherlands

“The greatest gift a church can receive is to have a group of families who take their responsibilities with such Christian seriousness that they are willing to completely alter their lifestyle to raise up disciples for Jesus Christ.”

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CHAPTER 6 - LESSON 1

THE CALL: MAKE DISCIPLES

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Mark Dever

“Churches don’t need programs so much as they need cultures of discipling, cultures where each member prioritizes the spiritual health of others.”

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2 TIMOTHY 2:2-6 CSB

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2 What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the concerns of civilian life: he seeks to please the commanding officer.

5 Also, if anyone competes as an athlete, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

6 The hardworking farmer ought to be the first to get a share of the crops.

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ACTS 6:7 CSB

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7 So the word of God spread, the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly in number, and a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.

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LUKE 6:40,46-48 CSB

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40 "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. When the flood came, the river crashed against that house and couldn't shake it, because it was well built. 49 But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The river crashed against it, and immediately it collapsed. And the destruction of that house was great."

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Lesson 1 – Discussion

What does it mean to "follow Jesus Christ" in your own words?

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CHAPTER 6 - LESSON 2

THE COST: ABSOLUTE SURRENDER

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John MacArthur

"Discipleship entails a life of total self-denial, a humble disposition towards others, a whole-hearted devotion to the Lord alone, a willingness to obey His commands in everything, an eagerness to sense Him even in His absence, and a motivation that comes from knowing He is well pleased."

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MARK 8:34 CSB

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34 Calling the crowd along with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

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LUKE 14:27-33 CSB

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27 "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, wanting to build a tower, doesn't first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, after he has laid the foundation and cannot finish it, all the onlookers will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, 'This man started to build and wasn't able to finish.'"

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LUKE 14:27-33 CSB

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31 "Or what king, going to war against another king, will not first sit down and decide if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If not, while the other is still far off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 In the same way, therefore, every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

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Lesson 2 – Discussion

What does it mean to count the cost here in the United States of America?

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CHAPTER 6 - LESSON 3

DISCIPLESHIP AND THE CROSS

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Francis Chan

"We reduce discipleship to a canned program, and so many in the church end up sidelined in a spectator mentality that delegates disciple making to pastors and professionals, ministers and missionaries."

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1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-2 CSB

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1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, announcing the mystery of God to you, I did not come with brilliance of speech or wisdom.

2 I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

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1 CORINTHIANS 1:18 CSB

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18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is the power of God to us who are being saved.

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GALATIANS 6:14 CSB

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14 But as for me, I will never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world has been crucified to me through the cross, and I to the world.

GALATIANS 2:20 CSB

3.6-7

20 I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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Lesson 3 – Devotion

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is the power of God to us who are being saved.

Spend a few minutes praying or journaling for the Spirit of God to open the eyes of loved ones in your life to see the Gospel as power and not foolishness.

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CHAPTER 6 - LESSON 4

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

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David Platt

"Making disciples of Jesus is the overflow of the delight in being disciples of Jesus."

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2 PETER 1:3-9 CSB

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3 His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.
4 By these he has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, 6 knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, 7 godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

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2 PETER 1:3-9 CSB

4.1-7

8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 The person who lacks these things is blind and shortsighted and has forgotten the cleansing from his past sins.

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ROMANS 5:3-4 CSB

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3 And not only that, but we also rejoice in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance. 4 endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope.

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JAMES 1:2-4 CSB

4.10-11

2 Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

4 And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

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Lesson 4 – Devotion

Take a few minutes and pray for yourselves, for your families, for your church family – pray that in the face of suffering, that their faith would produce endurance, like a muscle after being worked grows stronger and more durable.

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CHAPTER 6 - LESSON 5

DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP

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Albert Schweitzer

“There are only three ways to teach a child.
The first is by example, the second is by example, the third is by example.”

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MATTHEW 4:18-20 CSB

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18 As he was walking along the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter), and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea -- for they were fishermen. 19 “Follow me,” he told them, “and I will make you fish for people.” 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

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MARK 6:7, 12-13 CSB

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7 He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs and gave them authority over unclean spirits. ... **12** So they went out and preached that people should repent. **13** They drove out many demons, anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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MATTHEW 28:18-20 CSB

5.8-11

18 Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.

19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."

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CHAPTER 6 - SUMMARY

GOD – has ordained his children to be in communion with one another to build each other up.

(FALLEN) MAN – ignores, quarrels, discriminates

CHRIST – purchased the unity and upbuilding of his bride

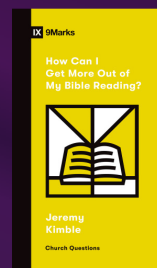
RESPONSE – strive for unity and the edification of all members of the church

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PRAYER

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BOOKS



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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen