

Discipleship Guide: Vision in Action

Focus: God's vision for the church is not something we simply affirm, but something we live into over time. From the earliest days of the church, disciples learned how to remain devoted to Christ while adapting faithfully to new needs and circumstances. This week invites us to reflect on how God continues to shape our walk with Christ and calls us to participate in the life God is forming among us.

Day 1: A Community Shaped by Devotion

Scripture: Acts 2:42–47

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. - Acts 2:42-43 (CEB)

Reflection:

The earliest followers of Jesus were shaped by shared devotion to teaching, fellowship, prayer, and generosity. Their life together was not driven by strategy, but by faithfulness practiced daily. This community grew not because they sought influence, but because their lives reflected God's grace. Discipleship took shape through ordinary rhythms lived together in trust and joy.

Questions:

What practices help ground your faith and keep you connected to God?

Where do you experience God's presence most clearly in community?

What is one practice you can recommit to as part of your walk with Christ?

Prayer:

God of grace, thank You for forming Your people through shared devotion. Shape my life through prayer, fellowship, and generosity, so that my faith reflects Your love. Amen.

Day 2: Faithfulness in Times of Change

Scripture: Acts 6:1–7

About that time, while the number of disciples continued to increase, a complaint arose. Greek-speaking disciples accused the Aramaic-speaking disciples because their widows were being overlooked in the daily food service - Acts 6:1 (CEB)

Reflection:

As the church grew, new challenges emerged. Rather than ignoring those concerns, the apostles listened, adapted, and shared leadership so that no one would be overlooked. This moment shows that faithfulness sometimes requires change. The Spirit was

at work not only in preserving what mattered most, but in guiding the community to respond wisely and compassionately.

Questions:

How do you typically respond when change is needed in your life or community?

What helps you remain faithful when familiar patterns shift?

Where might God be inviting you to adapt in order to care more fully for others?

Prayer:

Faithful God, help me trust You when change feels uncertain. Teach me to respond with wisdom, humility, and openness to Your leading. Amen.

Day 3: Living the Vision as Disciples

Scripture: Matthew 28:18–20

Therefore, go 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 obey everything that I've commanded you . - Matthew 28:19-20a (CEB)

Reflection:

Jesus sends His followers not with a set of instructions alone, but with a promise to be with them. Discipleship is not a destination we reach, but a way of life we grow into. God's vision takes shape as we learn, practice, and live our faith day by day. We are formed through relationship with Christ and through participation in God's work in the world.

Questions:

How would you describe your current walk with Christ?

What does it mean for you to live as a disciple in everyday life?

What is one place where you sense God inviting you to grow more deeply as a follower of Jesus?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for walking with me in every season. Teach me to live faithfully as Your disciple, trusting Your presence as I grow. Amen.

Day 4: Courage That Speaks and Acts for Others

Scripture: Matthew 22:37–39; Mark 10:45; Joshua 1:9

for the Human One[a] didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people. - Mark 10:45 (CEB)

Reflection:

God's vision for the church is lived out through love, service, and courage. These are not separate callings, but expressions of a life

shaped by Christ. Loving boldly opens us to others, serving joyfully grounds us in humility, and leading courageously calls us to faithfulness even when the path feels uncertain. Together, these practices reflect a life attentive to God's Spirit.

Questions:

Which of these practices—love, service, or courage—feels most needed in your life right now?

Where do you see God at work through these practices in your community?

What is one small way you can embody this way of life today?

Prayer:

God of love and strength, teach me to love generously, serve with humility, and live with courage shaped by trust in You. Amen.

Day 5: Faithfulness When Courage Is Costly

Scripture: Isaiah 43:19; Ephesians 2:10

Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.—Ephesians 2:10 (CEB)

Reflection:

God continues to do new things among God's people. We are not asked to create the vision, but to pay attention and respond.

Faithful participation means remaining open to how God is shaping our lives and our community. As we walk with Christ, we are invited to take part in the work God has already prepared, trusting that the Spirit will guide each step.

Questions:

Where do you see signs of God at work in your life or community?

What helps you notice where the Spirit may be leading?

What is one place in your walk with Christ where God may be inviting you to grow or adapt?

Prayer:

God who goes before me, open my eyes to see what You are doing. Give me the courage to respond with faith, and guide my steps as I walk with Christ. Amen.

Closing Prayer:

God of grace, thank You for walking with me through this week. As You continue to shape my life, help me remain attentive to Your presence and open to the ways You are forming me as a disciple of Jesus. Give me the courage to grow, the humility to adapt, and the faith to trust You as I take each next step. May my life reflect Your love and bring hope to the world You cherish. Amen.