



Master Plan of Evangelism

Study Guide



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Chapter 1 – Selection



Prayer

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Scripture Reading

And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles. (Luke 6:13)

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. (John 1:37)

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." (John 1:43)

And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him. (Mark 1:20)

Central Idea

Jesus was very intentional and methodical about who He chose as His disciples.

Highlights

- Jesus started to gather these men together before He ever organized an evangelistic campaign.
- Jesus's plan was to enlist men who could bear witness to his life and carry on His work after He returned to the Father.

- These followers do not impress as being key men, as they are an average cross-section of society in their day.
- Jesus staked His whole ministry on them as everything depended on their faithfulness if the world would believe in Him "through their word".

How would you concisely describe the theme for this chapter?

What were the highlights for you?



Observation

What does the scripture(s) and highlights say about:

Teachability?

Devotion to a few?

Building a foundation versus results?



Interpretation

What traits did Jesus look for in His first disciples?

Why did Jesus keep the numbers of disciples so small?

How did the spiritual leaders of the day respond to Jesus's hand-picked team?



Personal Application

How can you apply the example that Jesus provided in forming your next team, whether it be at church, work or anywhere?

Notes:

Chapter 2 – Association



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Scripture Reading

"... And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ... (Mark 3:14)

Central Idea

The essence of Jesus' training program was to just let His disciples follow Him.

Highlights

- All Jesus did to teach these men His way was to draw them close to Himself as He was His own school and curriculum, but He had no time to call His own.
- Knowledge was gained by association before it was understood by explanation.
- In His presence, they could learn all that they needed to know.

- He actually spent more time with His disciples than anyone else in the world put together.

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What were the highlights for you?



Observation

What does the scripture(s) and highlights say about:

Spending time together?

Focusing on a few?

Modeling vs. Talking?



Interpretation

How did Jesus' method differ from the teaching of the religious leaders?

What benefit would the pupil derive from doing life with his Teacher?

What benefit would the Teacher derive from doing life with his pupils?



Personal Application

How do you see the principle of patiently and intentionally sharing one's life effectively applied for Kingdom benefit?

Notes:

Chapter 3 – Consecration



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Scripture Reading

Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. (John 13:16)

You are My friends if you do what I command you. (John 15:14)

Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62)

Central Idea

No one can ever be a leader until he first has learned to follow a leader.

Highlights

- The disciples were not required to be smart, but they had to be loyal.
- No one will follow a person in whom they have no trust.
- When many of Jesus' disciples ceased following Him, He did not go running after them.
- Jesus did not have the time nor the desire to scatter Himself on those who wanted to make their own terms of discipleship.

- Absolute obedience to the will of God was the controlling principle of the Master's own life.

How would you concisely describe the theme for this chapter?

What were the highlights for you?



Observation

What does the scripture(s) and highlights say about:

Obedience?

Counting the cost?

Leadership?



Interpretation

How would you define "consecration"?

What were some reasons that Jesus' followers stopped following?

What is the warfare described?



Personal Application

Describe how, in your own journey as a Christ-follower, you have felt that the "cost" was too high of a price to pay. How did you overcome the temptation to quit?

Notes:

Chapter 4 – Impartation



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Scripture Reading

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. (John 15:15)

As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. (John 17:18-19)

And I will ask the Father and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (John 14:16)

Central Idea

Jesus deliberately and intentionally invested in this group of 12 followers so that they could be properly prepared to do His work.

Highlights

- We cannot give something away which we do not possess ourselves. Nor can we withhold that which we possess in the Spirit of Christ, and still keep it. Jesus' life was one of giving, giving away what His Father had given to Him.
- Everything He did and said was motivated by His consuming passion of love for a lost world.

- It is only the Spirit of God who enables one to carry on the redemptive mission of evangelism.
- In His flesh, Jesus was confined to one body and one place, but in the Spirit these limitations were all removed.

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What were the highlights for you?



Observation

What does the scripture(s) and highlights say about:

Giving oneself away?

Becoming a servant?

Another Comforter?



Interpretation

What does it look like for you personally to "give yourself away"?

What four functions does the Holy Spirit / Another Comforter serve?

What was the primary purpose that Jesus spent so much time with His disciples?



Personal Application

How have you demonstrated "impartation" in your life and how has Jesus imparted into your life?

Notes:

Chapter 5 – Demonstration



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Scripture Reading

I have given you an example. (John 13:5)

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." (Luke 11:1)

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (John 15:7)

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:8-9)

Central Idea

Jesus saw to it that his disciples learned his way of living with God and man through demonstration, including prayer, using scripture, teaching, and actions.

Highlights

- People are looking for a demonstration, not an explanation.

- Jesus often let the disciples see him conversing with the father. This created a hunger in them to be taught how to pray.
- The word written in the Scriptures and the word spoken by Christ were never in contradiction.
- Practically everything Jesus said and did had some relevance to the work of evangelism.

How would you concisely describe the theme for this chapter?

What were the highlights for you?



Observation

What does the scripture(s) and highlights say about:

Prayer?

Using Scripture?

Teaching?

Showing the way?



Interpretation

Why must we grasp the meaning of prayer and learn how to practice it consistently?

Why must we know and use the Scriptures in our own life?

Why is it important to know the way, go the way, and show the way to be an effective leader?



Personal Application

How can you apply these principles to demonstration?

Notes:

Chapter 6 – Delegation



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Scripture Reading

I will make you fishers of men. (Matthew 4:19)

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. (Mark 6:7)

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay . . . And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. (Matthew 10:8, 11)

and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. (Matthew 10:22)

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me." (Matthew 10:40)

Central Idea

Christian disciples are sent men and women – sent out in the same work of world evangelism to which the Lord was sent, and for which he gave his life. Therefore, they should be given practical work assignments with an expectation for them to be carried out.

Highlights

- The early disciples did not do much more than watch Jesus work for a year or more.
- Before letting them go, Jesus reaffirmed his purpose for their lives, spelled out more completely the scope of their authority, who to see first, and to trust God for provision.

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Observation

What does the scripture(s) and highlights say about:

Jesus' instructions?

Jesus method?

Hardship?



Interpretation

What are the things that those you delegate to must know and understand?

What is the benefit of teaming up in pairs?

Why is it important to demonstrate before you delegate?



Personal Application

How can you apply these principles to delegation?

Notes:

Chapter 7 – Supervision



Prayer

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Scripture Reading

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. (Mark 6:30-31)

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10:17-20)

Central Idea

Jesus plan of teaching – by example, assignment, and constant checkup – was calculated to bring out the best in the disciples.

Highlights

- Jesus made it a point to meet with his disciples following their tours of service to hear their reports, ask questions, bring out practical application of it to their lives, provide correction, and encourage rest.

- Jesus questions, illustrations, warnings, and admonitions were calculated to bring out those things they needed to know in order to fulfill his work.
- Disciples must be brought to maturity.

How would you concisely describe the theme for this chapter?

What were the highlights for you?



Observation

What does the scripture(s) and highlights say about:

Leading by example?

Assignment?

Constant checkup?



Interpretation

What are the benefits of supervision?

What are the benefits of failure?

Why should you not be prideful in your accomplishments?

Why is it not okay to rest in success or failure?



Personal Application

How can you apply these principles to supervision?

Notes:

Chapter 8 – Reproduction



Prayer

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Scripture Reading

Go and bring forth fruit (John 15:16)

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 16:15-17)

As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, (John 17:18-20)

Central Idea

Jesus expected his disciples to produce his likeness in and through the church so that his ministry in the Spirit would be duplicated manyfold by his ministry in the lives of his disciples.

Highlights

- The fulfillment of Jesus purpose in coming into the world, dying on the cross, and rising from the grave depended on the faithfulness of his disciples to reproduce and teach their disciples to reproduce.
- The church cannot function as it should unless the personal mission of the Master is incorporated into the policy and fabric of all their plans.

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What were the highlights for you?



Observation

What does the scripture(s) and highlights say about:

Victory through witnessing?

The test of Jesus' ministry?

The Great Commission?



Interpretation

Describe the four key components of the Great Commission.

What is the role of reproduction in addressing the challenge of "...The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few"? (Matthew 9:37)

Why must we bear witness and affirm our faith in God?



Personal Application

How can you apply these principles to reproduction?

Notes: