

Week 5: Discipleship Phase 3: Obey Me

Phase Three of Jesus' discipleship ministry could be described as: **Be with Me & Remain in Me**

In **Phase Three** Jesus challenged his disciples to **be with** him in a most intimate way, by _____ all that he said and having all of their thoughts, desires & actions **remain in** line with his own thoughts.

This **Obey Me** stage lasted approximately **24 months** beginning with the formal choosing of the 12 disciples and ending at the ascension...making it the longest segment of Jesus' training. This **Obey Me** stage is highlighted in all four gospels, **two thirds** of all the passages of the gospels fall into this stage.

Read: John 14:23, Luke 11:28, John 15:10, John 15:4

The major emphasis by Jesus in this stage was the necessity to _____ his teaching and through obedience, _____ more and more like him in thought, word and deed.

Phase Three comes with its own set of **discipleship distinctives**. What Jesus requires of his disciples in this stage is **distinct** from the previous stages.

Phase Three Distinctives:

- (1) _____ *commitment*:
- (2) _____ *obedience* vs basic habits:
- (3) _____ vs comfort & convenience:
- (4) Ministry _____ vs involvement:
- (5) Self- _____ vs other dependent:
- (6) _____ focused vs inward focused:

Phase Three of our discipleship efforts must _____ the **discipleship distinctives**, as well as the _____ of Jesus' second stage with his disciples.

Phase Three Life Indicators:

- Disciples strive to _____ Jesus teaching in all areas of life and they desire to _____ their thoughts, attitudes & actions to the Lord. (John 15:4, 14:15, 1 John 2:6)
- Disciples strive to be as _____ to Jesus as possible. Their _____ with him becomes their top priority. (Luke 10:39, John 6:68, Mark 12:14-17)
- _____ with the Lord; being with him and learning from him is of utmost importance. (Luke 10:39, John 1:39, 1 Timothy 4:13)
- Disciples venture out into _____ on their own. They do not need constant supervision from the disciplinemaker. (Matthew 10:1-20, Acts 6:1-6)
- Disciples become full-fledged fishers of men. Being _____ is a major character trait. (Luke 6:31, Matthew 5:40-44, 7:12, Philippians 2:3-4)
- Disciples make obedience to the Lord and pleasing God more important than any comfort and are willing to _____ greatly to maintain it. (Matthew 10:16-20, 37-19, 24:9, Acts 5:29-32, 6-7)

Let's Summarize:

-The 3rd stage of discipleship should focus on building **advanced commitment**, centered on devoting more time, energy & concern to a _____ **relationship with Christ**.

-Disciples understand and are taught that **prayer, bible study, walking in the Spirit, confession & repentance** are vital habits in _____ their fellowship with Christ.

-The 3rd stage of discipleship should focus on building **complete surrender**, where the disciple's aim to put _____ in their life at the feet of Jesus. Submission to his will, his design, his desires and his instruction is the goal.

-The 3rd stage of discipleship should focus on being willing to give everything over to God in obedience...even when it means **great sacrifice**. *Disciplemakers should help others learn to make small, incremental sacrifices.*

-The 3rd stage of discipleship should focus on being willing to put others first...especially in order to fulfill the **great commission & great commandment**.

-The 3rd stage of discipleship should focus on teaching & training disciples how to _____ to others through **service, evangelism** and **discipleship**.

-The 3rd stage of discipleship should focus on teaching & training disciples how to _____ with the Lord **on their own** & how to _____ in ministry **on their own**.

Personal Notes: