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Follow Me

Jesus' process for discipling his followers:

BELIEVE
in
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FOLLOW
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OBEY
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SERVE
through
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SHARE
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Phase Two
of Jesus' discipleship ministry
could be described as:
Come & Follow Me

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In Phase Two

Jesus challenged his disciples to **come** to him on a deeper level, by leaving the things of the world and commit to **following** him.

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This **Come & Follow Me** stage lasted approximately **9 months** and covers the time when Jesus called men to follow him to fish for people up until he formally chose the 12 disciples.

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Phase Two

is highlighted in all four gospels,
but especially in the early chapters
of Mark and Luke.

Jesus said to them, "**Follow me,**
and I will make you become fishers
of men." And immediately **they left**
their nets and **followed him.**

Mark 1:17-18

...he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And **he called them,** and **they left their father** Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and **followed him.** Mark 1:19-20

After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, **“Follow me.”** And **leaving everything**, he rose and **followed him**. **Luke 5:27-28**

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The major emphasis
by Jesus in this stage was
the necessity to **leave** aspects of the
world behind and to **follow** him with
heightened commitment!

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Phase Two

comes with it's own set of discipleship ***distinctives***. What Jesus requires of his disciples in this stage is ***distinct*** from the previous & following stages.



Phase Two

DISTINCTIVES

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(1) ***Heightened*** commitment:

Jesus required a higher level of commitment from his followers than in the 'Believe in Me' stage. Now to be a disciple, you had to leave things that were common & comfortable and commit to him. The disciples actually lived with Jesus all the time in this stage.

DISTINCTIVES

(2) Basic habits vs beliefs:

The focus in this stage moved from introductory beliefs to forming basic habits. The habits had to do with forming intimacy and accountability to the disciplinemaker, Jesus.

DISTINCTIVES

(3) Ministry involvement vs exposure:

The focus in this stage shifted from the disciples having basic exposure to ministry or 'attender-only' access during events & miracles...to now actually being involved in the ministry process of the disciplemaker. (However they did not 'lead ministry' during this stage.)

DISTINCTIVES

(4) **Evangelism vs salvation**

The focus in this stage shifted from the disciples needing to believe and so be saved themselves; to the point where the disciples were instructed to fish for others in evangelism.

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of our discipleship efforts must **mirror** the discipleship distinctives, as well as the **life indicators** of Jesus' second stage with his disciples.

Life Indicators:



In Phase Two:

Disciples accept Jesus' invitation to begin to train
in the area of basic behavior, habits & skills.

(Matt 4:19, Mark 1:18, Luke 5:27-28)



In Phase Two:

Disciples spend much time watching & being involved with the disciplemaker in ministry.
(Mark 1:29-31, 35-39)



In Phase Two:

The disciple begins to understand that Jesus' main purpose (and a disciples' main purpose) is to preach the gospel and make disciples.
(Mark 1:38)

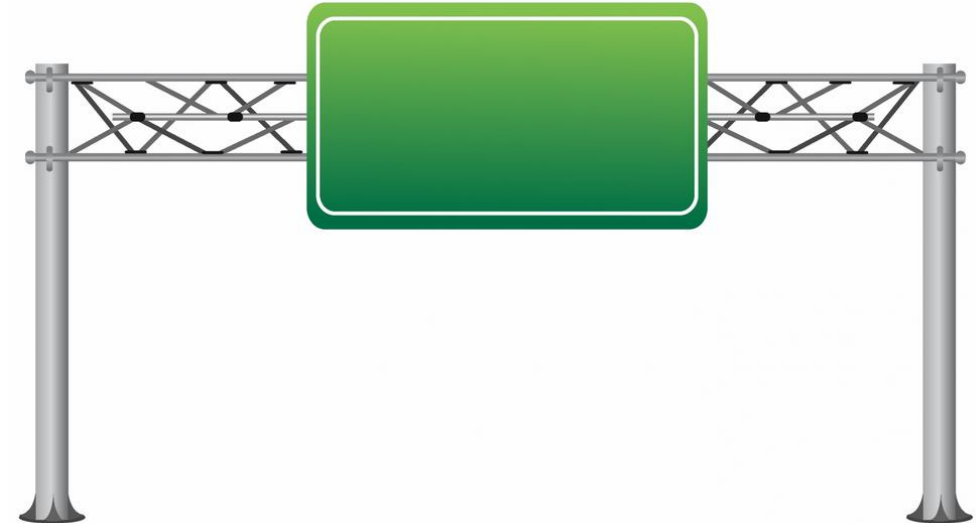


In Phase Two:
The disciple begins to spend time with unbelievers
in order to share the truth with them.
(Mark 2:17)



In Phase Two:

A disciple beings to live according to their relationship with Jesus instead of merely following traditions or religious thinking. (Matthew 9:14)



In Phase Two:

A disciple beings to understand that sin is a very serious thing and should be avoided at all costs.

(Matt 5:29-30, John 5:14,
Mark 9:42)



In Phase Two:

**A disciple begins to understand that Jesus is fully
God and equal to the Father in every way.
(John 5:18)**



What were some of the **core beliefs**
& core habits that Jesus required of
his disciples during **Phase Two**?

Beliefs



Everyone is **sinful**, no matter how good they may look or live. And no one can be made right before God, simply by changing how they look or live.

(Mark 2:15-20, Matt 23:26-28)

Beliefs



Jesus is the only way that anyone can be made right. And it is through **obedience** to him and a right **relationship** with him that we are able to please God in our daily lives. (John 15:3-11)

Beliefs



The lost have to hear, repent and believe in order to be saved and it is the followers of Jesus **responsibility** to tell them. (Luke 10:1-16)

Beliefs



The disciples believe that God will **answer** their **prayers** through Jesus. God can and will meet their needs and give them extraordinary grace, power & wisdom as they need it. (Mark 11:22-24)

Habits



Obedience/Holiness: The disciples begin to realize that a growing in daily obedience is very important to God...but that they are unable to produce holiness in their own striving. Only Christ can fulfill the demands of the law in them. (Matthew 5:17-42)

Habits



A relationship with Christ:

The disciples begin to realize that their relationship with Christ is the most *important* thing in their lives.

(John 6:53-58, 68-69
Luke 10:38-42)

Habits



A heavenly mentality: The disciples begin to realize that nothing in this world can satisfy their soul's longings and they begin to focus more on what is *eternal & spiritual* vs. what is *earthly & physical*.

(Matthew 6:19-34, 16:26, Luke 12:19-21)

Habits



Prayer: The disciples realize that prayer is their intercom to the God of the universe. Regular prayer becomes more and more *consistent* as they realize it's importance.
(Matthew 6:5-13, Luke 5:16)

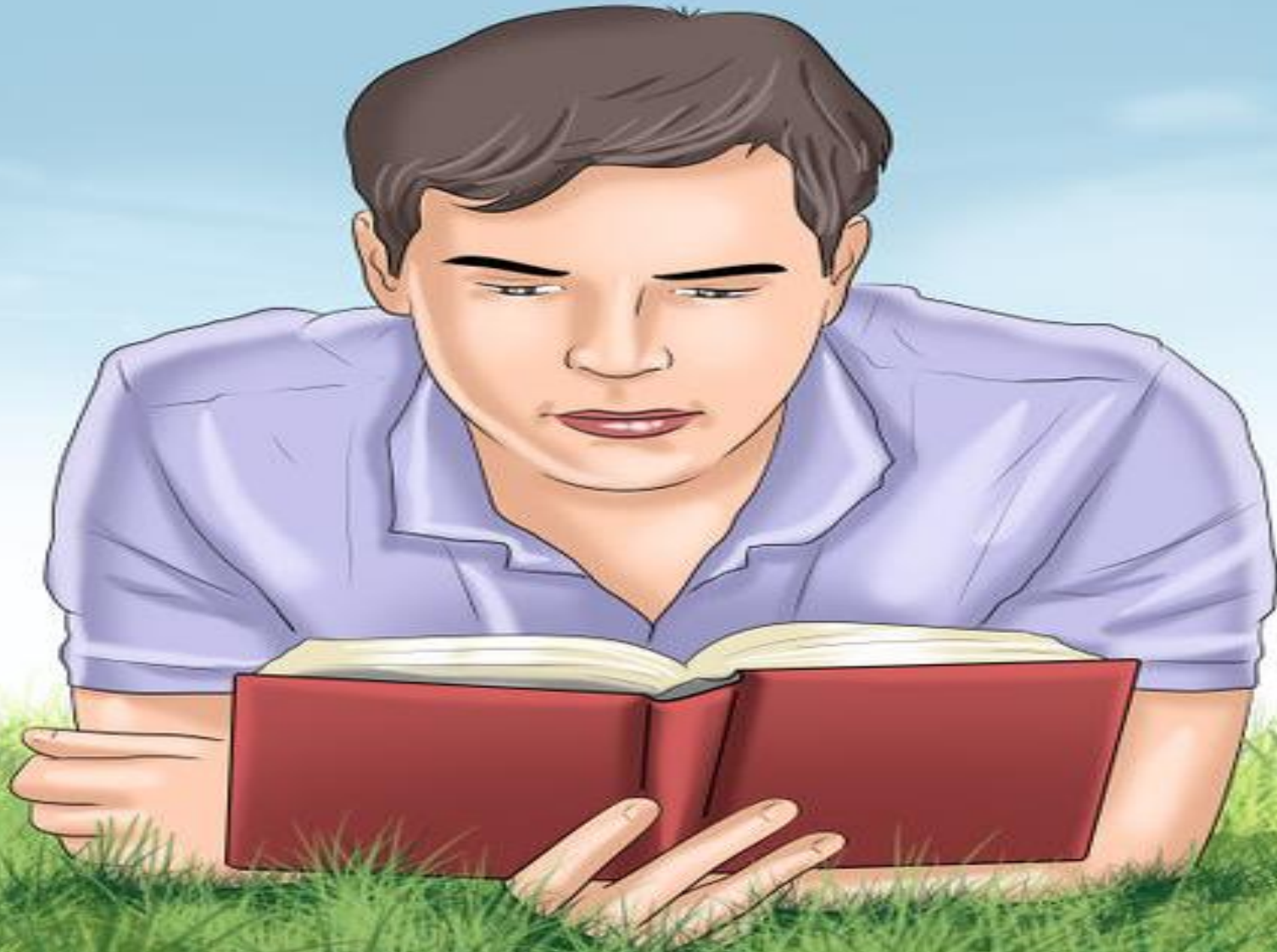
Let's Summarize



The 2nd stage of discipleship should focus on building ***heightened commitment*** centered on a ***growing relationship*** with Christ.



The 2nd stage of discipleship should focus on building, basic, yet ***consistent habits*** based on ***correct beliefs***.



example

We should begin to challenge a fellow believer in the realm of consistent church attendance and/or small group involvement, weekly/daily Bible study, daily prayer & tithing...

The 2nd stage of discipleship is when concentrated effort is made to help ***teach others how to pray.***



example

We should begin to regularly ask our disciple for prayer requests and schedule time to pray together a couple times a week. Lead by example; contact them and let them know when you have prayed for them.

The 2nd stage of discipleship is when we begin
teaching others how to study the Bible
on their own.



example

This most likely will start by you meeting with someone 1-3 times a month and doing a brief devotion with them, and show (model for) how you arrived at your conclusions.

The 2nd stage of discipleship is also when we begin
teaching others how to share the gospel
with others.



example

This most likely will start with you reiterating the basics of the gospel with your disciple, many times...and then modeling for them how to share it with someone in your sphere of influence in their presence.

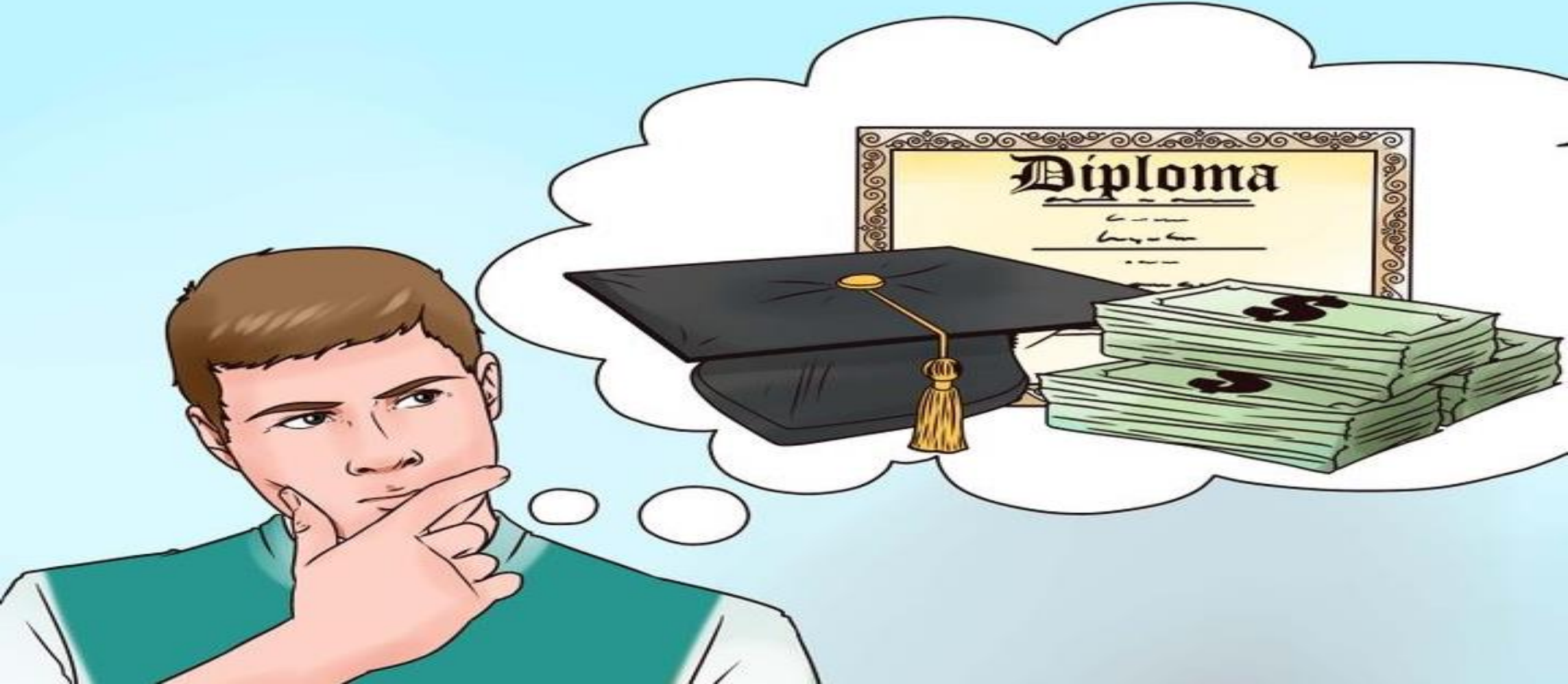
The 2nd stage of discipleship should focus on ***growing in obedience*** to God's Word and a desire to ***conquer ongoing sin***.



example

This most likely will start with you sharing about your own struggles and your efforts to submit to the Spirit and overcome common temptations.

The 2nd stage of discipleship strives to help a disciple be more *heavenly minded* vs *earthly minded*.



example

This most likely will start with making observations about your disciples value system...based on how he/she lives/plays/spends and subtly asking thought provoking questions.

The 2nd stage of discipleship is when we allow someone to take on a larger, more ***active role in serving/helping in ministry.***



example

This most likely will start with inviting your disciple to come along with you in any and all ministry ventures that you are involved in. Let them simply tag along and help in any way they can.