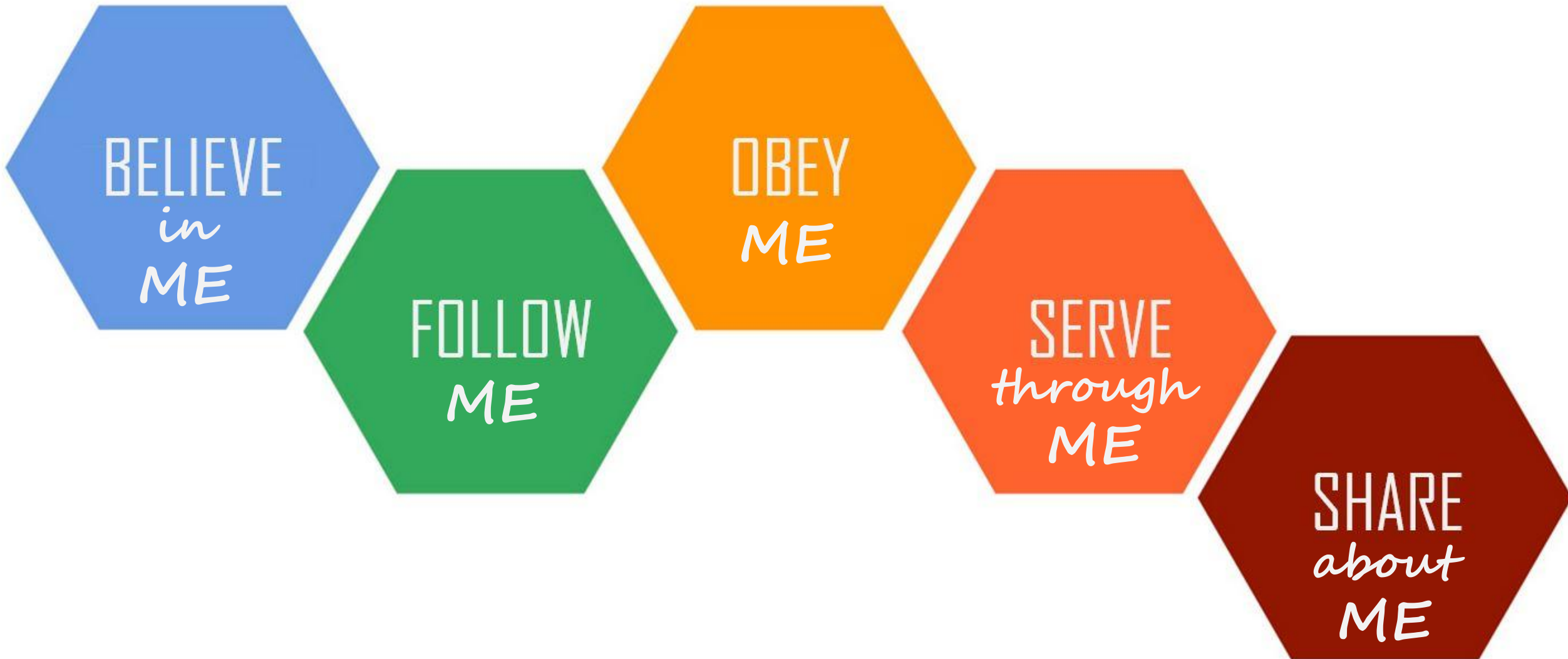


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Share About Me



Jesus' process for discipling his followers:



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Phase Five

of Jesus' discipleship ministry
could be described as:

Remain in me &

Go preach the good news.

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In Phase Five

Jesus challenged his disciples to ***remain in him, to bear fruit and to go into the world and share the gospel with everyone.***

The mission was to teach everyone, everywhere about the truth about Christ.

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This Share About Me stage
informally began with several short term
evangelical trips to nearby towns in
Matthew 10 and Luke 10 and formally
began at the **great commission &**
ascension.

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This Share About Me stage
is highlighted in the mid to late portions of
all four gospels, primarily in;

Matthew 10:1-42, 28:16-20,

Luke 10:1-24, 21:13-19, 24:44-49,

John 15:1-27, 20:19-23

Mark 6:6-12, 16:14-18

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you **remain in me**. "I am the vine; you are the branches. **If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;** apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:4-5

If you **remain in me** and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you **bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.** John 15:7-8

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And **you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.** John 15:16, 26-27

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him
and gave them authority to drive out
impure spirits and to heal every disease
and sickness...**As you go, proclaim
this message:** 'The kingdom of heaven
has come near.' **Matthew 10:1, 7**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and **sent them two by two ahead of him to every town** and place where he was about to go.

Luke 10:1

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, **he began to send them out two by two** and gave them authority over impure spirits. **They went out and preached that people should repent.**

Mark 6:6-7, 12

And so **you will bear testimony to me**. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. **Luke 21:13-15**

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee...Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...**

Matthew 28:16-20

He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and **repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem. **You are witnesses of these things.** Luke 24:46-48

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! **As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**" And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." **John 20:21-23**

He said to them, "**Go into all the world and preach the gospel** to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Mark 16:15-16

Acts & The Epistles

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and **to the ends of the earth**. **Acts 1:8**

...**we try to persuade others**...For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. **2 Corinthians 5:11-15**

...God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ...
gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God
was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not
counting people's sins against them. And **he has
committed to us the message of reconciliation.**
We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though
God were making his appeal through us. We
implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to
God. **2 Corinthians 5:18-20**

You therefore, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard me say among many witnesses, **entrust these to faithful men who will be qualified to teach others as well.**

2 Timothy 2:1-2

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The major emphasis by Jesus (and Paul) in this stage was the necessity to **share** the truth about Christ with others. A disciple was to be a witness & persuade others of the truth. They were to do this until the message had reached all the world.

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Phase Five comes with it's own set of discipleship *distinctives*. What Jesus requires of his disciples in this stage *builds on and advances* from the previous stages.

An open book with a bookmark, resting on a wooden surface. The text "Phase Five" is overlaid on the book's pages.

Phase Five

Distinctives

Distinctives

(1) Self-sufficient yet Christ sustained:

Jesus required that his disciples move out on their own. He would no longer be present, in the flesh, to guide, direct and train. They would need to be self-sufficient yet totally Christ/Spirit dependent.

Distinctives

(2) Initiators vs followers:

Jesus required his disciples to 'go' vs 'come'. Jesus required his disciple to 'teach' vs 'follow, obey'. In this stage the disciples were to be the **initiators** of their continued growth/obedience vs. simply following Jesus' **initiatives**.

Distinctives

(3) Advancement vs maintenance:

In the prior stages the major focus was on a disciple learning to **maintain** their walk with God by following Christ and obeying him, learning how to think, believe, act etc. without making any real effort to reach out. Now the focus will be to **advance** the faith and help others...

Distinctives

(4) Duplication vs replication:

In the prior stages the major focus was for a disciple to **replicate** the character of Christ in their own believing, thinking & acting...now the disciple was to **duplicate** the character of Christ in the believing, thinking & acting of someone else!

Distinctives

(5) Integrity vs integration:

In the prior stages the major focus was for a disciple to **integrate** into the **public** life, teaching & ministry of Christ (with much assistance). Now the disciple will need **integrity** as they **personally** live the life, obey the teaching of and do the ministry of Christ.

Distinctives

(6) Farming vs harvesting:

In the prior stages the disciples assisted Jesus as he toiled the land and sowed the seeds of the gospel and they helped primarily in gathering the harvest. Now the disciples would be the farmers and their major work would be the teaching, preaching, scattering, planting & watering of the word.

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Phase Five

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

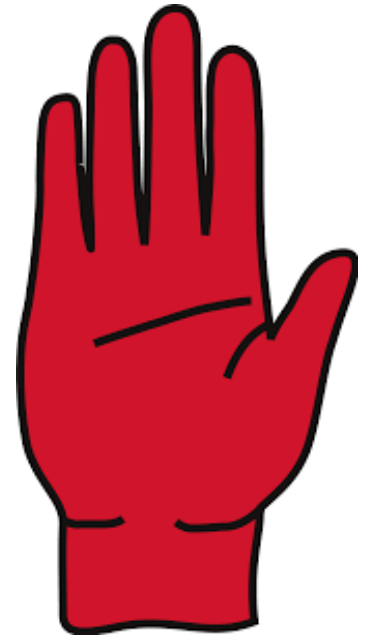
Life Indicators:



In Phase Five:

Disciples understand that it is their
responsibility to bear witness to the truth.

(Matthew 10:18, Acts 1:8)



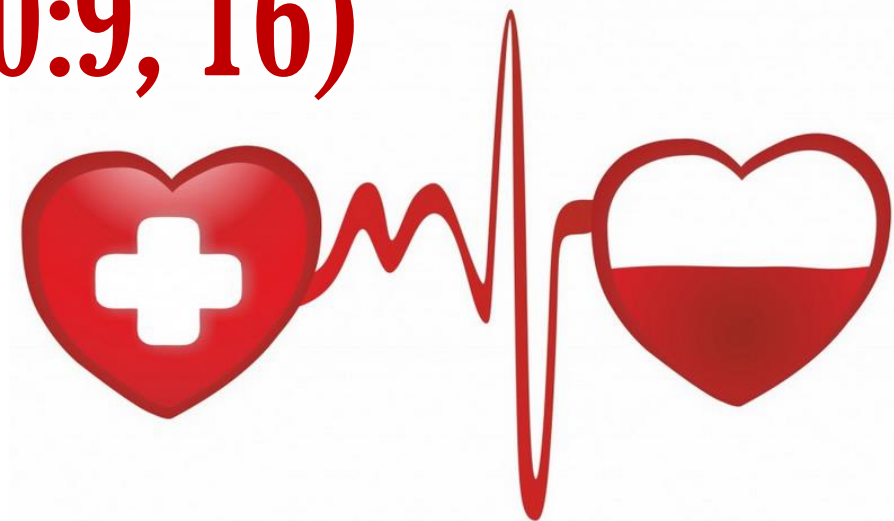
In Phase Five:

Disciples understand that it is their primary task in life to carry on the message & ministry of Jesus. (John 20:21)



In Phase Five:
Disciples are instructed & trained
in how to evangelize.

(Matthew 10:17, Luke 10:9, 16)



In Phase Five:

Disciples understand that they will face
suffering for sharing about Christ.

(Matthew 10:17, 22, 24:9, John 15:18-21)



In Phase Five:

Disciples begin to depend on the Holy Spirit for wisdom & power in evangelism.

(John 15:26-27, 20:21-23, Acts 1:8)



In Phase Five:

Disciples begin to understand the essence
of the gospel message.

(Luke 24:46-48, 1 Cor 15:3-4, 2 Cor 5:11-15, Romans 4:25)

the
GOSPEL

The essence of the gospel message:

(1) Testify about me & preach the gospel, teaching them to obey all I have commanded.

The essence of the gospel message:

(2) The kingdom of
God/Heaven is at hand.

The essence of the gospel message:

(3) All have sinned and fallen
short of God's glory.

The essence of the gospel message:

**(4) Preach repentance, all
should repent.**

The essence of the gospel message:

(5) God is forgiving sins, not counting men's sin against them.

The essence of the gospel message:

(6) Christ died for all,
Christ died for the punishment of
sinner for their sins.

The essence of the gospel message:

(7) Christ was raised from the dead, for the justification of sinners, and now lives.

The essence of the gospel message:

**(8) All who believe will not perish,
be punished or condemned. All
who believe will have eternal life.**

The essence of the gospel message:

(9) All who do not believe will be condemned, will be punished, will perish and not have eternal life.

SUMMARIZE

In the 5th stage of discipleship a disciple should clearly understand that God desires them to **share the gospel with others** and that God has given all believers the responsibility of evangelism.



In the 5th stage of discipleship a disciple is ever aware of their limited time on earth & they seek to maximize their impact by taking advantage of every opportunity to share (and live out) the gospel.



In the 5th stage of discipleship a disciple should be well aware that loving their neighbor & serving others is not an end in and of themselves but exist as **supporters & harbingers** of the gospel message which must be shared.



The 5th stage of discipleship should focus on preparing a disciple to share the gospel on their own. The disciple should be well versed in the core message (elements) of the gospel.



The 5th stage of discipleship should focus on evangelism training. A disciple should be equipped, trained & feel confident in sharing, explaining & defending the gospel message.



Teaching in the 5th stage of discipleship should focus on the task that Christ has left to his disciples & church, the doctrines of sin, punishment & hell, & of salvation through faith in Christ alone etc.



The 5th stage of discipleship should focus on helping a disciple see **all things** through the lens of eternity. A disciple is coached in the realm of redeeming all things in their life for the cause of Christ and for gospel witness opportunities.

