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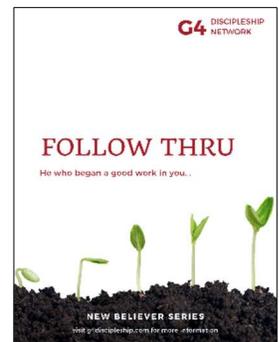
Dawson Trotman is considered by many to be the founding father of discipleship in our modern era. He started the Navigators in the 1930s. For decades now the Navigators have influenced the discipleship thinking of the Church. One of the reasons that they have been so impactful is that Dawson was a practitioner of discipleship. He was always looking for new methods to train the people he was working with. One of his greatest tools is the Wheel Illustration. In this simple diagram, he captures the essence of the basics of the Christian life. These are the things that believers should be focused on whether they have been a follower of Jesus for 5 minutes or 50 years. We have been impacted by this and it is the core of this training booklet.



This booklet contains concepts that we all need to incorporate in our lives and live out. The ideas we will be addressing are 5 concepts related to the Wheel and the role of the Holy Spirit who is our Helper to live out the Christian Life.

- Concept 6: Understanding Lordship & Obedience**
- Concept 7: The Word of God**
- Concept 8: The Prayer Life**
- Concept 9: Fellowship with other Believers**
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This is a specific game plan for helping a new believer grow in their faith. Each of the lessons are essential concepts that a person needs to understand and apply to move forward in their relationship with God. This is not an exhaustive list but is a good starter. One of the base assumptions is that the new believer needs to have a clear Biblical understanding of core discipleship principles. Work systematically and slowly through the verses and concepts. The goal is to learn these so that you can teach others (2 Tim 2:2).



If you have not worked through the *Follow Thru* series, you might consider that. It contains Concepts 1-5. You can download that at www.g4discipleship.com

Scripture Memory. The Navigators have devised a classic Scripture memory system called the Topical Memory System (TMS). We encourage you to start memorizing these verses. You can purchase a set on Amazon or from Navpress. Here are the verses we are going to focus on. Each week we will pair up and quote our verses from memory. Goal is word perfect.

Verses from TMS

- Christ the Center- 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20
- Obedience to Christ- Romans 12:1, John 14:21
- The Word- 2 Timothy 3:16, Joshua 1:8
- Prayer- John 15:7, Philippians 4:6, 7
- Fellowship- Matthew 18:20, Heb 10:24, 25
- Witnessing- Matthew 4:19, Romans 1:16
- Holy Spirit- 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 2:12

Concept 6: Understanding Lordship & Obedience



Years ago, I was chatting with a person who was thinking through whether they wanted to become a Christ follower and they said, “I think I would like to become a Christian, but Jesus seems so bossy.” Welcome to the world of Lordship. God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life. The whole idea of obedience is that God has a right to rule in our lives. St Ignatius says that 1) we came from God, 2) we belong to God and 3) we ultimately return to God. This is our end. How committed are you to obeying God?

Obedience Proves Love for God

John 14:21

Jesus is Lord

Col 1:16-18

Bought with a Price

I Corinthians 6:19-20

Submit to God

James 4: 7-8

Every knee will bow to Jesus

Philippians 2:9-11

Why do you call me Lord?

Luke 6:46-49

Jesus Purchased us for God

Revelations 5:9

Deny yourself and follow

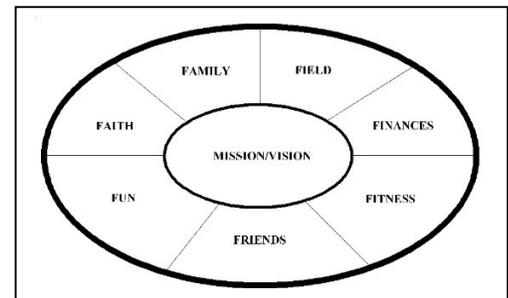
Luke 9:23-26

Seek First His Kingdom

Matthew 6:33

Discuss the Throne of Life- the Non- Believer, Carnal Christian, Spiritual Christian

Coming to grips with Lordship of Christ is essential to being in step with the Lord. We must answer the question, “who has the right to rule in my life?” This involves all the areas of life. What areas are you struggling with in your obedience?





Concept 7: The Word of God

Everywhere we turn these days, it seems that there is doubt about the Word of God. Is it really from God? How did we get it? Can we trust it? What authority does it have in our lives? In the shorter catechism there is a great summary of the value of the Word of God. They ask a question, “*What rule hath God given to direct us about how we may glorify Him and enjoy Him?*” The answer—“*The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glory and enjoy Him.*” How confident are you in the Bible?

Scripture inspired by God

II Timothy 3:16-17

Men moved by Holy Spirit wrote Bible

2 Peter 1:20-21

Jesus affirms Scripture

Matthew 5:17-20

Righteous delight in Law

Psalms 1:1-3

Sign of being a disciple

John 8:31-32

Part of Answered prayer

John 15:7

Word leads to success

Joshua 1:8

Key to Purity

Psalms 119:9-11

Ezra’s Example

Ezra 7:10

Two Foundations

Matthew 7:24-28

God’s word last forever

Matthew 24:35

God’s word powerful

Is 55:8-11

God’s word is living

Hebrew 4:13

5 ways to get God’s Word in your Life

The Hand Illustration- Hearing, Reading, Studying, Memorizing, Meditation



Concept 8: The Prayer Life

I have always found it fascinating that of all the things the disciples saw Jesus do that the one thing they really wanted to know about was how to pray like Him. “Lord, teach us to pray”, is what they said. 2000 years later this is still a missing link in most of our spiritual lives. How satisfied are you with your prayer life? What does it look like?

How to Pray

Matthew 6:5-15

Confidence in Prayer

John 15:7

Prayer is Key to Peace

Philippians 4:6-7

Humble prayers

II Chronicles 7:13-14

Jesus prays for disciples

John 17:1-26

Moses prays for the people

Exodus 32:7-14

David prays in the morning

Psalms 5:1-3

God hears the prayer of the righteous

Proverbs 15:29

Faith in prayer

Matthew 21:21-22

Prayer Models

- ACTS- Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication
- CATS- Confession, Adoration, Thanksgiving, Supplication
- The Lord’s Prayer- Matthew 6



Concept 9: Fellowship with other Believers

I love the ministry! It's the people I hate. This is a classic comment that I have heard and have experienced from time to time. It seems that wherever people gather there is conflict. But there is also love and belonging. As we allow ourselves to be known and attempt to know others- we find out what God already knows- people have issues but they are delightful creatures. Some relationships are easy, some must be forged through the fire. What has your experience been interacting with other believers?

Make it a habit to gather

Hebrews 10:24-25

Love one another

John 13:34-35

Conflict resolution

Matthew 5:23-26, Matthew 18:15-17, Mark 11:25

Forgive

Matthew 18: 21-35, Ephesians 4:32

Be united with other believers

Philippians 2:1-4

Accept one another

Romans 15:5-7

Relate to one another

Ephesians 4:25-32

All believer important to the Body of Christ

I Corinthians 12:12-31

How to Love one another

1 Corinthians 13:1-7



Concept 10: Witnessing to the Lost

Do we really believe that people who do not know Jesus will really spend an eternity away from Him in a literal place of torment called hell? The final frontier for most believers is the area of growth called evangelism. This really is a watershed issue as to whether we will become a true disciple of Jesus. He himself said that he had come to seek and save the lost. When was the last time the gospel crossed your lips?

What is the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Power of Gospel

Romans 1:16

Fisher of men

Matthew 4:19

Example of Philip

Acts 8:26-38

Overcome the Evil One

Revelations 12:11

Power of Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8

Preach the Word

II Timothy 4:1-5

Be Ready to Witness

I Peter 3:15

Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20

Put it into practice

- Develop an Evangelistic Testimony (Life Before Christ, Story around coming to Christ (include presentation of Gospel and prayer of commitment), Life after Becoming a Christian
- Work on a Gospel Presentation (Bridge, 4-Laws, Roman Road, etc)
- Silent Outreach- Spend some time in a crowded area and just watch the people. Ask yourself these questions 1) how many of these people will go to heaven? 2) how concerned am I about that?

Concept 11: The Role of the Holy Spirit

The most classic lines of all times related to the Holy Spirit is found in Act 19:2, where Paul was interacting with some believers in Ephesus. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said to him, “No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” If it wasn’t so sad it would be funny. Jesus said that when he left, He would send a Helper to be with us. Yet many of live like the disciples in Ephesus- unsure about how our lives should be impacted by the Spirit of God. What role does the Holy Spirit play in your day-to-day Christian life?

Holy Spirit is our Helper

John 14:16-17

Commanded to be Filled with Spirit

Ephesians 5:18-21

Teaches all things

John 14:26

Fruit of Flesh vs Fruit of Spirit

Galatians 5:16-25

Testifies of Jesus

John 15:26

Baptize into Body of Christ

I Corinthians 12:13

Convicts of Sin

John 16:7-11

Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual Gifts- I Corinthians 12, 13, 14
(Romans 12:4-8, I Peter 4:10-11,
Ephesians 4:11-13)

Guides into truth

John 16:13-15

Spiritual Breathing

Discuss Spiritual Breathing (Ephesians
5:18-21, 1 John 5:14-15)

Holy Spirit is God

Act 5:1-5 (focus 4)

Spirit affirms our Salvation

Romans 8:5-17 (focus 9, 11, 13, 14, 16)

Helps us in our weaknesses

Romans 8:26-27

Salvation sealed in Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:13-14

Inspired writers of Scripture

II Peter 1:20-21