



# Discipleship Guide

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## 20 Key Areas of Discipleship

This is a guide to help walk someone through 20 key areas of discipleship. This is not an exhaustive list, nor the only things that are important for discipleship. This is simply a guide to help learn, grow, and teach some areas that we deeply value in Chi Alpha here at Ball State. Use this as a tool and a map to help lead people closer to Jesus.

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## Discipleship Objectives

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- Clear and practical understanding of the Gospel
- Deep spiritual formation
- Vibrant and consistent abiding with Jesus
- Commitment to Christian community
- Active participation in God's mission, domestically and globally

## Goals towards Discipleship

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- Read the entirety of the New Testament in 4 years
- Gone on at least one mission trip
- Befriend an international student each year
- Involved with a Chi Alpha small group consistently each year
- Daily devotional life with Jesus

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## Sample 4 Year Plan

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Here is an example of how these topics can be broken into four years. This order is not necessary and can be adapted to fit the needs/desires of the discipleship relationship.

### Year 1

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- Salvation and the Gospel
- Committed to Community/Life Together
- Scripture
- Prayer and Worship
- Lordship of Christ (God has a claim on your life)

### Year 2

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- Repentance and Overcoming Sin
- Baptism in the Spirit/Theology of the Holy Spirit
- Water Baptism
- Making Disciples
- Hospitality/Generosity

### Year 3

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- Heart for the Lost
- Sex and Dating
- Diversity/International Students
- Loving and Serving
- Forgiveness/Conflict Resolution

### Year 4

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- The Yielded Life
- Evangelism
- Christ's Ambassadors
- Sabbath
- Stewardship

# Lordship of Jesus

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### Salvation and the Gospel

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**Mark 1:15** – The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

**Romans 1:16** – For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes

**Acts 16:30-31** – “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

**John 5:24** – Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but passed from death to life.

**Romans 10:9-10** – That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

**Acts 4:11-12** – Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

#### **Key Terms:**

**Gospel** – Derived from the word *evangelion*, it literally means “good story,” “good message,” or “good news.” “Gospel” was a political term of that day that a conquering king would issue to a people for the terms and conditions that the people would inherit upon pledging allegiance to their reign.

**Kingdom of God** – Sometimes called the Kingdom of Heaven or just the Kingdom, this describes the rule and reign of God. It is not so much a place as much as it is a reality or realm. A king’s kingdom is not just the castle, but the entire region that is ruled by that king. The Kingdom of God is the full length and depth of his authority and right to rule.

**Salvation** – Derived from the Greek word *soteria* which means “rescue” or “deliverance.” “To be saved” is *sozo*, which carries the idea of not only spiritual saving, but also “healing” and being “made whole.” Our word for salve is from the word salvation.

**Believe** – Derived from the Greek word *pisteuo*. It means to “trust,” “have confidence,” or “be persuaded.” Most often in the Bible, the idea of belief has the idea of giving allegiance and trust over to Jesus and His Way.

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#### Questions:

1. What comes to mind when you think of the word salvation?
2. Do you think humanity needs saving? What do we need saved from?
3. Why is the Gospel of Jesus “good news”?
4. In what ways do you need the Gospel (good news) to heal you, save you, or make you whole?
5. In what ways do you need to believe the Gospel?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**Acts 4:11-12** – Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

#### Personal Challenge:

Share with someone (friend, family member, roommate, classmate, etc) about “good news” or something that Jesus has done in your life.

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#### Repentance and Overcoming Sin

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**James 1:14-15** – But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

**Acts 17:30** – In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

**1 John 1:8-9** – If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**Proverbs 28:13** – Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

**James 5:16** – Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** – For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

#### **Key Terms:**

**Sin** – Sin is described in the Bible as transgression of the law of God ([1 John 3:4](#)) and rebellion against God ([Deuteronomy 9:7](#); [Joshua 1:18](#)). In the New Testament, the Greek word used for “sin” is the word *hamartia* and it is an archery term that means “to miss the mark.” In light of that, “sin” can be defined as choosing (or rebelling) against God and “missing the mark” of God’s Word.

**Repentance** – Repentance in Christianity means a sincere turning away, in both the mind and heart, from self to God. It involves a change of mind that leads to action—the radical turning away from a sinful course to God, not just feeling bad or sorry for what you did. The Greek word *metanoia* here literally means “to turn around and go the other way or to change your mind.”

**Confession** – An admission, acknowledgement, and taking personal responsibility of sins to God, and to a neighbor whom we have wronged. Confession is taking ownership of the sin in our lives and asking for forgiveness from God and others.

**Justification** – It is a declaration by God that we are made right (righteous) by the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

**Sanctification** – A progressive, lifelong action of being freed and purified from sin.

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#### Questions:

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word "sin"?
2. Do you think sin is hard to talk about? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think Jesus and the New Testament instruct us to repent of sin in our lives?
4. In what areas do you feel like you need to repent in?
5. What areas in your life do you need to confess to God or another trusted Christian brother or sister?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**1 John 1:8-9** – If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

#### Personal Challenge:

Take time this week to get alone with God in a quiet place, confess any sin that you are aware of in your life, and ask God to forgive and cleanse you of you sin. (This would be a great practice to get to on a weekly or even daily practice to remain humble and pure before God.)



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#### Water Baptism

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**Matthew 28:19-20** – 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

**Romans 6:3-4** – Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

**1 Peter 3:21** – Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### **Key Terms:**

**Baptism** – The Greek word for “baptism” is *baptidzo*. The Greek word *baptidzo* literally means to “immerse.”

#### **What baptism is:**

Baptism is the outward act that symbolizes the inward phenomenon of coming to and accepting Jesus Christ as real, as God incarnate, and as the sacrificial means by which those who believe in him can be forever reconciled to God. The purpose of baptism is to give visual testimony of our commitment to Christ. It is the first step of discipleship ([Acts 8:26-39](#)).

The symbolism of baptism is that, just as Christ died and was buried, so the baptized person is submerged (whether physically or symbolically) under water. And just as Christ rose again from beneath the earth, so the baptized person rises again from beneath the water. Under the water is the believer’s old, dead, heavy, suffocating life. Out of the water, cleansed by the blood of Christ, is the believer’s new, fresh, purposeful life.

Baptism is like a wedding ring. We put on a wedding ring as a symbol of our commitment and devotion. In the same way, baptism is a picture of devotion and commitment to Christ. A wedding ring reminds us, and tells others, that we belong to someone special. In the same way, baptism reminds us, and others, that we are devoted to Christ and belong to Him. (Sourced from Got Questions Ministries.)

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1. Based on the verses and explanation given above, how would you describe water baptism in your own words?
2. How have you witnessed water baptism take place or what have you heard about water baptism?
3. How does it feel that Jesus has been baptized, and you are inviting to follow Him in the same pattern?
4. Why do you think the New Testament puts such an emphasis on being water baptized?
5. Have you been water baptized? If not, how do you plan to respond to God's invitation to baptism?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**1 Peter 3:21** - Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### Personal Challenge:

If you have not been baptized, we encourage you to pray about following Jesus into baptism! If you're interested in being baptized, talk to a core group leader or staff member about how you can be baptized!

If you have already been baptized, take some time this week to reflect on your baptism and the commitment you made to Christ.

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#### The Yielded Life (God Has a Claim on Your Life)

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**Romans 12: 1-2** – I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Romans 6:13** – Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** – Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

**Galatians 2:20** – I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**James 4:10** – Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

**John 14:5** – If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

#### **Key Terms:**

**Surrender** – The word “surrender” is a battle term. It means you recognize that the person you are battling has clearly won the battle. It implies giving up all rights to the conqueror. When an opponent surrenders, they lay down their weapons, and the winners take control from then on. As Christians, we believe that God is the Creator, Ruler, and Judge of the world. When we surrender to God, we give up our rights to sit on the throne of our hearts so that God can take His rightful seat on the throne.

**Obedience** – Scripture says that our love for God is proven by being obedient to His commands (or Word). This is tied closely with surrender because if we believe that God has our best in mind, as well as He is Lord, then we will humbly submit to His Word and prescriptions for life. It has been said before that “obedience is God’s love language.” Faith is not just intellectually agreeing with God’s Word on a page but acting out our faith in obedience in our daily lives.

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1. Describe a time you had to “surrender” or “yield” (to parents, boss, a friend, God, etc.). Why did you surrender?
2. Do you think that it is hard to obey God? Why or why not?
3. What are some areas that you have recently surrendered (or obey) to God?
4. What are some areas that you still need to fully surrender (or obey) to God?
5. How does the statement “God has a claim on your life” change the way you think about your relationship with God?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**Galatians 2:20** - I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

#### Personal Challenge:

Spend some time in reflection and prayer with God this week. Ask God to reveal any area that you need to obey Him in or surrender to Him. Share with a mentor or close friend what God has led you to do so they can pray for you and help keep you accountable in that area.

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### Lordship of Jesus Stewardship

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**Psalms 24:1** – The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord.

**2 Corinthians 9:6-7** – The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**1 Peter 4:10** – Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

**1 Corinthians 4:1-2** – This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.

**Colossians 3:23-34** – Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving

**Luke 16:10** – Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

#### **Key Terms:**

**Stewardship** – Charles Bugg defines stewardship as "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." Because Psalm 24:1 says that "the whole earth and everything on it belongs to God," then we as His people should be responsible managers of God's things. This is a practical and important way we show our love for God in the world. Stewardship involves being faithful, responsible, and as wise with money, resources, relationships, positions, opportunities, and time.

**Servants** – In the Greek, the word is *doulos* and depending on your translation, is translated as servant, bondservant, or slave. The idea here, Biblically, is that as servants, we look to the interests of God, who is our Master, more than our own. The Bible is not approving or endorsing slavery, it is simply indicating that our allegiance and devotion should be shifted primarily to the glory of God. As servants, we look to bring God glory and meet the needs of others around us through our gifts, resources, and talents.

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#### Questions:

1. When was a time that you were entrusted with property or possessions that did not belong to you?
2. How did that make you feel and how did you take care of what was entrusted to you?
3. When was a time you were not a good steward, or a time that someone was not a good steward of something that you entrusted to someone? How did that affect you?
4. How does Psalm 24:1 shift your perspective about your possessions and stewardship?
5. What are some ways you could be a better steward of what God has entrusted you with?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**Psalm 24:1** – The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord.

#### Personal Challenge:

Mediate on Psalm 24:1, then make a list of things that God has entrusted you with in your life. Pray and ask God about how you could better steward the things He has given you to bring Him glory.

# Devotion

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#### Scripture/ Scripture Reading (Biblical Literacy/Worldview)

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**2 Tim 3:16-17** – All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Hebrews 4:12** – For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**John 17:17** – Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

**2 Peter 1:20-21** – Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 12:1-2** – Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Colossians 2:8** – See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

#### **Key Terms:**

**Scripture as "God-Breathed"** – Simply put, Scripture being "God-breathed" is communicating to us that Scripture is inspired by God, through the Holy Spirit, to help lead His people to life that He has designed for us to live. Winkie Pratney says "God's laws (or Word) are descriptions of reality."

**Scripture as "Authoritative"** – The Bible is inspired by God and authoritative. It's the very words of God and His chosen way to communicate to His children. When we disagree with the Bible, it's not the Bible that's off. When our hearts don't feel like God is our "strong tower," the Bible wins. When what we read doesn't blend with our theology, simply put, the Bible wins, and that's a very good thing.

**Biblical Worldview** – According to the Barna Group, a biblical worldview is "believing that absolute moral truths exist; that such truth is defined by the Bible..."



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1. How has the Scriptures shaped how you think?
2. What are some things that have shaped your beliefs and thinking that are not Scripture?
3. If God's Word is "a description of reality," how does that change the way you look at Scripture?
4. How often do you read Scripture?
5. What are some obstacles you find when trying to read Scripture?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**2 Tim 3:16-17** – All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

#### Personal Challenge:

To allow Scripture to transform our minds, we must be a people who are saturated in the Word every week. This week, choose a book in the New Testament to read all the way through at least once. We suggest a few shorter books like James, 1 John, 1 & 2 Timothy, or the Gospel of Mark.

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#### Prayer and Worship

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**Matthew 6:9-13** – Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

**Luke 11:9** – And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

**1 John 5:14-15** – And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

**Romans 12:1** – I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

**Colossians 3:16** – Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

**Psalms 95:1-6** – Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

#### **Key Terms:**

**Prayer** – Prayer, when boiled down to its essence, is communion with God. It is a dialogue. You speak to God, and He listens. He also speaks to you and you listen. Prayer can be silent or audible, private or public, formal and nonformal. This is God’s chosen method for us to communicate with Him.

**Worship** – The biblical idea of worship involves praising God and giving Him glory with our whole lives. Singing words and living those words out. Praising God and living in thankfulness. Honoring God with our physical bodies, and in our deeds. Worship involves focusing our attention off ourselves and onto God.

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#### Questions:

1. Describe your prayer life.
2. What ways do you find difficult to pray? What are some ways that are easy for you to connect in prayer?
3. How does the idea of “communion with God” change the way you perceive prayer?
4. In what ways can you worship without music or without being in a service?
5. The Bible describes “idolatry” as giving worship to something other than God. What areas are you tempted to give your worship or attention to something other than God?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**1 John 5:14-15** – And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

#### Personal Challenge:

This week, pray to God (either silently or audibly) in between each of your classes. You may find it helpful to find a few passages of Scripture to base your prayers on like Matthew 6:9-13 (the Lord’s Prayer) or Psalm 23 (The Lord is My Shepherd Psalm).

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#### Rest & Sabbath

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**Matthew 11:28-30** – Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**Mark 6:31** – 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.

**Jeremiah 31:25** – For I will satisfy the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish.

**Hebrews 4:9-10** – So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

**Exodus 20:8-10** – Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

**Mark 2:27** – And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.”

#### **Key Terms:**

**Sabbath** – God commanded Sabbath for His people because He knew that we needed a time to rest. We needed a time where we just stopped. Sabbath was a time to cease from working and striving. A time to rest at home with family and friends. To enjoy what God has already given you. To worship God and make this a special day dedicated to God. Sabbath is an exercise of trust saying God can do more in 6 days than I can do in 7. Sabbath is an expression of worship to God that says to the world “My God is enough, and He will supply what I need.”

**Rest** – Jesus knew that we were a people full of burden and weariness. So, He offers an invitation to a life of rest. If we are honest, we are all under some sort of yoke whoever we are. We see this all over our world, but Jesus seems to be having another way that is light and easy on us. That yoke is the way of Jesus. Jesus' Way (His yoke) causes us to carry life differently.

**Sabbath and Rest are about embracing your limits, letting God be God, and trusting that God will meet your needs when you are not at work.**

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1. Do you seem to have a hard time resting? Why or why not?
2. How does Jesus' invitation to come rest make you feel?
3. Why do you think God made a Sabbath for His people?
4. How would embracing more rest and a sabbath practice change your life?
5. In a world of busyness and fast pace, what are some ways you can slow down and rest?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**Matthew 11:28-30** - Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

#### Personal Challenge:

This week, find a day where you could go to a park, hike in the woods, sit by the duck pond, or be anywhere away from your normal routine to be with God and rest. Consider what it may look like for you to take a day of Sabbath. If a whole day is too daunting at first, try to set aside a 2-4 chunk of time to build upon.

### Devotion

## Baptism in the Holy Spirit/Theology of the Spirit

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**John 14:26** – But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

**John 16:13** – When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

**Ezekiel 36:26-27** – And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

**Acts 1:8** – But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

**Acts 2:1-4** – When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

### Key Terms:

**Baptism of the Holy Spirit** – The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a term that describes what the Bible calls “being filled with the Spirit” or “receiving the gift of the Spirit” in the book of Acts. In Acts 2, we see the disciples gathered in prayer awaiting the gift that Jesus told them to wait for in Acts 1:8. The Holy Spirit came and filled each believer. We see tongues of fire and a rushing wind accompany the Spirit’s filling in Acts 2, but we never see those things repeated in Scripture. However, we do see the Holy Spirit enabling people to speak other languages several other places in Acts, as well praising God, and prophesying (8:17, 10:45-46, 19:6). Paul refers to these gifts in 1 Corinthians 12-14.

However, the point of this is not tongues. The point is fulfilling what Jesus said in Acts 1:8 when He says, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is about receiving power from God to be on mission for the Gospel.

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**Empowered by the Holy Spirit** - To be empowered by the Spirit is to allow God to fill you with power, gifts, wisdom, and anything else He may desire for you to accomplish the mission reaching people with the Gospel and making disciples. The Spirit empowers us to overcome sin, witness to people who do not know Jesus, and to operate in spiritual gifts that encourage the Church. Jesus called the Holy Spirit our Helper. He helps in our need and points us to Jesus.

#### Questions:

1. Before today, what was your impression of the Holy Spirit?
2. Why do you think Christians need to be empowered by God's Spirit?
3. How have you felt the Holy Spirit be a helper to you?
4. Have you ever heard of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit? What is your initial reaction to these Scriptures?
5. How would being filled with the Holy Spirit change the way you interact with the world around you?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**Acts 1:8** - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

#### Personal Challenge:

Read the book of Acts this week (if you read every day this week, you can read about 3-4 chapters a day and be finished in one week). Look at the Scriptures about the Holy Spirit, being filled with the Spirit, and the power to be a witness for Jesus and study them for yourself. Ask God to fill you with His Spirit so that you may be able to be a witness for Jesus to Ball State University!

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#### Abiding with Jesus

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**John 15: 1-4** - I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 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.

**John 15: 5-8** - 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. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 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: 9-10** - As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

**1 John 2:4-6** - We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

**Colossians 2:6-7** - So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

#### **Key Terms:**

**Abiding** - The Greek word used in John 15 for "abide" is the word *meno*. It simply means to remain or stay attached. To abide in Jesus is to remain completely attached to Him just like fruit is attached to a vine. Without remain on the vine, fruit will wither, rot, and perish. If we do not remain attached to Jesus and rooted in Him, we cannot last. Jesus said God will prune, or cut away, anything that will affect the ability of the fruit to grow on the vine.

To abide in Jesus is to trust Jesus as the one who is leading us to life. It means to be obedient to the Word of God and allow it to ground us in truth. The New Testament calls us to allow the Word of Christ to dwell in us richly (Colossians 3:16). Abiding with Jesus should affect every aspect of our life: our words, thoughts, deeds, decisions, etc.



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#### Questions:

1. Have you ever grown anything that produced fruit (tomatoes, strawberries, etc)? What did the fruit do to remain on the vine?
2. Why is it so crucial to remain in Jesus?
3. What makes it hard to remain on the vine with Jesus?
4. What are some ways you can allow the Word of Christ to dwell in you?
5. Are there things you need to prune in your life so that you may be able to grow?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**John 15:4** - 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.

#### Personal Challenge:

Continue to read Scripture, pray, and obey God. If you are a branch on the vine, your call is simply to just remain close to Jesus. Do all you can to remain in Jesus this week.

# Family

### Family

## Committed to Community/Life Together

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12** - Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

**Acts 2:42** - And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

**Acts 4:32** - Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

**1 Corinthians 12:25-27** - That there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

**Hebrews 10:24-25** - And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

### Key Terms:

**Community** - Community can be described as a group of people coming under a “common unity.” Communities are formed when a group of people are drawn together by a set of values, beliefs, and practices within a defined space.

**Fellowship** - The word for “fellowship” in the New Testament is the Greek word *koinonia*. This is more than just being part of a community or group, but to hold things in common or to share out of all we have. It carries the idea that the community is one that contributes to the well-being, the needs, and the mission of the community they find themselves in. There is a deep level of commitment in the biblical fellowship.

**Family** - The word for “family” or “house” or “household” is *oikos*. It simply carries the idea of family. Your brothers and sisters are more than just friends or fellow believers, according to the New Testament, they are family. Jesus Himself says, “For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and my sister and my mother.” (Matthew 12:50)

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#### Questions:

1. What has been your experience with family growing up? What about communities?
2. What has been your experience in Christian community?
3. Where have you seen Christian community act like family to you or those you know?
4. If Christians are to act like family, how does that shape the way we view and treat each other?
5. In what ways do you need to treat your fellows Christians as “brothers and sisters”?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**Hebrews 10:24-25** - And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

#### Personal Challenge:

This week, make a point to seek out a meal with a fellow Christian to share life, talk about faith, and pray for each other. Consider what it may look like to make this an ongoing practice.

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#### Hospitality/Generosity

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**1 Peter 4:8-9** – Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

**Hebrews 13:2** – Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

**Hebrews 13:16** – Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Romans 12:13** – Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

**Psalms 112:5** – Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**1 John 3:17-18** – If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

#### **Key Terms:**

**Generosity** – This is a virtue and characteristic of someone who shares freely and gives sacrificially out of what they have. Generosity is an invitation to share with all like there is enough to go around because of a deep conviction that God will provide for the needs of His people. Often, He meets the needs of His people through His people. In Chi Alpha we often say, “Love sees a need and meets it.” One way we can show the world the love of God is by generously meeting needs we see around us.

**Hospitality** – This is welcoming and receiving friends, family, and even strangers, into your life freely and generously. Most often this involves inviting people into the place you live (house, apartment, dorm) or into areas of your life that they may not normally have access to (family trips, lunch with friends, etc.). The Gospel invites us to show generous hospitality to all people. This looks like cooking meals, hosting parties at your home, inviting someone to stay who needs a place to stay, etc.

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#### Questions:

1. Who is someone who you know who is generous and hospitable? What characteristics stand out to you?
2. How have you been shown generosity by someone? How have you been shown hospitality?
3. Do you find it hard to be hospitable and generous? Why or why not?
4. What are a few ways you could show generosity to people in your life?
5. What are a few ways you could show hospitality?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**Romans 12:13** - Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

#### Personal Challenge:

This week, seek to show some generosity and hospitality by offering to buy someone's lunch, or invite them over to your house for a meal, coffee, or simply to share life. As with previous challenges, consider what it may look like to make this a regular practice in your life.

### Family

## Forgiveness/Conflict Management

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**Ephesians 4:31-32** – Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**Matthew 6:14-15** – For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**Colossians 3:12-13** – Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

**Matthew 5:23-24** – Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

**Matthew 18:15-17** – If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

### **Key Terms:**

**Forgiveness** – This is a hard topic, and we recognize that this can be complex, sensitive, and volatile. People cause real pain, harm, and trauma in our lives that we must deal with and face. However, the New Testament goes at great lengths to teach and instruct Christians to be a people of forgiveness. To forgive means to let go of the hurt or wrong someone or something has done to us.

Forgiveness is not ignoring it or acting like it never happened. Forgiveness is not saying what happened to us was ok or right. Instead, forgiveness is to acknowledge that what happened was wrong, but you will not hold bitterness and a grudge against the party. As Christians, we forgive as an expression of our faith in God, who also forgave us of our sin and did not hold it against us. We mirror God in that way: He forgave us, so we are called to forgive others in the same way. We choose to seek the wellbeing and restoration of someone rather than hold them hostage to our bitterness, anger, or unforgiveness.

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**Conflict Resolution** – The Gospels give us a great model for conflict resolution:

**Matthew 5:23-24** – Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

**Matthew 18:15-17** – If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Notice that in both passages you are responsible for initiating the reconciliation. Often, we take a posture of “they can come apologize to me.” However, Scripture tells us if we have a problem with someone or know someone has a problem with us, we should be the ones to seek out resolution. Sometimes people don’t want to be reconciled or it may take a little time, but we are to be people who are about reconciliation, not division.

#### Questions:

1. How have you experienced forgiveness or lack of forgiveness in your own life?
2. How is forgiveness and resolution hard for you?
3. Why do you think Scripture goes to such great lengths to instruct us in this area?
4. Who’s bothering your right now?
5. What relationships do you need to seek to restore?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**Ephesians 4:31-32** – Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

#### Personal Challenge:

This can be a very sensitive area in many people’s lives and a hard step. So, your challenge this week to simply pray for the people who are in your life that you’ve had some division and hardship with. Ask God to bless them, lead them to the Gospel, and ask God to forgive them for the wrong they had done. As you pray to them, be open to how God may instruct you to seek reconciliation and forgiveness.



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### Sex & Dating

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7** – Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not conceited, does not act improperly, is not selfish, is not provoked, and does not keep a record of wrongs. Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**2 Corinthians 6:14-15** – Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?

**1 Corinthians 6:18** – Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

**1 Thessalonians 4:3-5** – For this is God's will, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality, so that each of you knows how to control his own body in sanctification and honor, not with lustful desires, like the Gentiles who don't know God.

**2 Timothy 2:22** – Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

**Psalms 119:9-11** – How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments. I have stored up your word with my heart, that I might not sin against you.

#### **Key Terms:**

**The Bible and Dating** – For disclosure, the Bible never mentions dating. Not once. The idea of dating, historically, is relatively new. However, the Bible gives us a lot to build principles for our relationships, so they are honoring, pure, and glorying to Him.

**Honor and Respect** – One of the highest virtues in relationships should be honor and respect. First, are our relationships, romantic or unromantic, honoring God? Are our relationships they being lived out according to His Word? Do they show proper dignity and respect to each other? Reading 1 Corinthians 13 and using it like rubric can give us a great read on our relationships.

**Serving** – Another high virtue in relationships should be serving. Am I actively looking to serve the other person, or am I looking for what I want? Am I actively promoting and seeking the betterment and good of the other person?

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**Sexual Immorality** - The word in the Greek used to describe "sexual immorality" is the word *porneia*. It is where we get our English word for "porn" or "pornography." It is an umbrella term in the Greek for any and all acts of sex that are outside the proper context of marriage.

**Marriage** - Jesus defines marriage in Mark 10:6-8: "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Scripturally, the Bible affirms the marriage between a man and woman for life as the marriage relationship that God blesses.

#### Questions:

1. Who are some Christians couples that you look up to? What about their relationship inspires you and motivates you to imitate them?
2. What do you think of Scripture's definition of sex, sexual immorality, and marriage?
3. What do you find difficult about living into the principles that Scripture teaches for dating, sex, and sexuality?
4. If you are currently dating, how can you look to honor, serve, and respect who you are dating? If you are not dating, what are some ways now you can prepare to honor, serve, and respect who you may one day date?
5. How can you use Scripture to lead your relationships? What accountability do you have currently to help you live into God's vision for relationships?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**Psalm 119:9-11** - How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

#### Personal Challenge:

We highly encourage you to have an older, wise Christian who you can ask for consistent mentorship, accountability, and prayer for any relationship you find yourself in now or will find yourself in in the future.

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#### Loving & Serving

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**John 15:13** - Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

**Galatians 5:13** - You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

**1 Peter 4:8** - Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

**Ephesians 4:1-3** - I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

**Philippians 2:3-4** - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

**Mark 10:43-45** - But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.

#### **Key Terms:**

**Serving** - As Christians, Scripture repeatedly calls us to put the interests and needs of our fellow Christians in front of our own. Serving is simply looking to meet the needs of those around you, add encouragement and love to their life, and create a culture that promotes selflessness.

**Love** - Thomas Aquinas says, "To love is to will the good of the other person." We can think of no better way to look at love in community. For us to truly love our community, both as a whole as well as everyone, we must learn to actively will and choose the good or betterment of the others around us.

**Humility** - Biblically, humility is about the posture you take in your relationship with God and others. It is the absence of arrogance and selfishness. It is to willfully defer to others, and to seek out the interests of others in the community over your own. It very much is the prerequisite to be able to love and serve well in any capacity.

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#### Questions:

1. Describe a time that someone loved or served you well. What was that like?
2. Why do you think that humility is needed to love or serve well?
3. Do you think you can have a strong community that isn't built on love and service? Why or why not?
4. What are some ways that make loving and serving a challenge for you?
5. Who are some people you could serve this week?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**Philippians 2:3-4** - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

#### Personal Challenge:

Look to serve and love someone well this week. Perhaps you could cook a meal for someone, do the dishes at somebody's house, maybe you can help cover a bill that someone has, or even writing a kind note that encourages someone.

# Mission

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## Discipleship & Making Disciples

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**Matthew 28:18-20** – 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.”

**2 Timothy 2:2** – And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

**John 8:31-32** – So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

**Luke 6:40** – A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

**Matthew 16:24-25** – Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

**John 13:35** – By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

### Key Terms:

**Discipleship** – The Greek word for disciple is *mathetes* and it means learner, apprentice, or pupil. Apprentice or pupil is a helpful way of thinking about what it means to be a disciple because it goes far beyond just learning. We often equate being a disciple with just another way of saying “Christian.” We elevate the learning aspect to we can have all the “right” answers.

Certainly, there is a huge element of learning to being a disciple, but it doesn’t stop there. A disciple (or an apprentice) doesn’t just learn information, but learns how to live out what they learn. Think of an apprentice or pupil at a construction job, or plumbing, or really any trade job. It is essential that the apprentice knows the rules of the trade.

**Making Disciples** – Any good owner, manager, or leader of any kind will train someone to take their place so their business, operations, and jobs can continue long after them. The same is true about making disciples. Jesus intended that His disciples would teach others who to be disciples, and those disciples would continue that chain on generation after generation (2 Timothy 2:2).

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#### Questions:

1. How does defining “disciple” more in terms of pupil or apprentice help you understand what the Bible means by “discipleship”?
2. What do you think would happen if we didn’t continue Jesus’ Way of discipleship?
3. Who are some people who discipled you? In what ways have they helped you?
4. Do you think this call is for everyone? Why or why not?
5. How do you think things would be different if everyone took up the call to make disciples?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**2 Timothy 2:2** – And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

#### Personal Challenge:

Pray and ask God to show you someone in your life you could begin to intentionally pour into and disciple. This may take some time to build the trust of someone, so major on being their friend and building relationship first.

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## Evangelism

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**Mark 16:15** – And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

**Romans 10:10-15** – For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

**Matthew 5:16** – In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**1 Peter 3:15-16** – But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

### Key Terms:

**Evangelism** – This is based on the word for “Gospel” which is *euangelion*. When people hear this word, they usually think about publicly and boldly preaching a sermon or passing out brochures with information about Jesus on it. There certainly is a way to evangelism, but evangelism at its core is very simple: to proclaim to the good news of the Gospel.

**Relational Evangelism** – This is simply letting the very way you live your life proclaim the good news of Jesus and the Gospel. This includes your generosity, hospitality, the way you treat others, things you abstain from, and things you choose to put your time into. People will see the way you live, it will cause them to ask why you live in such a way, and you will be able to share Jesus with them (1 Peter 3:15-16). This doesn’t mean we will never have to you our words, share the Gospel, or even challenge people. But relational evangelism can help open the doors to those conversations to happen.



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#### Questions:

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word “evangelism”?
2. What do you think of the idea of “relational evangelism”?
3. How was the good news of Jesus shared with you?
4. Have you ever “evangelized” to someone? What was that like? If you have not, what kind of things hold you back?
5. What are some ways you can share the good news of Jesus with your classmates or, roommates, or family?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**Mark 16:15** – And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

#### Personal Challenge:

Look for an opportunity to share Jesus with someone this week. It could be a testimony about how God provided for you in a situation, it could be an encouragement from someone who needs to hear about the Gospel, or it could be in response to someone’s question about your faith. Pray that God will open on an opportunity for you to share the Gospel and when He does, go for it!

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## Christ Ambassadors

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**Acts 1:8** - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

**Matthew 24:14** - And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

**Luke 10:2** - And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

**Acts 13:47** - For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

**Romans 1:16** - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**2 Corinthians 5:20** - 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.

### Key Terms:

**Mission** - The mission of God is to create a people who will imitate Him, be a light to the world, sharing the good news of Jesus with everyone, and making disciples who will make disciples. To be a person of mission is to embrace and integrate God's mission in all aspects of life.

This is the heart of all international mission efforts and domestic (stateside, local) mission. Mission trips can help be an expression of God's mission to our local communities, surrounding city and states, and the world at large.

**Christ's Ambassadors (Witnesses)** - The name Chi Alpha means "Christ's Ambassadors." An ambassador is someone who represents another party of high authority. Another way to describe this is a representative. God is sending us as His representatives here on earth. We are to be witnesses to His goodness and power and represent him to the people around us.

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#### Questions:

1. What is God's mission to the world?
2. What ways have you been active in participating in God's mission to the world?
3. Why do you think it is important to be "Christ's Ambassadors"?
4. How could you live on mission here at Ball State?
5. How could you live on mission in your hometown or job you work in?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**2 Corinthians 5:20** - 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.

#### Personal Challenge:

Find a way to live on mission this week. Perhaps this looks like sharing Jesus with a friend over lunch or getting involved with some kind of outreach that helps promote the Gospel. If you are stumped on how to live on mission, ask another Christian friend or mentor how you could live out the mission of God this week.

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#### Heart for the Lost

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**2 Peter 3:9** – The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

**1 Timothy 2:1-4** – First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**Ezekiel 33:11** – Say to them, “As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live.”

**Luke 15:7** – I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

**John 3:16-17** – For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

#### **Key Terms:**

**The Lost** – This term can sound degrading or offensive. But the term “lost” is not intended to be offensive, judgmental, or degrading. It is simply describing someone who does not know Jesus and does not have faith in Him. People are precious to God, so they must be precious to us, too. In fact, Jesus says when one lost person repents of sin and puts their faith in Jesus, all of heaven rejoices (Luke 15:7).

**Salvation** – Derived from the Greek word *soteria* which means “rescue” or “deliverance.” “To be saved” is *sozo*, which carries the idea of not only spiritual saving, but also “healing” and being “made whole.” Our word for salve is from the word salvation.

**Believe** – Derived from the Greek word *pisteuo*. It means to “trust,” “have confidence,” or “be persuaded.” Most often in the Bible, the idea of belief has the idea of giving allegiance and trust over to Jesus and His Way.

**Judgement** – Scripture speaks of a day that God will judge the world because of sin and rebellion against His way. Those who are lost and are outside of God will be subject to that judgement. God has provided a way to be saved from being separated from Him in His Son, Jesus. This is not scare tactic. Rather, it’s a loving attempt to have the lost know true life in God.

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#### Questions:

1. Based on the Scriptures above, what is God's heart for the lost?
2. How does the idea of God being patient and compassionate to those who are lost make you feel?
3. What do you think about the idea of judgment? Why do you think there needs to be a judgement day (or do you)?
4. Who are some people you know in your life who do not yet know Jesus?
5. What are some ways you could show God's heart to those people in your life who do not know Jesus?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**2 Peter 3:9** - The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

#### Personal Challenge:

This week, attempt to build a stronger relationship with someone in your life who does not yet know Jesus. You don't have to try to shove Jesus down their throat. Just simply focus on building a relationship with them and look for ways to share God's love with them. If an opportunity arises to share about Jesus, ask God to give you courage to take that step so they may be able to hear the Gospel!

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## Diversity & International Ministry

**Read the following Scriptures together.**

**Revelation 7:9-10** – After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

**Colossians 3:11** – Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

**Ephesians 2:14-22** – For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

### Key Terms:

**Every nation, tribe, people, and language** – This speaks to the worldwide, international scope of God’s Kingdom. Christianity is not a white religion, a black religion, or a religion of any other singular ethnicity. It is a world religion. God’s heart from the very beginning has been worldwide.

**Unity in Diversity** – Often in our world, race and culture serve as divisions and walls that keep people apart. America particularly has a history of racial injustice, tension, and mistreatment. But the Kingdom of God is meant to be different. Ephesians tells us that Christ has torn down the walls of hostility that once separated people. There is unity that is available for God’s people. This unity, however, does not mean conformity.

As we saw in Revelation, every nation, tribe, people, and language are to be represented in the Kingdom of God. Our diversity gives us glimpses of God’s Kingdom! In a world full of division, strife, and injustice, it is our unity in diversity that sends a prophetic sign to the world of the power of the Gospel.

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#### Questions:

1. Discuss what you think Ephesians 2:14-22 means.
2. How have friends or family members from other cultures, ethnicities, or backgrounds helped you understand God better?
3. Have you considered what it may be like to be an international student in America? What challenges do you think international students face?
4. How could you share the love of God with the international students on campus?
5. What would happen in Chi Alpha became a place of "unity in diversity"?

#### Scripture Memory Challenge:

**Ephesians 2:14-15** – For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations.

#### Personal Challenge:

Consider what it may look like to embrace a more diverse group of friends. Look to begin building a relationship with someone who does not look like you. Focus on learning about their life, their background, and their perspective. Consider even going to the International Students Office and see how you could befriend an international student.

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### Extra Topics to Explore for Further Discipleship

- Fruit of the Spirit
- Spiritual Gifts
- Spiritual Warfare/Armor of God
- Suffering
- The New Heavens, New Earth, and Christ's Return (Eschatology)
- Work and Vocation
- Justice and Judgement (Hell?)
- God's Character
- Marriage
- Submission and Authority
- The Trinity
- Spiritual Disciplines