



## **[OVERVIEW]**

- DISCIPLE assumes that the bible is the key to renewal in the church. It recognizes the human-divine nature of the Bible: The actual texts of Scripture were written by human beings like ourselves in their cultural settings, under the divine inspiration of God.
- DISCIPLE affirms that the canon was formed as it is in order for God to speak to us. BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY gives equal time to both the Old and New Testament, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as the revelation of God.
- DISCIPLE aims at transformation, not just information, and calls on persons to submit themselves to examination by Scripture, to put themselves under the power of God's Word, and to be changed by God's Word.
- DISCIPLE invites persons to bring their experiences and struggles to the Scripture. All persons know something is amiss with their existence and yearn for the Word from God.
- BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY uses biblical language and images and draws upon the work of scholars to aid understanding of the Bible.

## **[COURSE STRUCTURE]**

- During the course of thirty-four weeks, groups will move through the biblical stories of Creation to the New Jerusalem.
- The titles of the sessions along with theme words; theme verses; and major persons, events, and topics will set the sequence of the biblical story in the minds of the participants.
- The principal Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the biblical story.

## **[REQUIREMENT]**

- This study requires reading large portions of Scripture each week and is based on careful study and preparation. (See, "Assignment" in the Study Manual)

## **[Bible & References]**

- Bible:
  - *Cambridge Annotated Study Bible, New Revised Standard Version*, CUP
  - *Archeological Study Bible: New International Version*, Zondervan
  - *The Learning Bible: Contemporary English Version*, American Bible Society
- Study Manual & Introduction to the Bible:
  - *Disciple: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study*, Study Manual, Second Edition
  - *Understanding the New Testament*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Howard Clark Kee
  - *Understanding the Old Testament*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Bernard W. Anderson, Steven Bishop, and Judith H. New Man
- Bible Atlas:
  - *Oxford Bible Atlas*, The Third Edition, Edited by Herbert G. May (Oxford University, 1984)
  - *Biblica: The Bible Atlas*, Global Book Publishing
- Dictionary:
  - *HarperCollins Bible Dictionary*
  - *Anchor Bible Dictionary*

### [Session Plans]

- 1. **[Authority]** Introduction: The Biblical World – *2 Timothy 3:16-17*
- 2. **[Wonder]** The Creating God – *Genesis 1:27*
- 3. **[Sin]** The Rebel People – *Psalms 51:3-4*
- 4. **[Covenant]** The Called People – *Genesis 12:2-3*
- 5. **[Deliverance]** God Hears the Cry – *Exodus 3:7-8*
- 6. **[Order]** God Sends the Law – *Deuteronomy 5:1*
- 7. **[Atonement]** When God Draws Near – *Leviticus 17:11*
- 8. **[Leadership]** The People Without A King – *Judges 2:16*
- 9. **[Security]** The People With A King – *1 Samuel 12:14-15*
- 10. **[Warning]** God Wants the People – *Amos 7:8*
- 11. **[Consequences]** God Punishes the People – *Jeremiah 2:17*
- 12. **[Comfort]** God Restores the People – *Isaiah 40:1-2*
- 13. **[Worship]** Songs of the Heart – *Psalms 139:1-2*
- 14. **[Right Living]** The Righteous Are Like a Tree – *Psalms 1:2-3*
- 15. **[Suffering]** When Trouble Comes – *Job 3:24-25*
- 16. **[Hope]** People Hope for A Savior – *Daniel 7:13-14*
- 17. **[Context]** The Time of Transition – Intertestamental Period – *Malachi 3:1*
- 18. **[Disciple]** Radical Discipleship – *Matthew 9:9*
- 19. **[Threat]** Mounting Controversy – *Matthew 16:24-25*
- 20. **[Good News]** The Hidden Messiah – *Mark 1:15*
- 21. **[Least]** God Seeks the Least, the Last, the Lost – *Luke 4:18-19*
- 22. **[Life]** Lifegiver – *John 10:10*
- 23. **[Assurance]** Advocate – *John 15:5*
- 24. **[Power]** The Explosive Power of the Spirit – *Acts 1:8*
- 25. **[Conversation]** The Gospel Penetrates the World – *Acts 20:21*
- 26. **[Justified]** Put Right With God through Faith – *Romans 5:1*
- 27. **[Love]** A Congregation in Ferment – *1 Corinthians 14:1*
- 28. **[Freedom]** The Son Shall Set Us Free – *Galatians 5:1*
- 29. **[Training]** A Pastor Gives Guidance – *2 Timothy 2:2*
- 30. **[Sacrifice]** Our Great High Priest – *Hebrews 4:14-16*
- 31. **[Holy]** A People Set Apart – *1 Peter 2:9*
- 32. **[Victory]** We Never Lose Hope – *Revelation 22:6-7*
- 33. **[Ministry]** Gifts of Each Disciple – *Romans 12:4-6*
- 34. **[Remember]** A Last Supper Together – *1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

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The purpose of DISCIPLE is  
“to equip God’s people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ.”  
*Ephesians 4:12*