

Pursuing a Culture of Discipleship

Session 1: Biblical Christianity Calls for Discipleship

Small-Group Study Guide

1. Introduce the Session: Read pages 1-6.

5 Minutes

Key Verses

John 12:26 *If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you'll be where I am.*

Acts 11:26 *The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.*

- In this session we introduce the idea that you cannot embrace Biblical Christianity without discipleship.
- Begin the session by opening with prayer.

2. Watch the video

20 minutes

Bible Passage

John 8:30-32

Summary Points

In Biblical Christianity, salvation is not just about believing in Jesus but following Him.

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-19) is the call to make disciples, not just decisions.

Jesus first call in following Him is “deny self, take up your cross daily, and follow Me”

Mark 8:34-35, Matthew 10:39, Luke 9:23-27, Luke 14:25-35, Luke 17:32-33, Luke 18:22, Matthew 10:28-42, Matthew 16:25, Mar 8:33-38, Mar 10:20-22, John 12:24-27, John 13:37-38, John 15:12-14, John 21:17-25.

Without discipleship, the Great Commission becomes the great omission.

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Discussion Quote: Bonehoeffer, “Christianity without discipleship (following Jesus) is Christianity without Christ.”

3. Discussion Questions

20 minutes

Q. What does Jesus say about serving and following Him?

Q. How can we begin to include discipleship in the way we speak about salvation?

Q. Do you know of anyone, or is God bringing someone to mind who might be in a false foundation of having faith in Christ without putting that faith in practice of following Christ? What might God have you do about it.?

4. PIP (Put it into Practice)

15 Minutes

Think about your own journey and determine if you have a foundation of following Jesus firmly in your life.

Are there people that God brings to your mind that may be on a false foundation of believing without following. Pray for them and seek direction and wisdom in how to approach them.