

the uniqueness of biblical discipleship



Introduction

What makes biblical discipleship _____ ?

1. What is our authority?
2. What is our focus?
3. Who and what is our guide?
4. What is our goal?
5. What is our motive?
6. What is our sphere of responsibility?

A commitment to the _____ of the Scriptures

1. Scripture is both a human and divine book (2 Pet 1:20-21)
2. Scripture is the very Word of God (2 Tim 3:16a)
3. Scripture is our authority

A commitment to the _____ of Jesus Christ

1. The gospel teaches us about our insufficiency (Eph 2:1-3)
2. The gospel teaches us about our need for grace (Eph 2:8-9)
3. The gospel teaches us about our solution (Eph 2:4-7; Matt 11:28-29; 1 Cor 15:3-4)
4. The gospel teaches us about our purpose (Eph 2:10)
5. The gospel is our focus

A commitment to the _____ of Christ and Scriptures

1. God's Word is permanent and eternal (Is 40:8)
2. God's Word is breathed out by God for our training and equipping (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:3-4)
3. God's Word is truth (John 17:17)
4. God's Word is powerful (Jer 23:29; Heb 4:12)

5. God's Word is a source of grace that builds you up (Acts 20:32)
 - It strengthens in grief (Ps 119:28)
 - It sustains you (Ps 119:116)
 - It comforts in affliction (Ps 119:50, 92)
 - It is a comfort and consolation (Ps 119:52)
 - It gives hope (Ps 119:49; Rom 15:4)
 - It provides peace (Ps 119:165)
 - It produces a reverence for God (Ps 119:38)
 - It gives freedom (Ps 119:45; John 8:32)
6. God's Word testifies to its own sufficiency (Ps 19:7-11; Ps 1:1-4; 2 Pet 1:3; 2 Cor 3:5-6; 2 Tim 3:16-17)
7. God's Word is always effective in accomplishing God's purpose (Is 55:11)
8. God's Word is the standard for judgment (John 12:48; Heb 4:12)
9. God's Word is to dwell within you (Col 3:16)
10. God's Word is spiritual food (Deut 8:3; Matt 4:4)
11. God's Word is our guide

A commitment to the _____ spoken of in the Scriptures

1. The gospel of Jesus Christ changes us (1 Cor 6:9-11)
2. The gospel of Jesus Christ promotes change (Rom 6:1-4; Ps 51:10)
3. The gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to change (Eph 4:22-24)
4. Biblical change is our goal

A commitment to the _____ of the Scriptures

1. Obedience is an essential mark of a believer (Luke 9:23-24)
2. We must expect it of ourselves and others who claim to follow Christ (1 John 1:6)
3. The best lived life is one built on obedience to God's Word (Matt 7:24-27)
4. Obedience to God is our motive

A commitment to the kind of _____ described in the Scriptures

1. The church is built and established by the Word of God (Matt 16:18; 1 Tim 3:15)
2. The church is primarily concerned about a person's relationship with God (Matt 18:15-17)
3. The church is precious and must be cared for and protected (Acts 20:28)
4. The church is our sphere of responsibility.

Conclusion

These six commitments, when lived out, will lead to a godly Christian being a fruitful "people-helper," regardless of age, education or formal training in counseling (Rom 15:14; Col 1:28; 3:16).