

# Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for August 28, 2022

## Sermon Notes

### How We Pursue Discipleship Together The Who: God's People

We are indebted to some Australian pastor/authors who have laid out what we believe to be a clear, simplistic, and (most importantly) biblically-sound framework for how the church *does* discipleship in a book called *The Trellis and the Vine*. We have adopted their 1-sentence summary of how discipleship happens within the local church that includes four P's:

*Discipleship happens as God's People Proclaim (or speak) the Word of God into the lives of others, in Prayerful dependence on the Spirit and in Perseverance.*

This week we will look at that first P in order to answer the question of *Who?*. When it comes to discipleship, just who is it that God intends to use in his great gospel agenda?

#### God's Agenda & Ours (Colossians 1:3-14)

God's agenda is (1) to \_\_\_\_\_ rebellious sinners from the domain of darkness and into the Kingdom of his beloved Son. (v. 3-6, 12-14)

God's agenda is (2) to \_\_\_\_\_ his redeemed people into maturity into the image of Christ. (v. 9-11)

Our agenda is (1) to move towards \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ for ourselves

Our agenda is (2) to move \_\_\_\_\_ into maturity in Christ.

A central truth: God's agenda includes US! (1:1, 7-8, 28-29; 4:7-17; 2:6-7; 3:1-3, 12-17; 4:2-6)

#### Discipleship happens as God's People ...

Our **Provision** (Rom. 15:4) "whatever was written"

Our **Participation** (Rom. 15:14) "able to instruct one another"

Our **Pattern** (Eph. 4:12ff) "each part working properly"

Our **Progress** (Heb. 5:12) "you ought to be teachers"

## Weekly Discipleship Guide

### Know

**What does God intend for me to know?  
In your journal, use the following prompts to write  
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

### Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?  
In your journal, use the following questions to write  
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

### Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write  
your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.**

What is your general (and genuine) reaction to the idea of you yourself being a disciple-maker? Does the way we defined that on Sunday help you? If so, how?

What is one area of knowledge or activity or ability that you have that you would say you are "able to instruct others" in? Who can you point to as those you have "discipled" in that area? How do you know?

In light of the clarification of the calling we all share, what is one tangible step toward that vision do you need to take right now? How can others pray for you?

\*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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