

Discipleship Is Worship

John 14:15

March 26, 2017

INTRO:

Welcome to worship...
Welcome to a morning of worship...
Welcome to an equipping for a lifetime of worship...
Welcome to week #13 of Miraculous Metamorphosis...
...our year-long “journey with Jesus”
...down the Disciple’s Path...
a path & a journey that is ALL about worshipping Jesus!

TIMELESS TRUTH

Discipleship IS Worship.

Discipleship is the embodiment & the epitome of worship!

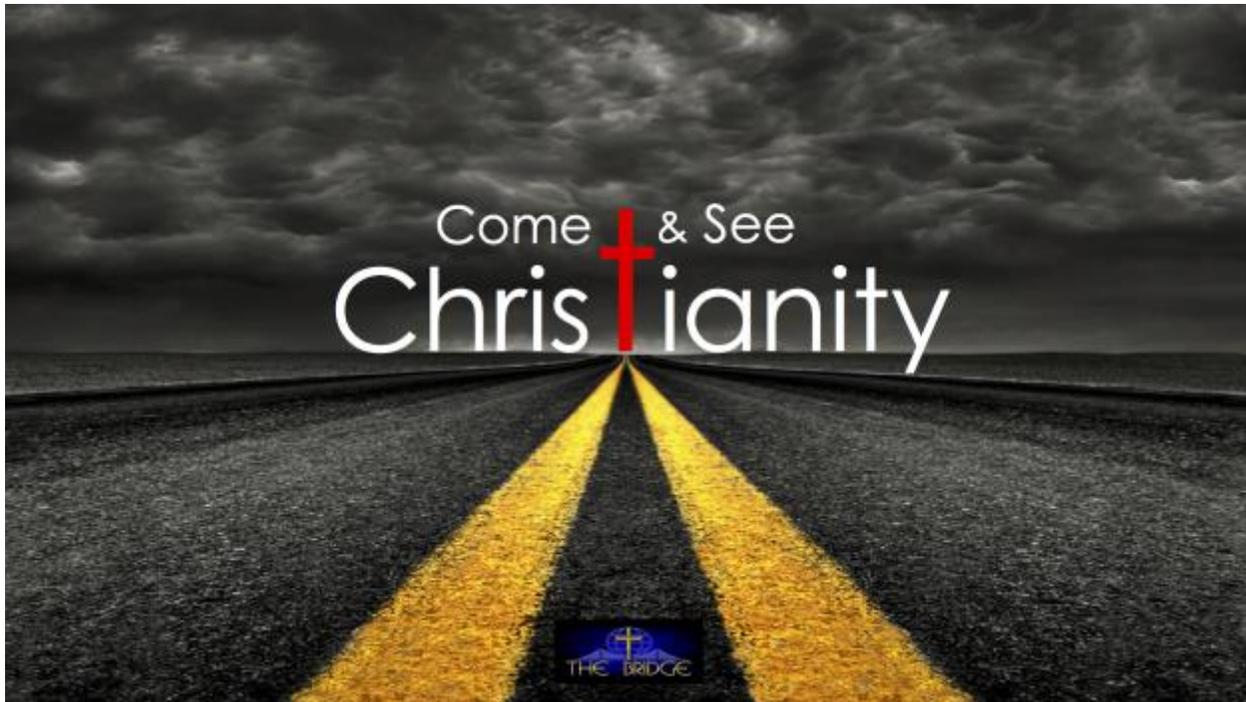
- Love
- Obedience
- Selflessness
- Eternal-effectiveness

VIDEO: *“Who Can Compare?”* (6:03)

*Where would I be
If it wasn't for Your kindness toward me*

PREVIEW:

- **Define Reality**
- **Describe Restoration**
- **Develop Reproducers**



1. We are on the Disciple's Past... Journey with Jesus!

2. God and His Word have given us our:

a. MISSION

b. MEANS

c. MODEL

3. Here's a helpful paradigm: "Truth, Love, & Warfare"

a. LOST = Content Culture Conflict

b. LOVER = Truth Love Warfare

c. LEARNER = Head Heart Hands

d. LEADER = Inform Inspect Inspire

e. LIFER = Deliver Develop Deploy



1. DEFINE REALITY (Truth)

➤ Define Reality

- Miracle
- MESSIAH
- Mission

a. **Miracle** – *“What Just Happened?”*

You were created by a passionate God who relentlessly pursued you to bring you into His family.

1. Ephesians 2:8-10
2. 2 Corinthians 5:17

b. **MESSIAH** – *“The Centrality of Christ”*

Christians are people who’ve had a spiritual revolution, placing Jesus at the center of their lives.

1. Genesis 1 & John 1
2. Genesis 3 & John 3

T/S: **Question** – What is your TOP priority in life?
➤ ...that which everything else is submissive to?
➤ ...that which defines & determines priorities?
Answer: What you are “doing” reveals your top priorities... your TRUE, top priorities.

- What we believe controls how we behave
- How you behave reveals what you believe

VIDEO: *“In Over My Head”* (4:57)

*I feel you coming
And I hear your voice on the wind
Would you come and tear down the boxes
That I have tried to put you in
Let love come teach me who you are again
Take me back to the place
Where my heart was only about you
And all I wanted was just to be with you
Come and do whatever you want to*

c. **Mission** – *“Following Christ in Baptism”*

The practice of baptism is the corporate affirmation of the transformation that has taken place in one’s life.

1. Matthew 28:16-20
2. Acts 1:8

2. **DESCRIBE RESTORATION (Love)**

➤ **Describe Restoration**

- Up
- In
- Out

a. **UP** – *“Time With Jesus”*

You were created to know God in a deep and personal way.

1. Matthew 11:28 Come to Me
2. Luke 10:38ff (ie. Mary)

VIDEO: *“Jesus We Love You”* (6:56)

*Old things have passed away
Your love has stayed the same
Your constant grace remains the cornerstone.*

b. **IN** - *“The Blessing of Community”*

Following Jesus may be personal, but it's never private.

1. John 17:21ff
2. Acts 2:41-47

c. **OUT** - *“Joining Jesus On Mission”*

Disciples are called to KNOW Christ, GROW with Christ, and GO for Christ.

1. Matthew 20:28 (cf.28:20)
2. John 20:21

3. **DEVELOP REPRODUCERS** (Warfare)

➤ **Develop Reproducers**

- War vs. world for Definitions
- War vs. flesh for Devotion
- War vs. Satan for Disciples

a. @ War with the **World** for *Definitions...*

i. **Define Disciple**

To be a disciple of Jesus is to participate in
God's redemptive plan for the world

*“A miraculous, Christ-like,
work-in-progress.”* - JDP

1. Matt. 4:19 (Follow & Fish)
2. John 14:15 (Love & Obey)

ii. **Define Discipleship**

To live as a disciple of Jesus includes
embracing a lifestyle of discipleship

1. Luke 10:6 Persons of Peace
2. 2 Timothy 2:2ff Pour in/out

Discipleship:

(VERB)

The intentional endeavors of
“miraculous, Christ-like, works-in-progress”
(a.k.a. Disciples) engaged in
“finding the lost AND growing the found”
into family-members who are in-turn
committed to making disciples,
who make disciples, who make disciples...
by God's grace & for His glory.



T/S:

VIDEO: “Seas of Crimson” (5:30)

*For every curse, you're the cure
For every sickness, you're the healer
For every storm, you're the calm
For all that's lost, oh, what a savior...*

*You drown our sins in seas of crimson
Hallelujah death is beaten
Christ has risen from the grave
Hallelujah it is finished
All to you the highest praise
Hallelujah death is beaten
Christ has risen from the grave
Hallelujah now and forever*

b. @ War with the Flesh for Devotion

i. Christ CALLS His disciples

Christ meets us where we are and
transforms us as we follow Him.

1. Luke 9:23 (Cross-carriers)
2. Luke 14:27 (All-in, always)

ii. Christ TEACHES His disciples

Disciples are called to learn about Jesus and
to learn from Jesus.

1. Matthew 5-7 (Contrast!)
2. Matthew 10:16 (Both-And)

iii. Christ **EQUIPS** His disciples

Jesus gives us what we need to engage His mission for the world.

1. John 6 (Invite & Challenge)
2. Matthew 4:19 (**I** will make)

VIDEO: “No Longer Slaves” (6:08)

*From my mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again
Into your family
Your blood flows through my veins*

c. @ War with the Devil for *Disciples*

i. Christ **SENDS** His disciples

Christ calls us to take the Gospel to the world.

1. Matthew 28:18-20
2. Titus 2:15
 - a. Ambassadors!
 - b. Aroma!
 - c. Armored Army!

CLOSE: (Manifesto... Christ SAVES slaves...)

See this in our church's life & walk...

- a. The Lord's tenacious grace throughout our life...
 - b. The Lord's clarion call & miraculous work...
 - c. The Spirit's radical transformation & illumination...
 - d. The Spirit's gifts & development... via:
 - i. Discipline
 - ii. Disciplines...
 - iii. Discipleship
 - iv. Dedication/devotion
 - v. Distribution
 1. It's not a "job" it's a calling!
 2. We don't "have to" – I get to!
 3. We don't "manage" – I lead!
 4. We don't lead by *saying* – but by serving!
 5. Our mission defines our ministries (vs. our ministries taking over our mission)
 6. Our message is the full context proclamation & application of THE gospel.
 7. Our means is Spirit provision & power...
 8. Our model is Christ & the biblically healthy, New Testament missionaries
 9. Our methods are limited to biblical, Christ-likeness & New Testament practices & principles.
10. *Our goal is to generate more glory for God, by finding and growing more glorifiers, through the application, proclamation, and cultivation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*



One FAITH. One FAMILY. One FOCUS.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will BE My witnesses (locally, regionally, and globally)." – Acts 1:8

One Question: *WHAT DO YOU WANT?*
One Offer: *COME AND SEE.*
One Promise: *TRUTH IN LOVE!*

Our Truth-in-Love Distinctives: We are...

- 1.** Responding to grace & repenting of sin...
- 2.** Trusting the Bible & obeying God's Word...
- 3.** Growing in-Christ & living Spirit-led...
- 4.** Praying for guidance & following by faith...
- 5.** Dying to self & carrying our cross...
- 6.** BE-ing the Church & loving one another...(*truly loving one another*)
- 7.** Equipping the saints & exemplifying supernatural unity...
- 8.** Ministering as ambassadors & discerning matters shrewdly...
- 9.** Worshipping God vertically & experiencing Him horizontally...
- 10.** Proclaiming the Gospel (*no matter what*) & fishing for men...
- 11.** Making disciples-warriors & winning spiritual-warfare...
- 12.** Loving our King & serving His kingdom!

Let's Pray

1. DEFINE REALITY (Truth - mMm)

A. Miracle - What Just Happened?

Timeless Truth: You were created by a passionate God who relentlessly pursued you to bring you into His family.

Bible Story: Luke 5:4-11

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!”

B. MESSIAH The Centrality of Christ!

Timeless Truth: Christians are people who’ve had a spiritual revolution, placing Jesus at the center of their lives.

Bible Story: Luke 19:1-10

Memory Verse: **Philippians 1:21**

“For me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

C. Mission **Following Jesus In Baptism**

Timeless Truth: The practice of baptism is the corporate affirmation of the transformation that has taken place in one’s life.

Bible Story: Romans 6:1-11

Memory Verse: **Romans 6:4**

“Therefore, we were buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.”

DESCRIBE RESTORATION (Love)

A. Time With Jesus

Timeless Truth: You were created to know God in a deep and personal way.

Bible Story: Luke 10:38-42

Memory Verse: John 10:14

"I AM the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me."

B. The Blessing of Community

a. **Timeless Truth:** Following Jesus may be personal, but it's never private.

b. **Bible Story:** Acts 1:8 & Acts 2:42-47

c. **Memory Verse:** 1 Cor. 12:27

C. Joining Jesus On Mission

- a. **Timeless Truth:** Disciples are called to KNOW Christ, GROW with Christ, and GO for Christ.
- b. **Bible Story:** Matthew 4:18-20 & 28:18-20
- c. **Memory Verse:** John 14:6

DEVELOPING REPRODUCERS (WARFARE)

A. War against the WORLD

➤ Defining A Disciple

Timeless Truth: To be a disciple of Jesus is to participate in God's redemptive plan for the world

Bible Story: John 1:29-42

Memory Verse: John 1:29

➤ Defining Discipleship

Timeless Truth: To live as a disciple of Jesus includes embracing a lifestyle of discipleship.

Bible Story: 2 Timothy 2:1-10

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 2:2

B. War against the FLESH

➤ Jesus Calls His Disciples

Timeless Truth: Christ meets us where we are and transforms us as we follow Him.

Bible Story: John 1:43-51

Memory Verse: Mark 2:17

➤ Jesus Teaches His Disciples

Timeless Truth: Disciples are called to learn about Jesus and to learn from Jesus.

Bible Story: Matthew 5:1-2 & 7:24-29

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:24

➤ **Jesus Equips His Disciples**

Timeless Truth: Jesus gives us what we need to engage His mission for the world.

Bible Story: Matthew 10:1, 5-15

Memory Verse: Matthew 10:27-28

C. War against the Devil

Jesus Sends His Disciples

d. **Timeless Truth:** Christ calls us to take the Gospel to the world.

e. **Bible Story:** Matthew 28:16-20

f. **Memory Verse:** Acts 1:8

Song/Video Lyrics:

I. "Who Can Compare?"

Where would I be

If it wasn't for Your kindness toward me

You've been closer than a friend could ever be

There is nothing on the Earth that could take Your place

I am undone

For You see all there was and all that will be

Yet you've set your vast affection upon me

By Your voice the world was made and still You called my name

Who can compare to You

Who moves my heart the way You do

Who can compare to You

Who moves my heart the way You do

I am undone

For You see all there was and all that will be

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Kingdoms come and kingdoms fade
But always You remain
Ages pass and seasons change
But always You remain

Kingdoms come and kingdoms fade
But always You remain
Ages pass and seasons change
But always You remain the same

Kingdoms come and kingdoms fade
But always You remain
Ages pass and seasons change
But always You remain the same

You remain the same
You remain the same
You remain the same

II. "In Over My Head"

I have come to this place in my life
I'm full but I've not satisfied
This longing to have more of you
I can feel it my heart is convinced
I'm thirsty my soul can't be quenched
You already know this but still
Come and do whatever you want to
I'm standing knee deep
But I'm out where I've never been
I feel you coming

And I hear your voice on the wind
Would you come and tear down the boxes
That I have tried to put you in
Let love come teach me who you are again
Take me back to the place
Where my heart was only about you
And all I wanted was just to be with you
Come and do whatever you want to
Further and further
My heart moves away from the shore
Whatever it looks like
Whatever may come I am yours

Further and further
My heart moves away from the shore
Whatever it looks like
Whatever may come I am yours
Then you crash over me and
I've lost control but I'm free
I'm going under, I'm in over my head
And you crash over me
I'm where you want me to be
I'm going under, I'm in over my head
Whether I sink, whether I swim
It makes no difference
When I'm beautifully in over my head
Whether I sink, whether I swim
It makes no difference
When I'm beautifully in over my head
I'm beautifully in over my head
I'm beautifully in over my head

III. "Jesus We Love You"

Old things have passed away
Your love has stayed the same
Your constant grace remains the cornerstone .

Things that we thought were dead
Are breathing in life again
You cause your Son to shine on darkest nights

For all that you've done we will pour out our love
This will be our anthem song

Jesus, we love you
Oh how we love you
You are the one our hearts adore

The hopeless have found their hope
The orphans now have a home
All that was lost has found its place in you

You lift our weary head
You make us strong instead
You took these rags and made us beautiful

For all you've done we will pour out our love
This will be our anthem song

Jesus we love you
Oh how we love you
You are one our hearts adore

Jesus we love you
Oh how we love you
You are one our hearts adore

Our hearts adore
Our hearts adore
Our hearts adore

Our affection, our devotion
Poured out on the feet of Jesus
Our affection, our devotion
Poured out on the feet of Jesus
Our affection, our devotion
Poured out on the feet of Jesus
Our affection, our devotion
Poured out on the feet of Jesus

Jesus we love you
Oh how we love you
You are the one our hearts adore

Jesus we love you
Oh how we love you
You are the one our hearts adore

Jesus we love you
Oh how we love you
You are the one our hearts adore

Ouhhhh ...

Jesus we love you
Oh how we love you
You are the one our hearts adore

IV. "Seas of Crimson"

For every curse, you're the cure
For every sickness, you're the healer
For every storm, you're the calm
For all that's lost, oh, what a savior
On that cross of Calvary
Every burden has been defeated
Every wretched heart redeemed
You drown our sins in seas of crimson
Hallelujah death is beaten
Christ has risen from the grave
Hallelujah it is finished
All to you the highest praise
Hallelujah death is beaten
Christ has risen from the grave
Hallelujah now and forever

All to you the highest praise

On that day of utmost glory
All of darkness cannot carry
Every shackle will come undone
My solid rock thine is the kingdom
Where there was sin your love rushed in
Where sin runs deep your grace runs deeper
For all enslaved the ransom paid
Light of the world, yours is the power

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Where sin runs deep your grace runs deeper
For all enslaved the ransom paid
Light of the world, yours is the power

V. "No Longer Slaves"

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
'Til all my fears are gone

[2x]

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

From my mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again
Into your family
Your blood flows through my veins

[4x]

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

I am surrounded
By the arms of the father
I am surrounded
By songs of deliverance

We've been liberated
From our bondage
We're the sons and the daughters
Let us sing our freedom

You split the sea
So I could walk right through it

My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me
And I could stand and sing
I am a child of God...

You split the sea
So I could walk right through it
You drowned my fears in perfect love
You rescued me
And I will stand and sing
I am a child of God

Yes, I am
I am a child of God
I am a child of God
Yes, I am
I am a child of God
Full of faith
Yes, I am a child of God
I am a child of God

[3x]
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God