

DISCIPLESHIP

“All Aboard” wk. 4

Principles to Live By – *Discipleship*

“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.” *Colossians 1:28-29 (NIV)*

5 Principles of Discipleship

1. The _____ of Discipleship: Announcing (Trumpeting) Jesus

First and foremost, discipleship is about proclaiming Jesus and making much of His name. Cf. Habakkuk 3:2
Be careful! Our motive is to make much of Him, rather than to make much of ourselves.

2. The Mechanism of Discipleship: _____ & Warning with Wisdom

As we disciple others, we must continually seek the Lord’s wisdom and guidance. Cf. James 1:5.
Be careful! Personality plays a role – you might not like conflict – you will be tempted to avoid the difficult conversations. Alternatively, a stronger personality might be overly harsh.

3. The _____ of Discipleship: Maturity (Fully Accomplished)

Through Christ’s redeeming work, believers grow in maturity.
Be careful! Don’t be Jesus, point them to Jesus!

4. The Cost of Discipleship: Effort & Work

Discipleship requires energy, time, and hard work. It is _____.

Be careful! Comfort is our friend, being uncomfortable is the enemy – a societal fallacy!

5. The Power of Discipleship: Christ’s _____

While discipleship takes a lot of energy, the good news is that the Lord gives us His.
Be careful! Self-reliance! As time passes and we become more proficient never forget that it is only God’s power that will transform.

Big Idea

The offer in Matthew 11 is available to us today, ‘come follow me,’ ‘take my yoke,’ be my disciple.

“Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.”

1 Corinthians 1:26-27 (NIV)

**We might not be the ‘best of the best of the best,’ and yet
we are called to be a disciple and make disciples!**