

Connection Equipping Academy exists to equip followers of Jesus to do God's work in the World

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Growing In Knowing God

Topic // *Discipleship and Evangelism*

OVERVIEW

In this first season in the growth area of knowing God, we have explored attributes of God as an essential foundation. We want to expound on the practical ways this knowledge of God deepens and strengthens in daily life. For our next sessions, we will see the distinct roles of discipleship and evangelism, prayer, Scripture, the local church, and family all deepen our knowledge and love for God.

INTRODUCTION

In this session, we discuss how evangelism and discipleship directly impact knowing God personally. We want to reclaim their true definitions and functions and we will explore how they work together to generate faith and to strengthen our relationships with God and each other.

Definitions

Evangelism is how people are converted to the faith and it begins the discipleship process.

The process of evangelism is sharing the Gospel with people around you through your testimony and in what Jesus accomplished by the cross and Resurrection.

Rom. 1:16 says that the power of salvation is in the message of the Gospel.

Discipleship is the relationship of walking alongside converts where they are and ends with evangelism. The process of discipleship is modeling and teaching them to obey Christ in every area of their lives.

Use the following page to take note of anything that stands out to you to meditate and pray about. Consider using these notes as conversation starters with whomever you are in a discipleship relationship with to deepen your trust and encouragement of each other.

In the following pages, choose one application at a time for evangelism and for discipleship to pray about and explore with God as you seek to deepen your love and relationship with Him and with others, and work your way through the list over time.

PERSONAL APPLICATION for Evangelism

Application 1 - Ask the Lord to give you His love for people so that you won't be satisfied with their pursuing something that will never fulfill them. Love people as Jesus does to step into their lives to offer freedom. Be honest and clear with the bad news of our offense *and* the depth of God's justice and love.

Application 2 - Make a list of 10 people to pray for and to watch God save them and transform their lives. Challenge: How do you maintain the view of someone as an equally valuable person instead of a project?

Application 3 - Meditating on Ephesians 2:1-10, share the Gospel with one person this week. Challenge: Consider how you might begin meaningful conversations with specific people in mind. Example: Have you ever thought about that you were created by and for God and that He has a purpose for your life?

PERSONAL APPLICATION for Discipleship

Application 4 - Find someone you trust who has a relationship with God and engage in a discipleship relationship. With whom do you have relational space to disciple, be discipled, or evangelize?

Challenge: What qualities do you see God trying to grow in you that could impact your discipleship and evangelism? (Humility, patience, listening, love, peace, faithfulness, etc)

Application 5 - Think back to the beginning of your faith. Do you remember a time when someone helped grow or when you needed someone to help you find your way to Jesus? Lean into the mess to bring clarity to others where you see confusion or pain.

Application 6 - Begin to learn how to lead yourself by balancing your head, heart, and your hands. Challenge: In which area do you sense imbalance? Seek the Lord to teach you the balance you need.

Application 7 - Say yes to a discipleship relationship.

If we don't feel the Gospel is the greatest news, maybe what we believe isn't the Gospel! Or, it has been twisted and distorted at some point to remove its power in our lives. What ideas about evangelism and discipleship need to be pruned or adjusted in your life? In what ways is God breathing new life into your faith and love for Him?

