



2010

# Discipleship Framework

Study Guide on Evangelism

## **Welcome to your study on Evangelism**

This is the first study guide produced by People Christian Fellowship (PCF) in relation to the Discipleship Framework. Within this document you will find a daily reading plan. Committing to this is a very important part of your biblical study and will help you in gaining wisdom and understanding of God's word. PCF Wednesday evening prayer meetings are a great place to receive teaching on different aspects of the book as we all learn together. Your discipler will also be studying with you and will challenge you to search the depths of God's word.

## **Individual Study**

Your reading plan is very important; it will help you to develop the spiritual discipline of studying God's word. We suggest that you spend a short time in prayer before and after studying; asking God to open your heart to His truth. By studying His word you will increase your faith, arm yourself for the challenges ahead and gain knowledge and understanding of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit so that you may confidently witness to others. **Everybody** should follow the daily study plan.

## **Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting**

Spending time in corporate prayer is a vital ingredient for your Spiritual development. As part of the shift to develop the discipleship framework, the prayer meeting bible study section will follow alongside the discipleship study plan. Prayer meeting will be a great opportunity for you to receive comprehensive teaching on a number of key themes found in John's Gospel.

## **Discipleship Meetings**

The Christian walk is not merely an experiential moment of spiritual enlightenment, but a journey toward maturation, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. The Church 'is one', purposed for the building up of the saints in preparation for works of service; identified by its unity with Christ and amongst its members (John 17:21). The basic philosophy of the discipleship framework is:

A community of believers growing in Christ, who are accountable and involved in one another's lives.

The framework promotes a level of accountability in relation to the exercise of spiritual disciplines and a degree of involvement which supports wholesome and fruitful relationships. Through the framework the gifts of all believers can be mobilised to advance the Kingdom of God.

## **The study below should be used only as a rough guide.**

During the study section of the meeting disciplers and disciple's should work through the study questions together discussing any revelations, opinions, issues or thoughts that may arise. You do not have to be a bible scholar to conduct or participate in the bible study. Difficult questions that may arise should be noted and brought to the church leadership.

Below is a rough guide formatting a typical disciple meeting.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Open in Prayer</b>	Spend a short time in prayer, asking God to be in the midst of your meeting.
<b>Reflection</b>	You may want to start with some general reflection on how the week has been. Do not try to force information out. The amount of information should be determined by the disciplee
<b>Study</b>	The whole church will be studying the same book at the same time. In this section you could start by reflecting on what you have studied in the previous meeting, any homework and/or revelations. Follow the study guide and try to complete as much as you can.
<b>Reflection</b>	Recap what you have learnt and ask if there are specific areas of intended application. Please also share your areas of intended application. Ensure you set a task to be completed by the next meeting.
<b>Pray</b>	Ask your disciplee if there are any areas of their life they would like you like to pray for/about. Please also remember your community within your prayers. You could also ask your disciplee to pray.
<b>Encourage</b>	Before you meet prepare an encouragement for your disciplee. It must be specific. (Preferably scripture based).

## A Study on Evangelism

Throughout the month of August we will be focusing on the implication of following Christ as it relates to evangelism. Fundamental to the New Testament teaching of the Church is that all believers have an important part to play in the extension of the kingdom of God. Since Evangelism is one of the implications of following Christ I believe it would be appropriate that we begin our study with **understanding the Lordship of Christ**- what does Jesus mean when He says, “follow me”? Evangelism is not an option for the Christian but a duty, an imperative from Jesus himself and until we understand and accept Christ’s lordship extending his kingdom in the world through evangelism becomes almost if not impossible. Subsequently, our study will also cover other key areas which will collectively equip us to fulfilling our kingdom mandate in preaching the Gospel- evangelism.

The areas we will cover are:

1. The lordship of Christ
2. Obedience
3. The Gospel
4. Declaring the Gospel (evangelism)
5. The cost of Discipleship

## Prayer Meeting and Discipleship Study Guide on Prayer

Prayer Meeting study duration: 1 weeks

Total Prayer Meeting teaching time: 1/2 Hour

Start Date: 02/08/10 End Date: 08/08/10

Discipleship study duration: 1 weeks

Total Discipleship reading time: 1.5 hours (15mins a day)

Week and Date	Focal Area	Prayer meeting Bible Study	Discipleship Reading Plan	Discipleship Study Questions
<p>Week 62 Monday 2<sup>th</sup> August – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010</b></p> <p><b>The Authority/Lordship of Christ</b></p> <p>HEBREWS 2-4</p> <p>“... has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, who He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”</p> <p>Mark 8:34</p> <p>“When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me”.</p>	<p><b>Monday</b> Hebrews 1:2-4 Col 1:16</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> Col 1:18-19 Mat 28:19-20</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> James 1:12-14 Romans 7:17</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> Luke 14:25-33 Luke 9:57-62</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why do you think the author begins the book in this manner? (Heb1:1-4) How can a better understanding of Christ’s lordship help us fulfil our kingdom mandate and cope with life’s challenges?</li> <li>Is submission to Christ’s lordship an option for the Christian? If not, why do we struggle with following him especially as it relates to obeying His commandments? Consider Roms 6:18 with particular emphasis on the word ‘slave’.</li> <li>Is disobedience a lack of understanding of Christ’s lordship or a weakness caused by our sinful nature? Do you disobey because you are weak in the flesh or, is your weakness a direct result of disobedience?</li> <li>Think about the implications of living under the lordship of Christ. What changes have you experienced since you embraced Christ’s lordship?</li> </ol>

			<p><b>Friday</b> 1 Cor 12:3 2 Cor. 4:5</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> Mark 8:34-38</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> Follow Him!</p>	<p>5. Consider the meaning of the phrase 'Jesus is Lord'. Why is that statement foundational and central to Christianity?</p> <p>6. What is the major obstacle in following Christ as stated in today's text and how do you overcome this obstacle? Consider 2 Cor 9:24-27 &amp; 10:5</p> <p>True Salvation produces a heart that voluntarily responds to the ever-awakening reality of Christ's Lordship. The call to "follow me" was a call to surrender to His lordship. May we surrender to His lordship and be empowered to fulfil His calling for our lives. <b>Amen</b></p>
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