



2010

# Discipleship Framework

Study Guide on who we are in Christ

## **Welcome to your study on ‘who we are in Christ’**

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 who we are in Christ**

Throughout the month of July we will be focusing on who we are in Christ according to the Word of God. In order to understand who we are, we must first understand who God is and then understand where we were and where we now are in relation to Him. Accordingly, our studies will focus on 5 significant areas, which will collectively help us to understand who we are in Christ.

The areas we will cover are:

1. God's Supremacy
2. The Fall of Man
3. The Redemption
4. Who we are in Christ
5. Living in Christ

## Prayer Meeting and Discipleship Study Guide on Prayer

Prayer Meeting study duration: 1 weeks

Total Prayer Meeting teaching time: 1/2 Hour

Start Date: 26/07/10 End Date: 01/08/10

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 61 Mon 26<sup>th</sup> July — Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</p>	4	<p><b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010</b></p> <p><b>Living in Christ</b></p> <p>Romans 14:7-8</p> <p>“For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.”</p> <p>I am...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Living for God</li> <li>• Being Changed</li> <li>• Living in the Spirit</li> <li>• Bearing Fruit</li> <li>• Serving God by serving others</li> <li>• Loving others</li> </ul> <p>I have...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Been crucified with Christ: It is no longer I who live but Christ that lives in me...</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday</b> <i>Living for God</i> Romans 14:8 / 2 Cor 5:15</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> <i>Being Changed</i> 2 Cor 3:18 / Romans 12:2</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> <i>Living in the Spirit</i> Galatians 5:16, 25</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> <i>Bearing Fruit</i> Galatians 5:22-23</p> <p><b>Friday</b> <i>Serving God by serving others</i> Galatians 5:13-14</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> <i>Loving others</i> John 15:12-17</p> <p><b>Sunday</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What examples can you give to explain what it means to ‘live for God’?</li> <li>2. Change is vital for the Christian but how are we transformed into the image of Christ? What can we do to renew our minds?</li> <li>3. What does it mean to live &amp; walk in the Spirit? Consider for a moment your own life &amp; ask yourself “Am I living by the Spirit?”</li> <li>4. What areas of your life need pruning/cultivating in order to bear more of His fruit?” You may want to pray about this.</li> <li>5. Discuss with someone what changes if any you will make to comply with the instruction given in v13. Begin today... put love in action and serve one another.</li> <li>6. Why does God ask us to love others with the love He gives us? God loves us, we love Him back but don’t forget to pay it forward</li> <li>7. Spend some time reflecting &amp; praying about how you can better live for God.</li> </ol>

