

# Discipleship & Vocation

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#### SESSION O

### Introduction

#### ☐ Read Matthew 22: 36 - 40

You may like to read it in 2 or 3 different translations.

#### For Individuals:

If you are doing this on your own, answer these three Gospel Based Discipleship questions. Take a time of silence before responding to each one and read the passage again each time. The questions are:

- What word(s), idea(s) or sentence(s) stand out for you in the scripture you have read?
- What is Jesus saying to you?
- What is Jesus calling you to do?

#### **⊘** For Groups:

If you are working as a group, take time to either answer these Gospel Based Discipleship questions together now or share the responses you wrote earlier if you considered this passage on your own:

- What word(s), idea(s) or sentence(s) stand out for you in the scripture you have read?
- What is Jesus saying to you?
- What is Jesus calling you to do?

#### Further Discussion Questions For Groups:

- In what ways have you experienced love in your life?
- How does your congregation show love to each other and in your community?

In each case individually and or in the group, make sure you record the ideas and thoughts which have come to you. Follow this pattern for each session.







## **Image Bearers**

Using the Gospel Based Discipleship method outlined in the Introduction, reflect on one or both of the following passages:

☐ Genesis 1:26-27
☐ 1Corinthians 12:12-27

#### **Reflection Questions:**

- In what ways do you reflect God's image?
- How is your church a reflection of God's image?
- How does the description of the Church as the body of Christ help you to think about the Church reflecting the image of God?



#### **SESSION 2**

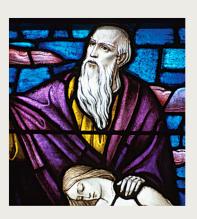
### Disciples of Abraham

Using the Gospel Based Discipleship method reflect on the following passage:

Genesis 12:1-9

#### **Reflection Questions:**

- Read page 555 of the BCP. Have you ever established such a rule for yourself? Could you do so?
- Could your Church establish its own rule?
- In what ways are you and your church a blessing to those around you?



## Vocation and the Call of God –Joseph

Using the Gospel Based Discipleship method reflect on the following passage:

- □ Genesis 46:28-47:6
- Reflection Questions:
  - How is God seen at work in the lives of Jacob, Joseph, and their family?
  - Do you have experience of God working in your family in unexpected ways?



#### **SESSION 4**

### The Vocation of Moses

Using the Gospel Based Discipleship method reflect on the following passages:

- Reflection Questions:
  - What are the works you think God prepared for you and or your congregation to do "in advance"?
  - Does our vocation change as we age?



## Vocation of the People of God in the Old Testament

Using the Gospel Based Discipleship method reflect on the following passage:

- **Reflection Questions:** 
  - In what ways do you (your church) work for justice?
  - How are you involved in showing mercy?
  - How has the Church lacked humility over the years?

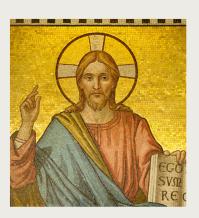


#### **SESSION 6**

### The Vocation of Jesus

Using the Gospel Based Discipleship method reflect on the following passage:

- **Reflection Questions:** 
  - What is the role of the Church in loving the world?
  - What is the Gospel that is to be shared with all the world
  - Who are the "crowds" (or lost sheep) today?



## Disciples in the New Testament

Using the Gospel Based Discipleship method reflect on the following passage:

- **□**| Acts 1:1-8
- Reflection Questions:
  - What are the challenges in following Jesus, individually and as a church?
  - How do we listen to the Holy Spirit for direction?



#### **SESSION 8**

## Disciples as Change Makers

Using the Gospel Based Discipleship method reflect on the following passage:

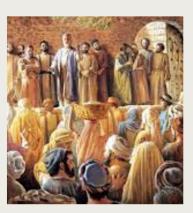
- Acts 10:23b-48
- **OREST Reflection Questions:** 
  - How has being a follower of Jesus changed you?
  - How does your church act as an agent for change in the community you serve?



## The New Testament Role of the Church

Using the Gospel Based Discipleship method reflect on the following passages:

- □ Acts 2:42-47 □ 1Corinthians 12:12-13 □ Revelation 19:7
- **Reflection Questions:** 
  - How have you felt supported by your local congregation?
  - Are there practical changes which could be made to make your congregation more like the images from the New Testament?



#### **SESSION 10**

## **Vocation Today**

Using the Gospel Based Discipleship method reflect on the following passage:

- Phillippians 3:17-4:1
- **Reflection Questions:** 
  - How can you and your congregation dig more deeply around vocation?
  - What is the call that our churches have to work for the good of all?



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