

# Learning to Live & Living to Learn

*Matthew 28: 16- 20*

*The only good thing you cannot do in the New Heavens and New Earth . . .*

## **What is a disciple?**

A disciple is a FOLLOWER of a particular teacher & leader.

A disciple is an ACTIVE, INTENTIONAL LEARNER.

A disciple is an apprentice and a PRACTITIONER – not just a student of the Word, but a DOER of it.

A disciple is OUTWARDLY orientated, focused on HELPING OTHERS learn what it means to be a DISCIPLE.

A disciple is ACCOUNTABLE to other disciples, who knows them and helps them to learn and grow and live in line with God's story.

## **God's Story Revealed: Overview**

- God establishes the Kingdom Pattern: **Creation**  
**Gen. 1 & 2**
- Rebellion in the Kingdom: **The Fall and its consequences**      **Gen. 3- 11**
- God Chooses Israel: **Redemption Initiated & Foreshadowed**      **Gen. 12- Mal.**
- The Coming of the True King: **Redemption Accomplished**      **Matt- Acts1**
- Spreading the News of the King & His kingdom: **The Mission**  
**Acts 2- Rev. 20**  
From Jerusalem to Rome  
And into All the World . . .
- The Return of the King: **Everything Renewed**  
**Rev. 20- 22**

(Adapted from Drama of Scripture)

## **Imagine . . .**

- **Imagine . . .** what might happen if we were gripped with joy and gratitude by the difference Christ's love has made to our lives by including us into God's story and plan.
- **Imagine . . .** what might happen if we really believed in Jesus goal and power to transform human lives and renew all things?
- **Imagine . . .** what might happen if we rediscovered our resources in Christ and learned to be channels of lavish blessing to our fellow citizens, wherever we meet them?
- **Imagine . . .** what might happen if we looked around at the people we spend our days with and asked God; how do you want me to be good news to these people today?
- **Imagine . . .** what might happen if we created Christian communities where people were safe to be who they are, and encouraged to become all that they can be in Christ, wherever they go.

*(Mark Greene: Imagine)*

## **Start where you are . . . T T T**

- What will you be doing **This Time Tomorrow**?
- What do you think Jesus is doing or wants to do in that place?

What does Jesus want to do in or with you in that place?

- What are the pressure points for you in that place?
- What kingdom aspects is the priority in that place now?

- What can we pray for you?

## **APTAT**

**A** – Acknowledge and admit your inability to do anything of kingdom value on by yourself. (John 15: 5)

**P-** Pray for divine enablement- that Jesus will produce in you the obedience he demands.

**T-** Trust the promises of Jesus ( His presence, help, strength and guidance)

**A-** Act in obedience to God's Word to bless.

**T-** Thank God for whatever good comes.

*(John Piper: Sanctification in everyday)*