

## Biblical Discipleship Session 2

### By Bob Moorehead

Speaker 1:

The last couple of days, Bob has seen fit to include me in a couple of stories. So I just want to tell you a little story about Bob. You know, I don't know if you've figured it out yet, but he really has a heart for Evangelism. So he goes out and goes door to door a lot. In fact, he goes out. His church goes out every Tuesday night, and he still does it because he really enjoys it. Well, one Tuesday night, he was out and he's walking along and he comes up to this one home.

And there's a elderly gentleman sitting on his porch and he walks up to him and he goes, Excuse me, are you a Christian? He goes, no, no, I'm a Smith. The Christians live two doors down and he goes, no, no, you don't understand. Are you lost? He goes, Sonny, I've lived here for 25 years. Of course I'm not lost. Well, are you ready for the Judgment day? He goes, Well, when is that going to take place? He goes, Well, nobody knows. It might be today. It might be tomorrow.

He goes, Well, whatever you do, don't tell my wife. She'll want to go both days. So without further ado, I just want you to put your hands together. I've really been blessed by Bob, and he really does have a heart for evangelism and discipleship. Just in talking to him, I can see in his, the way he deals with people that he has probably discipled hundreds and probably thousands of people over the years. So pay attention to what he has to say and give him a warm welcome as he comes.

Bob Moorehead:

Well, I was going to tell the juiciest of all on Chris, but I won. I sort of pass that by, save it for a more opportune time. But it's something all of you really need to know to, but we will. But, you know, I really do like Chris. He's a neat guy. Nice. Got a fellowship with I've noticed just being around with him, he's intelligent and sharp and very good looking and very astute. And what else did you tell me to say here? Anyway, well, I'm glad all of you are here.

This room is a little cooler, a little more sedate. The chairs are a little more comfortable, so I hope that you can stay away. I want to share something with you today and we don't have a lot of time. So I'm going to go as quickly as I can that I hope that you will never, ever forget. One of the things that I struggled with is a disciple of Jesus. When I first decided to follow him was, how do you know for sure for sure. How do you absolutely know beyond the shadow of a doubt that you are truly saved?

No ifs, no ands, no buts about it. No question marks, no haziness about it. No fuzziness about it. And frankly, just to be honest with you, I struggle because when I first got saved, I had nobody to disciple me, and I want to just sort of show you something here, even before I get into that. Where do you turn this thing on? This thing looks like it came over on the Mayflower. Okay, there we go. I probably did. The objective of all discipleship has really found in Colossians 1:28.

If you're taking notes, I'd love you to love for you to jot that down because I really believe that every Christian either needs to be being disciplined or needs to be discipling somebody. One of the two. There is no third option. And the objective of all discipleship is that so we may present everyone perfect or mature in Christ because none of us in this room are perfect or mature in Christ. Yet the goal of our life is to be like Jesus Christ. And if you will take your Bible just a

moment in hand while we're talking about this and turn to 2 Corinthians, and let me just show you something because I think sometimes we get so bogged down with details, we miss the total goal of it all.

2 Corinthians, please. And let's look at chapter. Let's just look at chapter 3 for just a minute and look at verse 18, and this will really show you the objective of our whole life. 2 Corinthians 3:18. And we who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory are being transformed into His likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. What this really is saying to us folks, is that tomorrow we need to be more Christ like than we were yesterday.

Saturday, more Christlike than we were on Friday. Sunday, more Christlike than we were on Saturday and on and on and on the rest of our life. Wouldn't it be great if we could just take a pill that would pull all of that off? Unfortunately, you can't. So how is it going to come off? I think the first place it really begins is with how to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that we know the Lord. Now, while you're in 2 Corinthians, you might want to look at chapter 13.

And this is an interesting verse of Scripture, because I guess Paul really lays it on the line here when he says, Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you? Unless, of course, you fail the test, and that's what we're going to kind of do for a few minutes today. I know that. I know that all of you profess Christ. I know that many of you have come from a Christian home that goes back to two or three generations, and I praise God for that.

But if somebody were to walk up to you on the street tomorrow and say, how do you know you're a believer? Most of you would say, well, I've accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Well, what does that mean? And so I want to give you a list today, and I just believe and we may not even get the list covered. And that's okay. But let's start off with number one. We know we have the gift of eternal life. We know we're born again. We know we're saved because we are accepting God's promises as true.

And we're not going to go over all these promises. You probably can't read the there we go. Probably can't read the little scriptures from the back. Can you read the scriptures from the back? You can. Well, you guys have got great eyes. Acts 16:31 believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, that's the command the promise is, and you will be saved. John 6:47. He who believes has eternal life a promise of God. And 1 John 5:12 through 13, especially verse 13 that says, I write these things to you, believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

God intended us to know beyond a shadow of a doubt, you say. But I do have doubts. I don't believe doubts are bad, especially when they spur us on and draw us back into the word where we are confirmed and reconfirmed again about our Salvation. Romans 10:9 and 10. If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, believe in your heart God raised Him from there, you will be saved. It's just like if Chris, he just sort of ran out of here, invited all of you tonight to come eat the largest juiciest filet mignon steak at any restaurant you want on him.

And he makes that promise. You take him up on the promise, and you're going to expect a steak because you believe he's a man of integrity and he keeps his word. In this case, he probably wouldn't. But anyway, that's the key. Number two, by the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life.

It's kind of interesting that enrollments eight nine. It becomes the acid test. Listen to this. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ. There went the water.

We just had a baptism here. Presbyterian baptism. We don't have enough for believers' baptism.

We call that dry cleaning at home. But anyway, by the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Now let me ask you a question. How do you know you actually have the Holy Spirit living in your life? Wouldn't it be great if we could take a thermometer and stick it in our ear?

Spiritometer, and we pull it out and say, Yep, you got him? Nope. He's not there. That would be great, wouldn't it?

But there's no such device that exists. But Scripture says there's a way to know. Now look at 1 John 2. Take your Bibles and open them with me. I want to show you this. We're not going to be able to look all these passages up, but some of them are more important than others. As far as what we're talking about today. 1 John 2. And let's just take a look at verse 26 and 27, 1 John 26 and 27. He says, I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead astray as far as as far as you the anointing you receive from him that's the Holy Spirit remains in you.

And you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things. And as that anointing is real, not counterfeit, just as it has taught you remain in him. And if you look at verse 28, by the way, this is not part of it, but it's excellent. And now the children continue in him so that when he appears, we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

And so the Paul said in Ephesians 1:13 that all of you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

When you were saved, you say, Boy, what does that mean? Well, by sealing it doesn't mean like sealing an envelope. It means sealing, like the signet ring that is indelibly stamped upon your life. You were etched by the Holy Spirit, and he was given to you as a down payment as earnest

money, so that the rest of the full inheritance after we die will be ours. And so God says the Holy Spirit living within us becomes God's confirming act that we are truly, truly saved. And some of you are saying, Well, Gee, you still haven't told me how I can know that I have the Holy Spirit living within me.

Well, there's one dead giveaway. And it's in Galatians 5. It's called the Fruit of the Spirit. We are intended to be fruity people. Now take that in a good sense, please. We're meant to be a bunch of fruits, not fruitcakes are not just fruit in the bad sense, but the Scripture says proof of the pudding that the Holy Spirit is in our life is that he has the freedom to produce fruit in our life. And there's a list of that fruit, their love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, mercy, and all of those things.

Number three, the witness of the Spirit is proof positive that you have eternal life. In Romans 8:12, Paul makes an astounding statement about the inheritance, and I want you to look at this. I think it's worth taking a look at. Before the year school year is over, every one of you is going to need what you're writing down, if you're discipling anybody or if you're trying to affect anybody or if you're trying to help some other believer grow. But if you look at Romans 8, just a minute.

Let's read this. Romans 8:12. Therefore brothers, we have an obligation, but it's not to the central nature to live according to it. For if you live according to the central nature, you will die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live because those who are led by the Spirit of God, our sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again, a fear. But you've received the Spirit of sonship, and by him we cry Abba father the Spirit Himself testifies with our Spirit that we are God's children.

Now, if we are children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and coheirs with Christ. If indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory. Now the Bible says the Holy Spirit bears witness with our Spirit. The Holy Spirit bears witness means the Holy Spirit agrees with our Spirit, and our Spirit agrees with the Holy Spirit that we're in Him. And there is an agreement of the human Spirit and the Holy Spirit that comes together and signs a covenant that you are, in fact, the possession of Jesus Christ. Number four, personal knowledge of Christ.

We don't even need to look that one up. It's so familiar, Paul said, but I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him and to guard it against that day. Interesting Greek word for no. And by the way, I want you to all to know that I'm intelligent. I know a little Greek and a little Hebrew. The Greek runs a restaurant and the Hebrew runs a tailor shop just for your information. But I'm just joking about that.

But I do know a little bit of Greek and how many are in Greek class right now? You're already in Greek class. That's an interesting language and very frustrating. It's worse than trying to play golf, trying to learn those tenses and declensions and so forth. But the word for no in that passage is gnosco and gnosco is the word that was used in the Septuagint, the Greek Old Testament for intimate knowledge. It's the same word that was used for sexual relations between a husband and a wife.

We're talking intimate knowledge. We're talking close knowledge, not just knowing of Christ, not just knowing about Christ, but actually coming to know Him personally. That is not easy, young people, because Christ is Spirit and we are spirit and flesh at the moment. And so it's very difficult for us to do this. There's only one way we're going to confirm this in our life, and that's

in the prayer closet where we allow the Lord to really speak to us, not so much audibly, but speak to us from His Spirit to our Spirit.

And so do you know Christ personally? Are you intimate with Him? Are you willing to share with Him everything, even things that you don't share with other human beings. And so this is a confirmation. Number five. Ongoing belief in Jesus, not just a one time believing thing. A lot of people think salvation was September 4, 1987. That's when it was and we always want to take salvation to the past. But in 1 John 5. And if you have your Bibles handy, you might want to look at this 1 John 5.

Let's just go back over and look at verse one. 1 John 5:1. I'm going to take that one first.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God and everyone who loves the Father loves the child as well. Everyone who believes, that's present tense, goes on believing and goes on believing and goes on believing and on believing and on believing. Many times when we have a baptismal candidate, we'll ask them, when did you first believe in Jesus Christ? And like a man said this last Sunday night, I first believed in Jesus Christ a year and a half ago.

Have you believed in him since then? Up until tonight? Yes. Do you believe in Him now? Yes.

Are you committing your life in the waters of baptism to go on believing in him and not

wavering in your belief? Yes. We've got to realize that salvation is past, present and future. And

that's exactly what that says. Number six. Ongoing continuance continuance, not just belief in,

but continuance in Jesus Christ. Look at 2 John, verse nine. You say what chapter only has one. 2

John verse nine. So it's not too hard to find. Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the

teaching of Christ does not have God.

Whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. Now I want to couple that one with number seven for just a minute. While you're back in the 1st 2nd 3rd John area, go back to 1 John and look at 1 John 3: 6-10. This will blow every circuit that you have. 1 John 3: 6-10. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. Oh, wait a minute. Can I see the hands of those of you who have sinned in the last week?

If you see somebody not raising their hands, let's deal with them about lying for a minute. Does that mean that all of us who raise our hands certainly don't belong to Him? Absolutely not. What does John mean? And it's very unfortunate. It's even worse translation to this in some of the older versions. It says no one born of God sins. And so a whole group of churches one time started called the sinless saints. I kid you not. It began in Europe, spread to America, and they believed in the sinless existence.

And it got off into the outward trapping, you know, no makeup, long hair, no earrings. And don't go to movies and don't drink Cokes. And I mean, it was really a very outwardly legalistic thing. But these churches taught that their people did not commit any sin. Now that's interesting, because in 1 John, the Bible says, if anyone says he has no sin, he's a liar, and the truth is not in him. And yet he turns around here and says, no one who lives in him keeps on sinning.

And in fact, notice what it says in verse nine. No one who is born of God will continue to sin because God's seed remains in him. You say, Well, maybe that just means different sins. You send one sin in one area and then you repent, you leave that area. But the next time you blow it in another area. But what about those areas where we repeat sinning? We have become connoisseurs at repeating the same old sins. And yet the Scripture says, if we do that or it seems to say that if we do that, we don't abide in him.

Let me give you an interesting background of this word. No one who lives in him keep on sinning. It's a Greek phrase. It's very, very hard to translate. But what it means is that we keep doing it deliberately. We get our jollies from it. We do it with no bad conscience. We do it with the freedom we can say, I'm free in Christ. Therefore I live anyway I want to. And if a person has that attitude and returns to the same old sins and says, Whoopi doesn't matter that I'm saved, I've got this liberty in Christ so I can go back and I can crawl in the sack with my boyfriend or my girlfriend.

It doesn't matter because I live under grace. And the more I sin, the more grace he's got. This is libertinism, and that is not obviously scripturally allowed. What he is saying here, young people, is this whoever continues to sin as a life pattern with no compunction against it, no sorrow for it, no twinge of conscience about it ever. Is that's confirmation that person doesn't really belong to the Lord? In other words, confirmation that we belong to Christ is somehow a change in our lifestyle. It may not be a perfect change, but it's a change because the word repentance means to turn from going in that direction and start going in this direction does not mean that we will never stumble again.

Boy, if it means that we may as well just close up, go clean our rooms out and go home. Of course it doesn't mean that. But what he's saying is there is a change lifestyle. I like the way John the Baptist said, Go back at Matthew 3. This is every time I read this, it's very funny. I find some humor in it because John is sort of like me in one area. He would only be invited some places once because he's so radical. But in Matthew 3:7, I mean, get a picture of this guy.

He's a big burly guy. Picturing, big burly, big old beard looks like a black jacketed motorcycle guy. He absolutely does not fit the trend of clothing or, you know, or any kind of language. And

it says, but when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them, you brood of vipers who warned you to flee from the coming wrath, produce fruit in keeping with repentance, and do not think you can say to yourselves, we have Abraham as our father?

I tell you, out of these stones, God can raise up children of Abraham. The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I call that a tough approach that does not win friends and influence people. What that does is it lays what Jesus demands are down and said, look, cut biter fish, get on the pot or get off. What are you gonna do, you know? And so John says there has to be some kind of a lifestyle change in our life.

And there are many, many other passages of scriptures. By the way, that we can't miss this. Go to Acts 26. This is the most confirming thing in the world. You know, you're saved because there is a change in lifestyle. And this is one of the great ones. Acts 26. And let's just take a look at verse 19 and 20. It says O king A-grip-pa I was not disobedient to the vision from Heaven first to those in Damascus, into those in Jerusalem and in all Judea and to the Gentiles.

Also, I also preach, watch this, that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. Good deeds don't produce. Salvation is the result of it. It's the consequence of it. It's the outward confirmation of it. There's going to be a change in our lifestyle to perfection. No, absolutely not. As long as we're in this body, we're going to continue to blow it. But thank God. 1 John 1:7 says that when you blow it, when you sin, when you make a mistake, you don't say, oh, no problem.

No problem. God got plenty of grace. No, you don't say that. What you say is, oh, no. I cannot believe I did that again. God, I'm sorry. There's a twinge of guilt. And you may do the same thing three days later. But when you do it, you don't come off. No big deal. He's got lots of grace, lots of blood. No problem. No, no, that's not the attitude. If you've got that attitude, it probably confirms you've not been saved. But the fact that I was in a house the other night, I go calling every Tuesday night.

I love it. And about four weeks ago, we called on this young couple. He was about 23, and she was about 21, close to the ages of you guys. And we were visiting and sharing the gospel with them. And pretty soon I ask him, would you like to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior? Well, yes, we would. I said, great. And then I went back over and we really hit this thing of repentance now. We're talking about repentance, because a lot of people are just sort of, you know, metamorphosing themselves into the Kingdom.

Or so they think, without repentance, without any contrition, without any sorrow over sin. So I said to these people, this is going to be a great start in your early married life. And the guy says, oh, you probably need to know we're not married. I said, You're not married. I said, oh, I'm sorry. I thought you both lived here. Oh no well, we do. I said, Well, wait a minute. And we run into this all the time. And I said, Well, you know, as part of your repentance part, repentance means forsaking known sin, and you can't receive Christ and continue to live here and live in fornication. Next question, what is fornication?

This guy didn't know God from a goose. So we explain what fornication was we said, it's having sex with your with your girlfriend. And this guy says, he says, You're not gonna stop me from having sex, are you? And I said, hey, I am not in the sex stopping business. My job is to share

the gospel not to stop sex. So we had an interesting discussion. And I said, you got to you know and we went over this thing of sin with him and said, you need to forsake known sin.

He says, Well, man, he said, you know, we've only lived together about three weeks. And then he said, this, can you believe this? He said, we prayed about it. And it seemed God gave us a peace about it. Now, come on. You know, God's not going to give you a peace about something that he's already said is sin in his word. I mean, this is like a bank robber going into a bank and saying, don't call the police because me and my partner have prayed about this.

And he's given us a peace about stealing from this bank. And so what I thought was only going to be an hour call turned out to be a two and a half hour call. And we talked about the hard thing of forsaking known sin. This guy did not want to give up his bedroom. And so I said, Well, you know, you've got a choice. I said, we're not going to go through with praying the prayer of salvation until you're willing to deal with this thing of repentance.

And he says, Well, I would be willing to do it. But I have nowhere to go. I have nowhere to live and I don't have any money. I said, That's no problem. We have a place for you to live until you can do it. And we do. We got a whole bank of these places just for situations like this. Well did that reign on his parade. I mean, he didn't like that a bit. He says, Well, where is it? And I said, it doesn't matter where it is, the rent's free until you can earn enough money to get your own place.

And so I'm happy to report in this particular case, most of them don't turn out this. Well, in this particular case, the guy really did want to receive Christ. And he said finally admitted, he said, You're right. It is sin, he said, even though we weren't Christians, we knew it was wrong, but we wanted to do it. I said, do you plan to get married someday? And he says, Well, probably not.

We probably don't plan to marry each other. Folks, a lot of people in your age bracket, and you know it better than I do don't have any concept of what commitment is all about.

And so we talked a little bit about that. So to make a long story short, he prayed the prayer to receive Christ. We got him out of the house that night by the way. We never leave until where they get their clothes packed. And just so they can't have one last binge before they step into the Kingdom. And we I realized that they probably wished they had never answered the door. No, to be honest with you, we put him right with a guy that's meeting with him every week and got a gal that's meeting with her.

And these people are actually growing in the relationship. And they are talking now of marriage. But the important thing is that we cannot compromise at this point. There are too many unregenerate people that have just been swished, quote on quote into the Kingdom, or they think they're in the Kingdom without any change of lifestyle whatsoever. Proof that we're saved as a change is in lifestyle. Number eight is a life of obedience. Someone has said, faith alone saves, but the faith that saves does not stay alone. It has with it its works.

And I just want to turn to one passage of Scripture. Let's turn to 1 John 1, 2, let me show you this. This is very powerful. 1 John 2, and let's read it. Verse three. We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands. The man who says I know him but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys His word, God's love is truly made complete in Him.

That's why Jesus said, if you love me, you will obey my commands. Obedience ain't easy. Let me tell you, staying a virgin before marriage is not easy. The normal natural inclination, the hormonal glandular thing is to go for it. But as a disciple of Jesus Christ, we have signed up for a

life of obedience where we don't fly through by our feelings and our sex drives we fly through on the basis of our obedience to Jesus Christ. That's what it is. Young people, this isn't a lesson on this.

But let me tell you, when it comes time for marriage. And some of you a few of you have already bitten the bullet. But when it comes time for marriage, don't think that you're going to build your marriage on love. I'm talking about romantic love.

It won't last because after the first few months and guys, you see her as she really appears at 05:00 in the morning for the first time. And gals, you see him as he really appears at that time of the morning. And you begin to learn that there's some idiosyncrasies about the other partner that you didn't know existed. Pretty soon, the romantic thing, you know, fades away. It always fades away, shouldn't fade away, but it fades away. And marriages are sustained and built upon the foundation of obedience and commitment, not upon some mushy feeling of love because it'll always pass.

I had a gal say to me Sunday a week ago. They've only been married four or five months. She said, you know, the first week or so after we were married, I caught the flu and I was so ill. And at 02:00 in the morning, he said, Honey, what do you want me to do? Do you want me to call the aid unit? What can I do? We must get you admitted to the hospital. Is there anything I can do? I'm at your beck and call.

And she said the other night I got sick and he rolled over and said, you have the number, the doctor call him. You know, it's amazing how that kind of settles down, shouldn't. I said, do you know what you should have done was hit him in the head with a radio, something. How insensitive a guy can be. I was just reading on the plane coming up about this woman whose

husband was missing and she became very alarmed. And she called the police and they came over and they were filling out the report.

Neighbors were there giving her comfort. He'd been missing three days. And the police said, Ma'am, could you give us a description? And she said, yes, Bill is about 6ft, five inches tall, dark complexion, dark black hair, very, very good looking, very muscular, sort of the jock type. And the neighbor said, Mary, that's not what Bill looks like. Bill is short and fat and over 40. Yeah, but she said, but who wants him back? And I mean, you stop and think about that. It's amazing how quick the romance fades.

I think you get the point. Well, let's look at the last one. I think you can see it a fruit bearing life. Do you know what Jesus made the acid test. Please turn to Matthew 7. Let me show you Matthew 7. And we alluded to this just a little the other day. Matthew 7, it's not a feeling it's not euphoria. Jesus said the proof is in the fruit. Watch this. Verse 13 or 15. Watch out for false prophets for they come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they're ferocious wolves.

By their fruit, you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit. But a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Why is it cut down and thrown into the fire? Because it's not a legitimate fruit tree? And Jesus says in the next sentence, thus by their fruit, you will recognize them.

How do you know somebody's really saved? How do you know you're really saved? Because there is some fruit in your life. Now, what kind of fruit is Jesus talking about? I believe there are two kinds of fruit in the Bible. There's character fruit. And we already referred to it in Galatians

5. Love, joy, peace, patience. But I believe Jesus here is talking about more than character fruit. He's talking about people fruit. Turn to John 15 and let me show you that. John 15 people fruit. This is going to come tough.

Some of you are going to squirm just a tad on this. Look at verse eight. Look at verse eight. This is to my Father's glory that you bear much, underscore that word, much mega, mucho, mucho, mucho fruit showing yourselves to be my disciples. A better version is proving and confirming that you're a follower of mine. What is proof and confirmation that I belong to Jesus? A baptismal certificate. Give me a break. What's confirmation that I belong to Jesus? Because I wear a dove around my neck.

And have a picture of a fish on my doorbell and a family Bible on my coffee table. Absolutely not. That I have my radio tuned to a Christian station. We rented a car in Florida one time and got on the freeway with it. And the radio came on and it was a Christian station. And then the ashtray, it was a little thing that says we left, we were the last renters of this car and we left the station fixed on a Christian station just to show that we were Christian people who were the last ones in this car.

Weird, weird. A Christian station doesn't prove that listening to Christian music doesn't prove that you're a Christian. Going to Church doesn't prove your Christian. Walking into a Church building doesn't prove your Christian any more than walking into a garage proves that I'm a car. Do you get my drift? See what I'm talking about? Jesus said the proof is in the fruit. Look at verse 16 of that same chapter. This is powerful stuff. We're talking about. Hardcore discipleship. You did not choose me, but I chose you.

I appointed you to go and bear fruit. Watch this. Fruit that will last. Folks, the only fruit that can possibly be is people fruit that last on into eternity. Now, listen, I can't prove what I'm about to say. There's no scripture reference for it except first, Bob, four, three. But I really believe that for everybody in this room under the sound of my voice, including me. Someday, God's going to say, Where's your fruit? Fruit? Yeah. Where's your fruit? Someday, when you go to heaven, God's going to say, Where's your fruit?

What fruit Lord? Your people. He's going to say to you, gals, where are your women? What women? The women you affected from me, the women with whom you shared the gospel. He'll say to you guys, where are your men? What men Lord? The men you shared Jesus with? Where are they? What are we going to say? The men your life affected for the cause of Christ, the men in whose lives you poured your life into. Where are your guys? You know what the success of a local Church is? Not how many are there on a Sunday.

We have a lot of spectators who come to our Church on Sunday just to gawk see what's going on. Because it's the biggest Church in the three state area, and everybody wants to come in, check it out you know. We even have pastors that come. Last Saturday night, we had eight pastors in our service. Three of them are getting their sermons for Sunday morning, I think. But anyway, that's okay. Hey, whatever. But, it's interesting, a lot of people are spectators, you know, they're sort of spectators.

They come and sit in the pun and just kind of drift around. Have you guys noticed? I'm sure it's true down here in Southern California. It's true. But people are just kind of drifting from one Church to the next. And we have people call up on Saturday, our switch boarders. What's going on there this weekend? Who's preaching? Who's ministering the word? What's the subject this

weekend? What's the fair? In other words, what they're saying is what's on the menu. And like a bunch of spiritual porkers.

They're going around just slurping up the slop of the gospel, wondering, boy, I wonder what's on the SMORGAS board at this Church. And they go and go like a hog at the trough, you know, slurping up the truth there. And they got big notebooks and seminars. They go into the next one and something's going on over there and they just drip their spiritual porkers that are like gypsies drifting around from place to place. They never light, they never plug in, but they're just plugged up. Do you get my drift?

You know what I'm saying? They're spiritually constipated. Let me tell you something, folks. If the intake exceeds the output, the upkeep will be the downfall. Are you with me? If we take in more than we put out spiritually, we're just going to be walking around like a bunch of spiritual porkers. And we are informationed out. We have flamed out with information. We don't need information. We need evangelization. We need those people who've been slurping up the gospel slot for all the years to get off their butt ends and get out there and share Jesus.

Can somebody say Amen? Amen. All right, well, I had to get that off my chest. I can't talk like that at home, but I'm talking like it here. No, just joking. But now we're talking about discipleship, and this is going to kind of be my last major shot at this. I'm afraid that we won't have time to do it tomorrow. What was Jesus method? There are two methods for taking this world for Jesus. One is the addition method. That's man's method. You might write man up there, but I want all of you to get this down because it's going to be very important.

Suppose you preach to 100,000 people every day, man. See, the world would call you a success. Write that down. Preach to 100,000 people a day. Now, what if you won 4%, 4,000 people accepted Christ? Well, you have a traveling ministry. I mean, you would be a howling success. Biola would give you an honorary doctorate probably. 4%, 4,000 people on Monday, 4,000 people on Tuesday. You realize it in one week that's 28,000 souls for Christ. I'd call that effective. But now wait a minute. That equals a million. 460,000 a year. Gee.

I'd call that great. That equals 23,360,016 years, man. Just call you BG. Billy Graham the second. That's incredible. But I want to tell you something. The world is not going to be saved by the addition method. All we do is preach to them, they come to Christ. We say bye bye. We're going to preach to somebody else. Bye bye somebody else. Bye bye. That's the addition method. Now get these stats down because I'm going to show you something. I want to prove something to you in just a minute.

We're going to drop the left shoe in just a minute. I believe this is not the method of Jesus. You say, well, what is? This one right here. The multiplication method. The multiplication method. Jesus didn't have an addition method. He had a multiplication method. His idea was to multiply. Numbers go up ultimately faster by multiplication than addition. How many know what 2 Timothy 2: 1-2, says Paul, said, what you have learned from me, I want you to commit to faithful men who in turn will be able to teach others also.

That is multiplication. That's pouring your lives into somebody who will pour their lives into somebody who will pour their lives into somebody. And we've got multiplication going on, not addition. Now watch this. This is how this method works. I believe we can take the world with it. Reach one person and take six months to train it. You say, what do you mean, train him to

disciple him? That that is possible for you to do to go out and win one person to Jesus Christ. Actually, you don't win them, do you?

The Holy Spirit wins him. But you're the instrument. One person to Jesus Christ this year just one this year and take six months to train. That that's in the realm of possibility. Let me see your hands. If you think it's in the realm of possibility, I think it is, too. Now, the second six months, you and her or you and him, each win one and train one. The second six months, each of you win one and train one. You say, man, this thing this puppy is a drag.

This has taken a long time. The third six months, the four. Now there are four of you. The four of you take four more. Gosh. That's incredible. But you still only have eight, don't you? And how much time has gone by? We're down into the second year. But at the end of the same 16 year period, fasten your seat belts. 4 billion people or 4 million people. No. 4 billion people would have come to know Jesus Christ and been trained. You say, how can that be?

How can that be? It's, like somebody said, would you rather have a penny a day multiplied or a \$1,000 for a month? Don't take the \$1,000. Take the penny a day multiplied because there's power in multiplication. 4 billion people. Up here you've only got 23 million people, you say, well, Gee, has that method been tried and found warning? No, it's been tried and found difficult. And so it's been abandoned. This is exactly what Jesus did. You know there's a book and I know you booked out.

You just booked out. But there's a little thin paperback book that I want to recommend. If you're serious about being at Biola and you're serious about wanting to serve the Lord, there's a little book I want you to get. Just write it down. It's called The Master Plan by Robert Coleman. It will blow your drawers off. So hold on. The Master Plan by Robert Coleman. Powerful book. You'll

never be the same again because Robert Coleman talks about the method of Jesus when he took those twelve men and poured his life into them.

Now could I just show you something? That because I'm afraid we're not going to have time for this tomorrow. Most of you have seen this. This is a little navigator tool. It's called a firm grasp of the Word. And I want to kind of close out on this because our time is up. I was going to give you the principles of a quiet time. Maybe we can do that tomorrow, but I want to just close out on this young people and kind of unbutton my shirt a little bit and get very transparent with you.

I shared with you that I was ready to crash and burn in the Ministry about 25 years ago. I was depleted. I was out of gas. I just was having, you know, when a car goes out of gas, you don't have any money to get gas. You get behind it and push it and it's very exhausting. You push it to this shopping center and then you push it over here to the cleaners. And it's very tiring to push your car around. And I was kind of pushing my own life around.

And the navigator asked me, how much time are you spending in God's Word daily and I was so embarrassed. I was a pastor of a Church. And I said, Well, you know, just to be honest with you, apart from sermon preparation time, I'm not spending any time at all in the Word most days. And this guy, I don't know how he did it. He sort of shamed me into it. And I began actually, it's been about 27 years ago. I began getting into God's Word on a daily basis, and he shared this little principle with me.

It starts with a little finger. We hear the Word. Faith comes by hearing Romans 10:17 in case you can't read that. We read the Word and that's Revelation 1:3. John said, I did pick up the word and read it. We study the word. That means that we just won't do more than casual go through. And

then we memorize the word. I'm working on Psalm 96 right now. I just worked on it this morning in my quiet time, sing to the Lord, a new song. Sing to the Lord and bless His name.

It's wonderful. And then. But the most important tool of all is to meditate upon the Word. Now, if I were to take this Bible in my hand like this, see these fingers right here and hold the Word and ask Chris here to pull this out of my hand. I mean, a wimp could pull this out of my hand. Not that he's a wimp, but anybody could pull this out of my hand. But if I put these fingers on the top and the thumb of meditation on the Word, I've got a firm grasp of God's Word.

What is meditation? The Psalmist said on your law meditate day and night. The Hebrew word for meditation. And we'll kind of close out with this. The Hebrew word for meditation is this. It's the picture of a cow chewing her cud, swallowing it. I don't know how many of you knew. A cow swallows her cuds somewhere between six and seven times, vomits it back up again, chews it again and swallows again. This is called a process of pulling every nutrient out of that grass that's there. That's the word that's used in Hebrew for meditation.

To take the Scripture and chew upon it. Burp it back up and chew upon it again, burp it back up and chew upon it again. This is why young people listen to me. If you slip in your quiet time. You say you're getting legalistic honors now. No, no, no. If you slip in your quiet time, if you miss your quiet time, if you miss your time in the word and in prayer, could I tell you this? You're going to become a spiritual throw away and God will not be able to use your life.

Our time is up. And I appreciate this. I'd like to just take a minute and pray for all of you and let's stand up as we do that. Father, these have been great remainders. Today we feel so honored and privileged to be called disciples. But Lord, with with the discipleship to which you've called us. It's a stern way, Lord. And so today we confess again that we believe Jesus, that you are the

Messiah, that you are the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. And we have sold out completely to you. And we pray that you use us as you will in Jesus name. Amen. Thank you very much.