



FOLLOWING JESUS

Week 1: Narrative & Discipleship
 Week 2: An Iceberg & Spiritual Formation
 Week 3: Abiding & the Role of the Spirit
 Week 4: It's a Journey
 Week 5: Walking in "The Way" & Spiritual Disciplines
 Week 6: Developing a Rule of Life

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP IS NOT . . .

1. Simply the transfer of knowledge.
2. Only for the "really committed."
3. A specific program or method.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP IS . . .

1. Fundamentally relational (Jn 17:3).
2. A call to follow Jesus in the kingdom life and journey with him.
 - Live under the King's rule (Matt 16:24-26).
 - Participate in the King's mission (Matt 28:19).
 - Transformation is normative (2 Cor 3:18).


DEFINITION

Discipleship is living in union with Christ and growing in conformity to his image as the Spirit transforms the disciple from the inside out. It is the Spirit driven process of growth from spiritual birth to maturity that ends in the glorification of the one God has purposed to save.

SIMPLE DEFINITION

Discipleship is the Christian life.

RESOURCES



<http://watermark.org/dallas/equipping-webinar>

"What Is Discipleship & Who Is a Disciple?"
Dr. Steve Porter, Dr. Scott Burns, Nathan Wagnon, Nika Spaulding

"Accidental Pharisees"
Nathan Wagnon, Nika Spaulding

TABLE DISCUSSION



How does this challenge or reinforce your view of discipleship?

The Sanctification Gap

What is the Sanctification Gap?

The sanctification gap is the gap between our creedal theology and our functional theology.

In simple terms it is the areas of our life where we do not live what we believe.

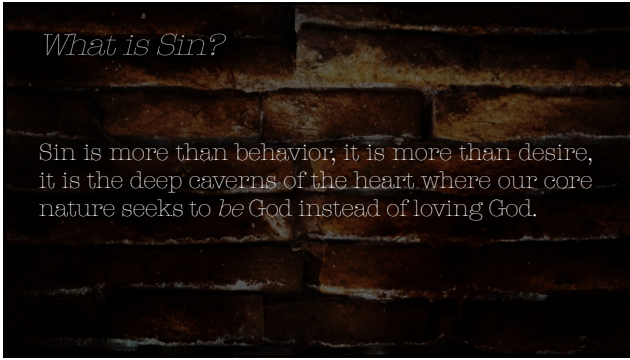
Response Tendencies

- 1. Pretense
- 2. Programmatic and Personal Solutions
- 3. Moral Formation
- 4. Ministry Activism
- 5. Brokenness Compounded
- 6. Despair

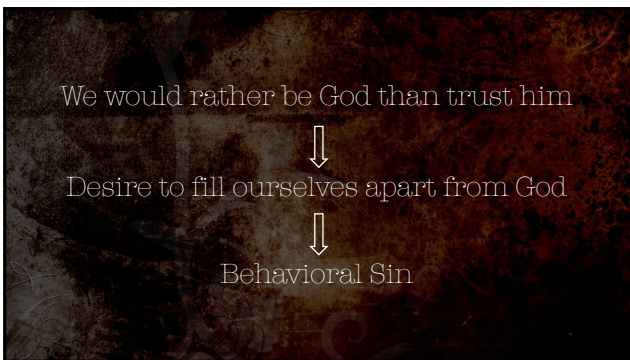
What is Sin?

"Sin is not merely (or even primarily) a behavioral problem. It is fundamentally a *relational rebellion* and consequently an internal disordering and subsequently a behavioral outworking that further disrupts the human personality and deeply habituates the entire process."

Steve Porter







Two Fundamental Truths

1. You cannot keep the law of God.
Gal 3:10
2. You don't even want to.
Ps 14:2-3; Rom 3:10-18



Behavior is about our response to all of our brokenness and wounding. Changing or managing behavior does nothing. Healing woundedness transforms behavior. Only the gospel heals our woundedness.

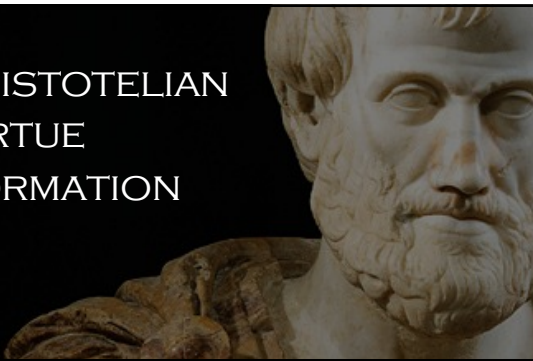
From "Discipleship Below the Yellow Line" Lecture
Dr. Judy GenzRobert June 12, 2014

Practical Exercise

Ask the LORD the simple question:
"Why do I sin?"

* Allow the Spirit to probe deeply, beyond behaviors to core issues that keep you from him.

ARISTOTELIAN
VIRTUE
FORMATION



Aristotelian Virtue Formation

1. Goal is human flourishing.
2. Cardinal virtues are: courage, justice, prudence and temperance.
3. Process includes:
 - Aim at the right goal
 - Determine the steps needed to achieve the goal.
 - Habitually practice the steps.
4. Change comes through discipline.
5. Formation occurs externally.

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The "Christian Moralism" Cycle (Gal 3:3)

1. Failure
2. Guilt and shame
3. Neurotic self-talk
 - "I should have kept the law of God."
 - "I can keep the law of God."
 - "I will try harder and do better next time."
4. Plan to improve moral behavior
5. Act, then fail to act (start back at #1)

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Christian Spiritual Formation

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2. Virtues are the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23).
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 - Focus on intimacy with God (goal).
 - Through the Spirit in conjunction with Scripture, determine the steps needed to cultivate intimacy with God (spiritual disciplines).
 - Habitually practice the steps in the power of the Spirit.

Christ-Centered Cycle

1. Disobedience
2. Conviction
3. Christ-centered talk
 - "I cannot deal with guilt and shame."
 - "I do not want to deal with guilt, shame, and failure."
 - "Only Christ can deal with this."
4. Confession
5. Repentance and obedience in the power of the Spirit.

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4. Change comes as we habitually agree with the Spirit's work in our lives (Eph 4:30; 1 Thess 5:19).
5. Formation occurs in the heart.

