



“The Current Context of Discipleship”

You can call me _____

Misunderstanding the nature of the _____

Misunderstanding the goal of our _____

Final _____

We learn about discipleship from _____

Discipleship is primarily an _____ task
(Matthew 28:18; Mark 16:15)

Discipleship is _____, but it will _____ us
everything.

Thought not complex, discipleship is _____ . (1 Thessalonians 5:14)

Discipleship is about _____ and not about _____ .

Focus on the _____ to reach the _____ .

Seek to help disciples become _____ dependent on Christ.

You won't obey the _____ if you aren't obeying the _____ .



**THE
CURRENT
CONTEXT
OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Session Nine

Session Seven **Objectives**

- To distinguish between personal discipleship and man-centered discipleship
- To share some discipleship “tips”

YOU CAN CALL ME -AL

Or, Contextualization and Mission-al Living

RANTS

Or, Things I'm Not Tired of Talking About Yet

Or, "**Tips**"

**We learn about discipleship
from Jesus.**

**Discipleship is primarily an
“as we’re going” task.**

while going

Matthew 28:19-20

MAKE DISCIPLES of all nations

baptizing them

teaching them

**Discipleship is free,
but it will cost us everything.**

**Though not complex,
discipleship is messy.**

Living among fellow sinners, learning how to deal with it properly, is the principle form of industrial grade sandpaper that the Holy Spirit uses on us. But many pietists, ... withdraw from that treatment, shrinking from it, and all in the name of maintaining their smooth surfaces. But hiding the rough cut lumber in an unlit shed is not the same thing as sanding.

Doug Wilson, "Holy Ghost Industrial Sandpaper"

Though not complex, discipleship is **messy**.

The mess might hurt.

The mess will test your patience.

The Trinity is not freaking out over sinners or immature believers.

We cannot out-mess the gospel.

**Discipleship is about persons
not about programs.**

***Structures don't grow
ministry any more than
trellises grow vines.***

Marshall and Payne, *The Trellis and the Vine*, 17

**Focus on the few
to reach the many.**

**Seek to help disciples become
independently dependent
on Christ.**

**You won't obey the
Great Commission
if you aren't obeying the
Great Commandment.**

think 1 Timothy 4:15-16