





- > HEARING
- > OBEYING
- > SHARING

KEY ELEMENTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

- Discovery Based: "All be taught by God himself."
- Relationship Based: Jesus and the Twelve.
- Coaching Based: Jesus did on-the-job field training.
- Group Based: The "power" of accountability.
 (Learn, remember, replicate and self-correct, ...)
- Obedience Based: "What must I do to obey ...?"

"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper (Advocate), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He (Holy Spirit) will teach you all things, and bring (inspire) to your remembrance all things that I have said to you."

John 14:25-26 NKJV

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY (DBS)

All Scripture is inspired by God (God-breathed) and is useful (profitable) to teach us what is true and to make us realize (discover) what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us (restores us) when we are wrong and teaches us to do (obey) what is right.

God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work (assignment).

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT

When working with lost people,
we have to avoid falling into the role of explaining Scripture.

If we do, we become the authority
rather than allowing Scripture to be the authority.

If we are the authority,
replication is limited by our leadership capacity
and the time we have to teach every group.

Consequently, shifting from Scripture being the authority
to the teacher being the authority
will keep groups from replicating as they should.

Jerry Trousdale

Miraculous Movements

OBEDIENCE-BASED DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus asked his followers

to teach people to obey all His commands.

What have we done in response?

We've taught people all of Jesus' commands

and assumed that knowing them

means they will obey them.

Many people – believers and nonbelievers
would give today's church a very low grade

when it comes to obedience to Jesus' commands.

Roy Moran Spent Matches (2015)

Hear (Listen), O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul (mind) and with all your might (strength). And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand (forearm), and they shall be as frontlets (forehead) between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your (city) gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV

"SHEMA": HEAR & OBEY

In Deuteronomy 6:4, the word "hear" is "shema" in the original Hebrew. The full meaning of shema is actually "hear and obey," This passage teaches that we should authenticate our love for God through our words and deeds. In "shema living" we take every opportunity to demonstrate God's love and declare God's goodness through the many ways He works in our lives. We intentionally and naturally drop spiritual comments into our conversation. It's like Paul wrote: "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity."

> James Nyman; Yusof (Taxi Driver) Stubborn Perseverance (2017)

LOVE FOR GOD AUTHENTICATED & DEMONSTRATED BY LOVE FOR "OTHERS"

"Loving me empowers you to obey my commands." ...

"Those who truly love me are those who obey my commands." ...

"Loving me empowers you to obey my word." ...

"But those who don't love me will not obey my words." ...

John 14:15, 21, 23 & 24 TPT

"But if you live your life-union with me and if my words live powerfully within you – then you can ask whatever you desire, and it will be done."

"I love each of you with the love that the Father loves me. You must continually let my love nourish your hearts."

John 15:7 & 9 TPT

"If you keep (obey) my commands, you will live in my love,"

just as I have kept my Father's commands,
for I continually live nourished and empowered by his love. "...

"So, this is my command: Love each other deeply,
as I have loved you. For the greatest love of all is a love
that sacrifices all. And this great love is demonstrated when
a person sacrifices (lays down) his life for his friends."

John 15:10 & 12 TPT

"True love for God means obeying his commands, and his commands don't weigh us down as heavy burdens.

1 John 5:3, TPT

Our actions define our love not our words.

3 QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. How would you define the difference between knowledgebased discipleship and obedience-based discipleship? Which version have you experienced in your faith journey thus far?
- 2. Give an example of an "I will" statement regarding a truth that you have discovered recently in God's Word? Have you made yourself accountable to anyone to obey your "I will"?
- 3. Is there any reason that is holding you back from a lifestyle of focusing on God's Word, hearing, obeying and then sharing in the same way Jesus sent his early followers to "as you go" make disciples.