



DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

SPEND TIME WITH THE MASTER

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I. SIX SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES





1. Spend time with the Master

- The first priority: Christ.
- Under Christ's control: He is my Lord.
- Connected to the Vine: daily quiet time.
- Learning obedience: do what He says.
- Challenges to obedience

2. Live in the Word

3. Pray in faith



4. Fellowship with believers

5. Witness to the world

6. Minister to others



II. SPEND TIME WITH THE MASTER



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- Have you completed all the assignments?
 - 1. Who is a disciple?
 - 2. What are the two reasons Jesus chose the disciples?
 - 3. What did Jesus do when people began following him?
 - 4. List the 3 characteristics Jesus says should be in a disciple's life.
 - 5. Name two things that are required to obey Christ's commands.



III. THE DISCIPLESHIP COVENANT

Discipleship Covenant 門徒信約

- As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I commit myself to-
 - ▣ Acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord of my life each day;
 - ▣ Attend all weekly sessions unless providentially hindered;
 - ▣ Spend time each day as needed to complete all assignments;
 - ▣ Have a daily quiet time;
 - ▣ Keep a Daily Master Communication Guide about the way God speaks to me and I speak to Him;

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- Be faithful to my church in attendance and stewardship;
 - Love and encourage each group member;
 - Share my faith with others;
 - Keep in confidence anything that others share in the group sessions;
 - Submit myself to others willingly in accountability;
 - Become a discipler of others as God gives opportunities;
 - Support my church financially by practicing biblical giving;
 - Pray daily for group members.

Accountability Small Group 督責小組

- 5-6 people a group
- Share with each other
- Sign each other's discipleship covenant
- Check each other's weekly assignment
- Pray for each member of your group



III. MEMORY VERSES




Masterlife Theme Verse

- Luke 9:23
 - If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.
 - 若有人要跟從我，就當捨己，天天背起他的十字架，來跟從我。






■ John 15:5

- ▣ I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (NIV)
- ▣ 我是葡萄樹，你們是枝子。常在我裏面的，我也常在他裏面，這人就多結果子；因為離了我，你們就不能做甚麼。



IV. DAILY QUIET TIME



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- Read your Bible. 1-2 chapters a day. Five days a week.
 - Pray.
 - Sing a hymn (optional).
 - Make it simple.
 - 15-30 minutes a day is enough.
 - Don't get up at 4 AM. Go back to sleep.
 - Take advantage of the accountability group.
 - Build up this habit in six months.
 - Make it last.





V. PRAYER-COVENANT LIST



Prayer-covenant List

Request	Date	Bible promise	Answer	Date
God, please let me Have all the books Before MasterLife begins.	4/?/11		I-Shen found the Right website. We Got all the books with cheaper price.	4/15/11
God, don't let the Scheduled baptism be Interrupted (which never did in ten years) after we moved to COP.	3,4/11		Rena called the day Before baptism that Lucy's mom has decided to be baptized.	4/30/11

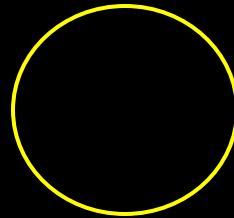
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- Write down your request. Make it specific. Write down the date.
 - Write down the Bible promise to your request if there is one.
 - Pray with expectation that God will answer your request.
 - Write down how and when God answers your prayer.
 - Remember to thank God when he answers your request. Share it with other people.
 - Prepare to add 5 lost persons to your list.



VI. THE DISCIPLE'S CROSS



The Disciple's Cross



- The empty circle represents your life. It pictures denying all of self for Christ. You cannot be a disciple of Christ if you are not willing to deny self. If this circle represents your life, Christ should fill the entire circle as you focus on Him.



Luke 9:23

Deny

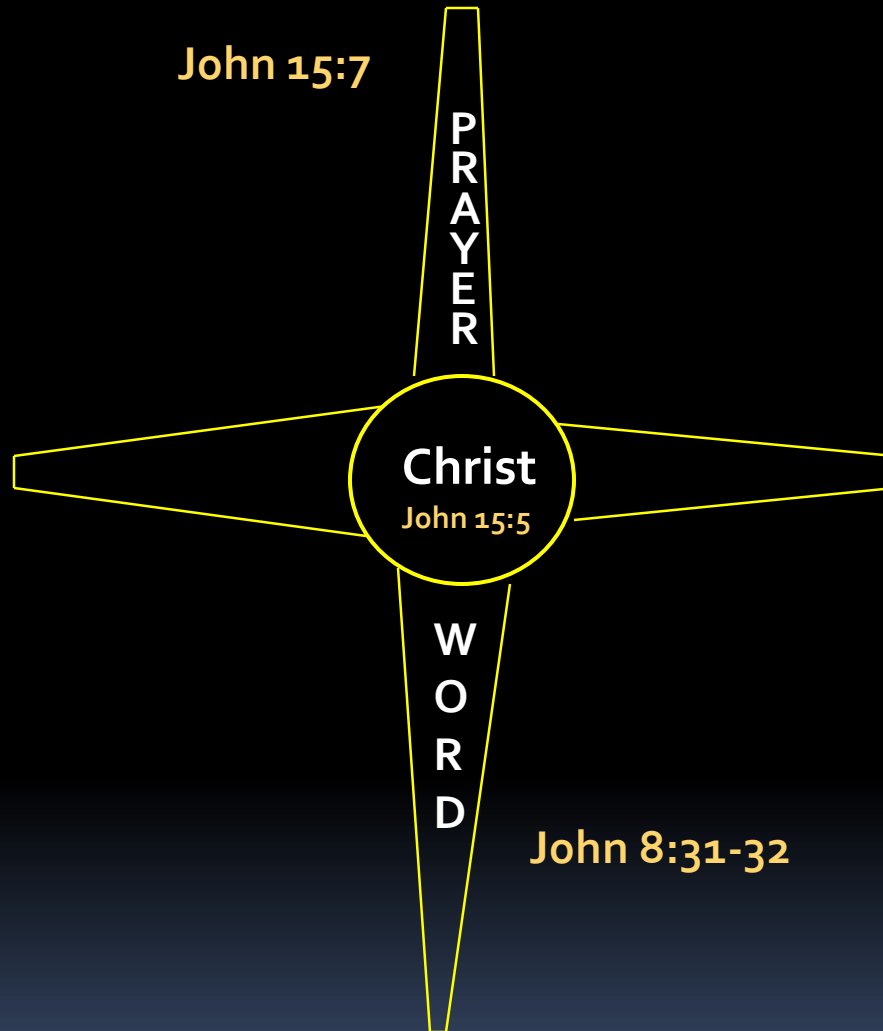
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Follow

- John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Spend time with the Master

- What can we do without remaining in Christ? Nothing! Christ said he is the vine and we are the branches. The branches are part of the vine. You are part of Christ.
- He wants to live his life through you. Is this the kind of life you would like to have?
- In addition to denying yourself, you need to take up your cross. The disciple's cross pictures the resources Christ gives us to help us live in him.



Luke 9:23

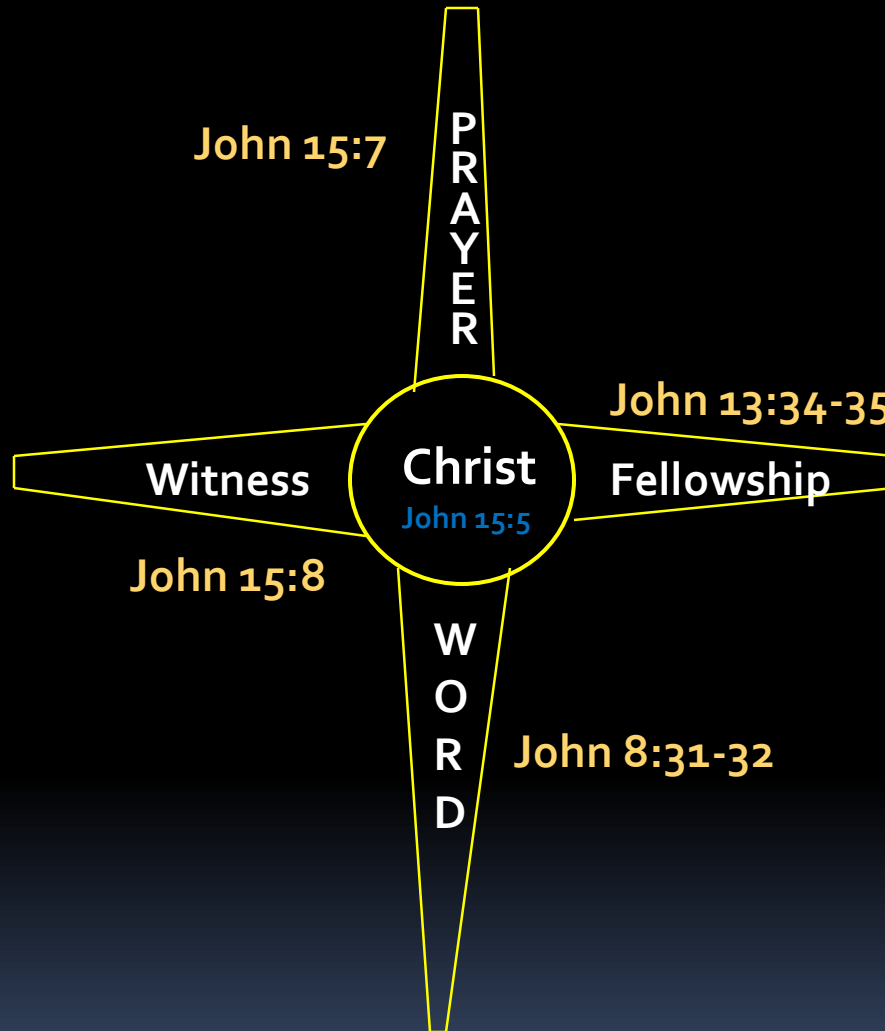
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Live in the Word

- John 8:31-32
 - Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- The way to have life in Christ is to have his Word in you.
- You receive the Word in many ways: by listening to someone preach it, by reading it, by studying it, by memorizing it, by applying it.
- Making Christ Lord means that you want to read, study, and apply the Word regularly.

Pray in faith

- John 15:7
 - If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- Praying in faith is an important part of life in Christ.
- If you abide in Christ and his Word abides in you, you can ask what you want, and God will do it.
- The vertical bar of the cross, representing the Word and prayer, highlights your relationship with God, the basic ways you communicate with God, and the basic ways he communicates with you.



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Fellowship with the believers

- John 13:34-35
 - A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.
- Jesus said the way to show that you are his disciple is to love one another.
- God has provided the ideal place for you to grow—his church.
- A committed Christian stays in fellowship with a local body of believers in order to grow in Christ.

Witness to the world

- John 15:8
 - This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.
- Jesus said the way to show that you are his disciple is to bear much fruit. This includes witnessing.
- Witnessing is the natural outgrowth of living in Christ.
- If you are spending time with the Master, living daily in the Word, praying in faith, and fellowshiping with God's people, you naturally share with other the Christ who lives in your heart.

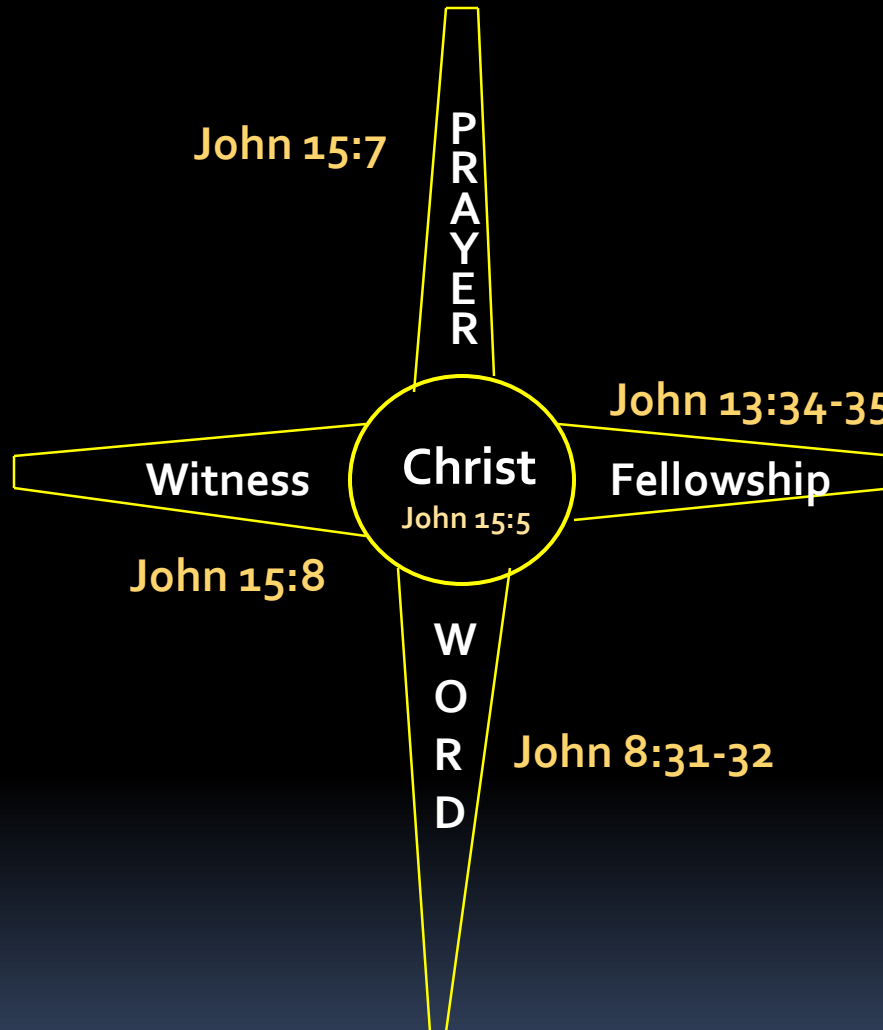
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Luke 9:23

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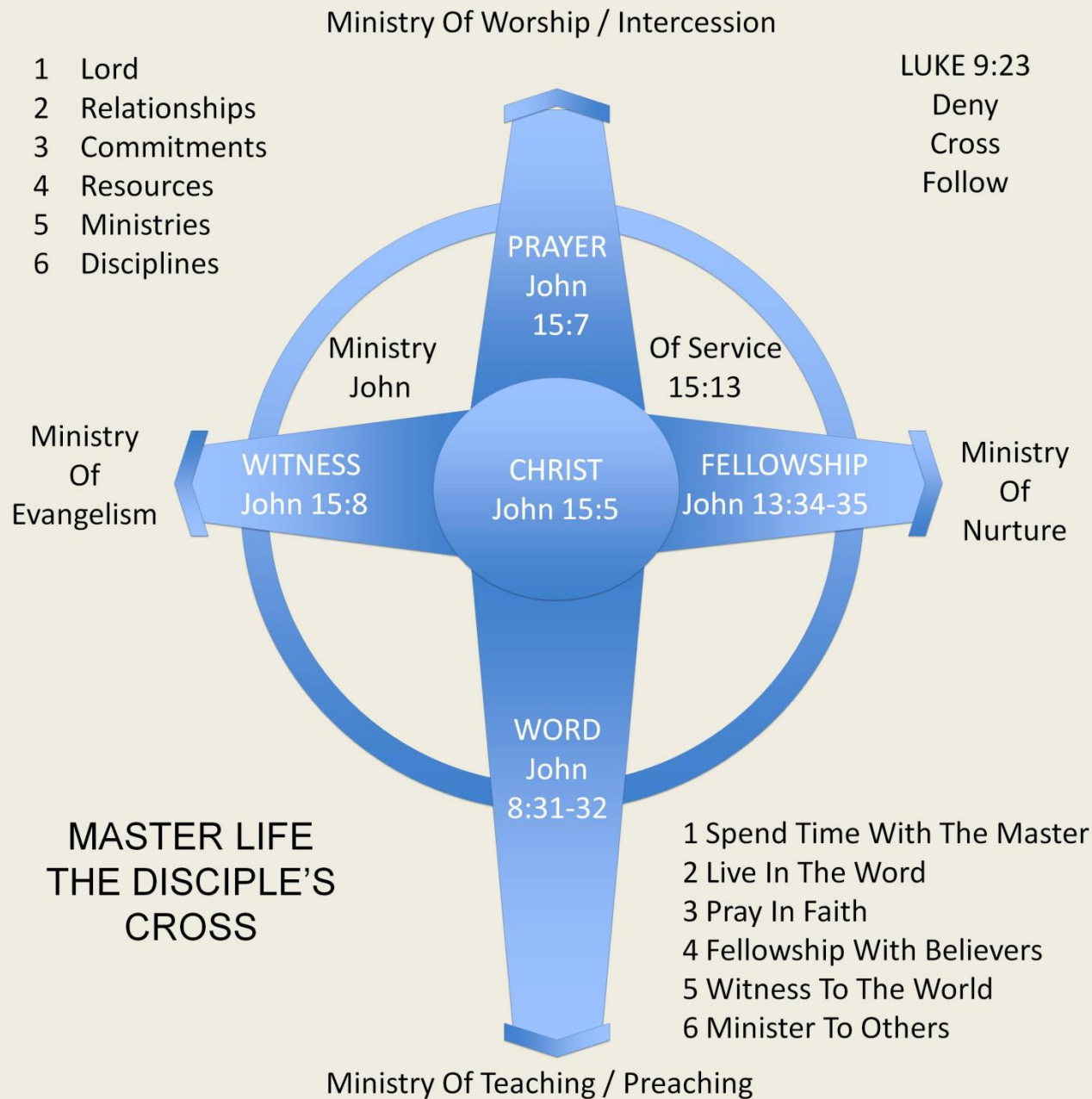
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- 2 relationships
- 3 commitments
- 4 resources
- 5 ministries
- 6 disciplines

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Evangelism



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Nurture

Ministry of Teaching/Preaching





VII. NEXT WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS



Week 2 Assignments

- My walk with the Master this week
 - Complete daily activities and weekly assignments
 - Memorize John 8:31-32. Review Luke 9:23 and John 15:5.
 - Pray for each member of your group by name.
 - Get better acquainted with a member of your group. Visit or call that person.
 - List the names of 5 lost persons on your prayer-covenant list.



VIII. SMALL GROUP TIME



Small Group Time

1. Pair with someone other than your spouse to check each other's "my walk with the Master this week." Mark the diamond boxes accordingly.
2. Quote memory verses Luke 9:23 and John 15:5 to each other.
3. Practice explaining the center of the Disciple's Cross to each other.
4. Read Luke 14:26-33. What are the things over which Jesus said he must have priority?
5. Ask volunteers to share how they felt when they completed the inventory (pp.29-30).
6. Pray for each other.