

### MINISTER TO OTHERS

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## Take up your cross

- If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. Luke 9:23
- 3 basic commitments of a disciple:
  - Deny self
  - 2. Take up his/her cross daily
  - 3. Follow Christ

#### 1. Deny self

- Say no to your old way of life.
- Turning from commitment to self to commitment to Christ.

#### 2. Take up your cross

- To be spiritually disciplined.
- Willing to make sacrifice.

#### 3. Follow Christ

- To be obedient to Christ.
- To be like Christ

# 5 CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

### 1. Ministry of teaching/preaching

- Requirement: a good understanding of the Word of God.
- Opportunities:
  - Personal counseling
  - Small group meetings
  - Bible study
  - Sunday school
  - Fellowship meetings
  - Preaching ...

### 2. Ministry of worship/intercession

 Requirement: an active prayer life and a good understanding of the Bible.

#### Opportunities:

- Prayer partner
- Interceding for others
- Leading small group prayer
- Prayer meeting participant, leader
- Worship leader...

### 3. Ministry of nurture

- Requirement: actively following Christ.
- Opportunities:
  - Counseling new Christians at a time of decision;
  - Helping spiritual infants to grow;
  - Teaching other Christians how to follow Christ;
  - Training leaders;
  - Teaching people how to witness;
  - Counseling people about their interpersonal needs;
  - Serving as a council member or group leader...

### 4. Ministry of Evangelism

- Requirement: any born-again Christian.
- Opportunities:
  - Living a life that attracts lost person's attention
  - Personal evangelism
  - Small group evangelism: share the gospel to lost persons through small group activities.
  - Church evangelism: community outreach, VBS, evangelistic meetings, new student service...
  - Missions ministry: short-term missionary, career missionary, mission-giving and prayer support...

### 5. Ministry of service

- Requirement: any born-again Christian
- Opportunity:
  - Any opportunity you can help people in the name of Christ.
  - Evangelism-related service.
  - Church-related service.

# SHARING AND DISCUSSION

## Sharing and Discussion

- Describe a situation in which you had the opportunity to serve someone sacrificially.
- Describe what cross bearing means to you.
- How do you feel when you realized Christ has said you will experience rejection when you witness in his name?
- Share about a time when the Holy Spirit made you bold and gave you strength to mister/witness to others.

## SIX SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

- 1. Spend time with the Master
- 2. Live in the Word
- 3. Pray in faith
- 4. Fellowship with believers
- 5. Witness to the world
- 6. Minister to others
  - 1. Take up your cross
  - Minister in Christ's name
  - 3. More ways to minister
  - 4. The demands of Christ
  - 5. A disciple indeed

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

PRAYER John

15:7

Luke 9:23

Deny

Cross

Follow

WITNESS John 15:8 CHRIST

John 15:5

FELLOWSHIP John 13:34-35

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

"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.

MASTERLIFE THE DISCIPLE'S CROSS WORD John

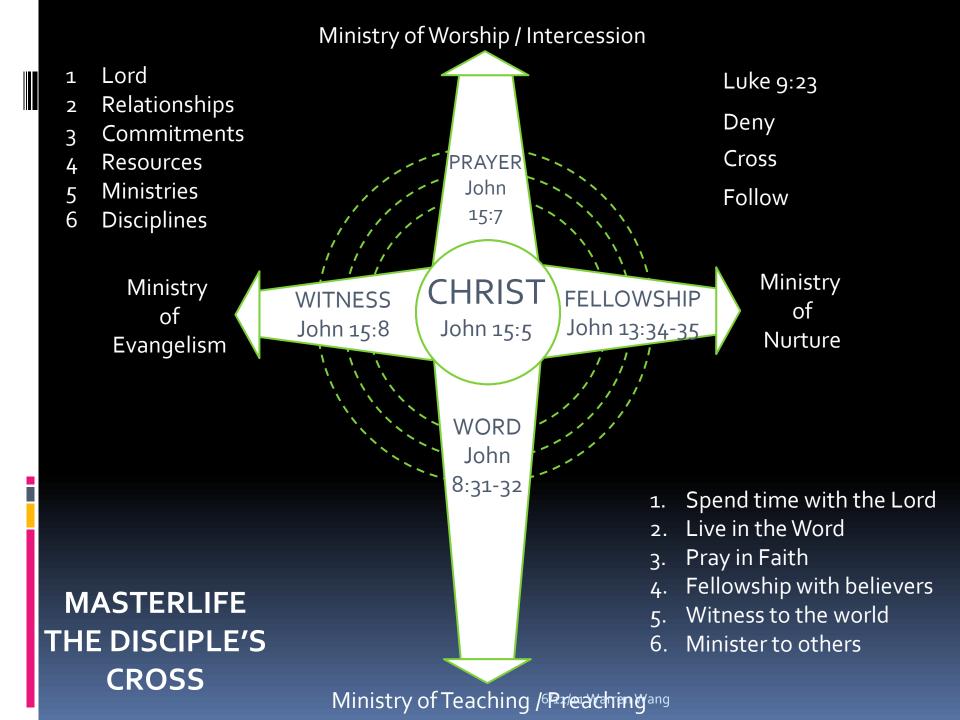
8:31-32

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

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# MEMORY VERSES

### Memory Verses

- John 15:13
- Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
- 人為朋友捨命,人的愛沒有比這個大的。

- John 15:8
- This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.
- 你們多結果子,我父就因此得榮耀,你們也就是我的門徒了。

- 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.
- 我賜給你們一條新命令,乃是叫你們彼此相愛;我怎樣愛你們,你們也要怎樣相愛。你們若有彼此相愛的心,眾人因此就認出你們是我的門徒了。

- 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.
- 你們若常在我裏面,我的話也常在你們裏面,凡你們所願意的,祈求,就給你們成就。

- John 8:31-32 (NIV)
- If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.
- 你們若常常遵守我的道,就真是我的門徒。 你們必曉得真理,真理必叫你們得以自由。

- 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.
- 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。

- Luke 9:23
- Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their 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。

## Assignments

- Complete "discipleship inventory" on pp. 139-143 before the Growing Disciple Workshop. Be honest.
- Practice explaining "disciple's cross." Review all the memory verses.
- No class on June 19. Have a great retreat.
- Attend "Growing Disciple Workshop" on June
  26. Same time. Same place.

# SMALL GROUP TIME

### Small Group Time

- 1. Check each other's "my walk with the Master this week."
- 2. Quote memory verses John 15:8, 13:34-35, John 15:7, John 8:31-32, John 15:5 and Luke 9:23 to each other.
- 3. Practice explaining the Disciple's Cross to each other according to what you've learned so far.
- 4. Sharing: Share your experience in doing a kind act to your non-Christian friend.
- 5. Practicing: Practice Roman Road with each other.
- 6. Pray for each other.