

# GO

God's purpose is that I will train and be trained as a follower of Jesus, for this is discipleship. Jesus has called me to be a disciple and to go make disciples. Having committed all my life to Him, He has entrusted me to carry out His mission on earth. Becoming a child of God cost me nothing; it cost Jesus everything on the cross. However being a disciple may cost me a great deal. In His words, I am to *"turn from (my) selfish ways, take up (my) cross daily, and follow Him."*

To take up my cross is to live beyond merely enjoying the benefits and blessings of following Jesus; it means I make His priorities my own. It means His agenda for each day becomes my agenda. It means His purpose and mission become my purpose and mission.

In truth, this is how I will grow. Training others in what I learned through discipleship brings the greatest return for me. As a teacher and leader of others, I must and will continue to grow in my relationship with God the Father through Jesus and in my understanding of His ways. In living my life totally for Him, I will experience the greatest exhilaration; confusion will disappear as I join with Jesus in His eternal mission. Giving of my life in this manner is the path to saving it. I choose to do this in obedience to Jesus rather than clinging to my life and losing it. For life is not found in the things of this world, instead it is found in Christ alone.

God's purpose is that I will train and be trained as a follower of Jesus, for this is discipleship. In doing so I align my purpose with God's. In doing so I am fulfilled. In doing so I will live the rich and satisfying life Jesus came to give me. This requires complete surrender to His plan for my life. His plan for me, as His disciple, is I will in turn make disciples. Even though I can live my life with the assurance of heaven as my eternal destiny, unless I choose to make disciples, I will miss out on the process of full maturity as a Jesus follower.

Being a disciple and making disciples is to live an extraordinary life; this is truly the great adventure with God, my loving Heavenly Father. I will begin today. I will sacrifice for the sake of others to become devoted followers of Jesus. I will find others who are one step ahead of me to train me and I will train others one step behind me. God's purpose is that I will train and be trained as a follower of Jesus, for this is discipleship.

## Study: Go

**Day 1:** Give up My Life - *Luke 9:23-27* (Page 790). As you pray, ask God to direct you to one or two people you can take through this discipleship process.

**Day 2:** All Nations - *Matthew 28:18-20* (Page 760); *Genesis 12:1-3* (Page 10). Continue to pray for those God would have you disciple. As you hold their names in your heart and mind, pray for God to prepare their hearts.

**Day 3:** All are Invited - *Luke 14:15-24* (Page 797). Share the names of those you feel led to disciple with the person discipling you and ask him or her to join you in praying for them.

**Day 4:** Count the Cost - *Luke 14:25-35* (Page 797). As you pray for those you are to disciple, ask God to give you opportunity to invite them into the process.

**Day 5:** Every Person Matters - *Luke 15* (Page 797). Prayerfully ask God to give you the courage and tenacity that He speaks of in that chapter for those He is leading you to disciple.

**Day 6:** Faith and Going - *Mark 16:15-20* (Page 778). Prayerfully consider what action you can take inviting those He has given you into the discipleship process with you.

**Day 7:** Fish for People - *Matthew 4:18-22* (Page 735). It's time to invite. Be prepared to share the story to those you are inviting into the discipleship process. Read the *Daily Reading* once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

**Memory Verse:** Luke 9:23 *"Then he said to the crowd, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me.'"* Luke 9:23

### Life Transformation Questions:

1. As you read the *Daily Reading*, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?