

# LEVEL 1: SIX ESSENTIAL HABITS OF A DISCIPLE

October 2	HABIT 1:	Living for the Glory of God	1 Corinthians 10:31
October 9	HABIT 2:	Having Daily Quiet Times	Matthew 4:4
<b>October 16</b>	<b>HABIT 3:</b>	<b>Maintaining an Evangelistic Lifestyle</b>	<b>Matthew 28:18-20</b>
October 23	HABIT 4:	Embracing Discipling Relationships	John 13:34-35
October 30	HABIT 5:	Preparing to Meet Together	Acts 2:38
November 6	HABIT 6:	Developing a Disciplined Life	Take Home Test

## Review: Habit 1: Living for the Glory of God

**1 Corinthians 10:31** *So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*

## Review: Habit 2: Having Daily Quiet Time

**Matthew 4:4** *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

## Habit #3: Maintaining an Evangelistic Lifestyle!

**Matthew 28:18-20** *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

### **OUR MOTIVATION: LOVE... for God and People**

- **Christ's Love Compels Us** (2 Corinthians 5:14-20) & calls us to be ministers ambassadors, messengers
- **Love for God** leads us to obey Jesus (John 14:15); we obey even when we don't feel like it.
- **Following Jesus**, we take on his heart and compassion for people (Matthew 9:35-38)

### **OUR EXAMPLE: Jesus' evangelistic lifestyle**

- Jesus actions demonstrated an amazing heart for the lost
- Wherever he went he shared: [Survey of Mark]
  - By the Sea of Galilee (1:14ff); In the synagogue (1:21ff); In people's homes (1:29ff,32ff)
  - Around town (2:1ff); By the Lake (2:13ff); In a foreigner land (5:1ff); In his hometown (6:1ff)
  - On the way to Jerusalem (10:32ff); As they entered (11:1ff); In the temple (11:12ff)
  - (14-15) In the garden; before authorities; while being mistreated; at the cross; after resurrection!

### Practical Encouragements!

1. **You have something to share!** Share how God has had mercy on you! (Mark 5:19-20)
2. **The "gospel" means "good news"!** Experience it and share it! (Mark 1:17-18)
3. **Sharing our faith glorifies God!** Does my lifestyle make God known? (1 Corinthians 10:31)
4. **Share "as you go"!** Make the most of every opportunity! (Jesus with the woman at the well in John 4)
5. **It will be on our lips when it is on our heart** (Matthew 12:34 *from the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.*)
6. **It takes words...**we must open our mouth! (John 1 – Jesus is the Word of God; He spoke!)

### Making Disciples: The Process (Luke 10:1-24)

1. **PRAY: "Ask the Lord of the harvest"**
  - Everything starts with your relationship with God. Make a DECISION before God.

2. WORK: *“to send out workers”*
  - Jesus needs workers. We are called to follow Jesus as “hard-working” servants (2 Timothy 2:6)
3. SOW SEED: *“Into his harvest field” [See the parable of the sower, Luke 8]*
  - The seed is the Word of God; As we go, we scatter seeds – what would that be? God’s Word.
  - Invitations are not “seed” but can lead people to the seed through friendship, Bible study, church
4. FIND A WORTHY PERSON [Matthew 10:11ff] *“someone who promotes peace”* [Luke 10:5]
  - A “worthy” person: Someone who knows what you are all about, wants a relationship with you, and wants to learn from you. This person is willing to put forth **effort** and **time**.
  - Not just people who are open to a relationship with us...many want a friend...
  - Everyone only has time in their lives to reach out to a few people at a time.
  - Be willing to move on. Jesus said, *“take your peace back”* – keep looking for the “worthy.”
5. GROW IN EFFECTIVENESS [Hebrews 5:11-Hebrews 6:3]
  - A mature Christian becomes an effective teacher of the elementary truths of God’s Word
  - Practice studying the Bible with people – the more we ‘practice’ the better we get!
    - hear lessons on fishing but don’t go out and fish...not a fisherman
    - hear lessons on driving but don’t go out and drive...not a driver
    - hear lessons on evangelizing but don’t go out and evangelize... not an evangelizer...not a disciple...not like Jesus!
  - As we grow, we reach different levels of competency
    - **Concerned but Unmoved:** Knows what is right and desires what is right
      - Doesn’t get to doing what is right (fear, too busy, unbelief, etc.)
    - **Consistent Evangelizer:** Come and See! Jesus has changed my life!
    - **Confident Studier:** Builds a friendship; Can go through the basic studies (Word of God, Discipleship, Sin, Repentance, Baptism; Church, Cross) with confidence
      - Transfer knowledge; Not afraid to confront people’s lives with scripture
    - **Converter:** Moves the heart with scriptures and persuasive talks; Figures out a person’s main life issues and calls for deep repentance; Inspires and conveys urgency; Calls for a decision  
What CATEGORY OF COMPETENCY are you right now? How can you grow?
6. WORK TOGETHER: *“He sent them out two by two”*
  - Be Teammates: Work together to meet each other’s friends, evangelize
  - Be Purposeful: Prioritize Evangelism in your life! Ask people to study the Bible; Study in groups
7. EXPECT FRUIT *“Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name”*
  - Be Faithful, Patient, Consistent: Know that fruit will be produced!
  - Fruit comes by doing the right things consistently!
  - Jesus warned them, *“do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven”* – true joy doesn’t come from results but from relationship
  - Disciples bear fruit... as Jesus commanded us to *“go and bear fruit”* (John 15:8, 16)
  - We remain on this earth to bear fruit (Philippians 1:21-22,25)

## CONCLUSION

- Jesus changed the world by sharing the good news in a way that inspired people to follow him.
- As disciples we have committed our lives saying “Jesus is Lord.”
- We have the opportunity and responsibility to participate in the ministry of Jesus.
- Jesus set the example: an evangelistic lifestyle, finding “worthy” people, calling people to decision.
- Imagine how God will use you to help others become disciples. Expect others to become disciples!