

# Practicing Disciples Into the Game

## I. A Fresh Perspective

Isaiah 35:9-10 (NIV)

. . . only the redeemed will walk there, <sup>10</sup> and the ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

## II. Practicing Disciples

### A. Selected

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> His divine **power has given us everything we need for life and godliness** through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because **from the beginning God chose you to be saved** through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

SELECTED IS NOT ENOUGH  
OUR RESPONSE IS VERY IMPORTANT

### B. Study/learn

Romans 1:16-21 (NASB)

<sup>16</sup> **For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.** <sup>17</sup> For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." <sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup> **because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.** <sup>20</sup> **For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.**

<sup>21</sup> For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

### C. Train ---will explore training options

John 14:25-26 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> "All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

**Sunday evening opportunities, Aug 17 & 24**

## D. Practice

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Colossians 3:11-12 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

## Host a "God-Spot"; White Board Bible, vol 2

## E. Stop Practicing/Out of Practice

Deuteronomy 34:4-7 (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." <sup>5</sup> So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup>

**Although Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated.**

## F. Reward

Matthew 10:41-42 (NIV)

<sup>41</sup> Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive **a prophet's reward**, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive **a righteous man's reward**. <sup>42</sup> And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

Matthew 16:26-27 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then **he will reward each person according to what he has done.**

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, open my heart to the reality of your truth. Do not let me waste my days in futile effort. Thank you for your great expressions of love toward me. Today, I choose to walk in your truth. I choose to serve Jesus as Lord. I choose to live in the light. I rejoice in my salvation. Keep me from stumbling, I rest in the shadow of your protection and kindness. In Jesus' name, amen.