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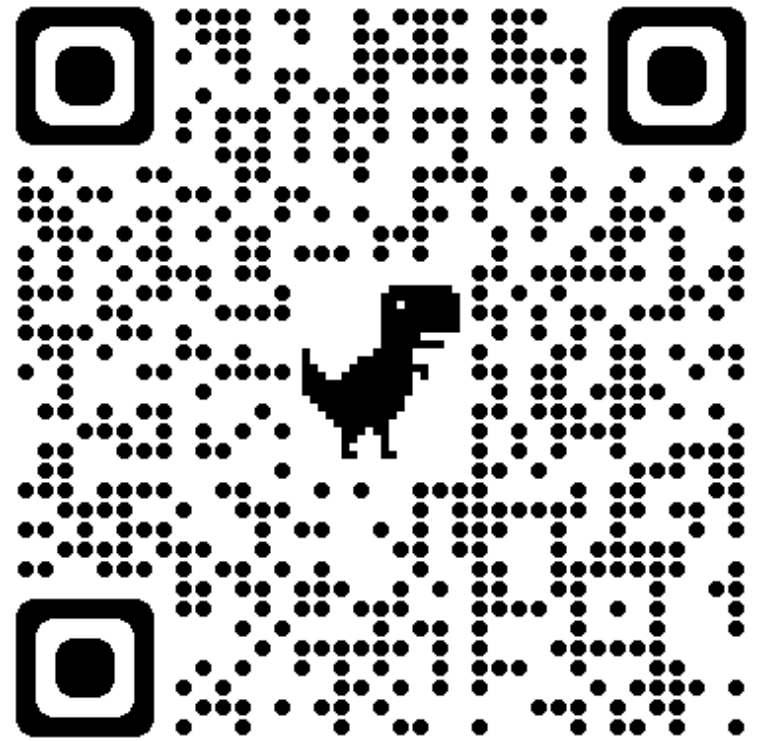
- 1. Discipling is the FRUIT, not the ROOT of our following Christ.**
- 2. Get the Identity right and the mission will follow.**
- 3. While going too deep into things of God without application can leave God's truth seemingly irrelevant for life and service, application without a careful foundation leads to life and service with a gaze away from Christ.**

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## 4. Five Reasons We Don't Disciple (Part 4)

<https://www.9marks.org/article/5-reasons-we-dont-disciple-part-4/>

1. Because we preach cheap grace.
2. Our churches are Seeker-sensitive, but Believer insensitive.
3. Our churches are less converted.
4. Our churches are program-dependent.
5. Our churches are ashamed of the gospel and therefore assume the gospel.



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**What would it take to fill a church with those who revel in the gospel, preach it, cherish Bible reading and exposition that was Christ-centered and gospel-centered and from THAT base move out into the broader social agendas? What keeps us from this?**

- Recognizing how easy it is to listen to other gospels; recognizing that following Christ has immediate practical ramifications
- We try to do all these things, but won't cherish it until satisfied in Jesus/gospel
- Recognizing continuing need for Christ/something from Him to serve Him/please Him—this comes from looking beyond ourselves/not just focusing on “our game”
- Easy to assume gospel by focusing on duties, tasks; what does it mean to say I'm a Christian
- Always learning and not coming to the knowledge of God; must KNOW the gospel; not focus/concern with filling church as much as preaching gospel; 1 Cor. 2
- Revel—to take great pleasure in; IF reveled in this, would proclaim this as interact with others

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**When we read Luke 9:57-62, we normally focus on?**

- Other commitments must all go to follow Jesus; shock that Jesus doesn't make easy for others to follow Him; harsh; end of our relationship Jesus seems to undercut natural and right responsibilities
- Free to ask questions—in order to grow and trust God more; need to be able to be real
- Kingdom of God is not just another segment of life

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## What might be something that don't think about as we focus where we normally focus when we read Luke 9:57-62?

- Jesus raises bar so that like Peter we can say, if Pharisees can't inherit heaven, who can? Creating dependence so all need come from God and not ourselves
- When follow Christ, often costs—lose everything; what replaces this loss that is worth giving up everything?
- Must think through our entitlements
- What is the fixed point at the end; can't focus there when looking down or looking back;
- Kingdom of God is not just another segment of life but permeates all of it;
- Higher perspective and value/responsibility than RIGHT parts of responsibility and concern down here
- Perfections of Scripture (SCAN: Sufficiency of Word, Clarity if willing to dig in/study, Authority, Necessary) From Kevin DeYoung Daily Theology (17)

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**When we read Luke 14:12-35, we normally focus on?**

- Foolishness of many or most excuses
- Told to invite all those who can't repay you– so sometimes, we try to do this
- V. 25 large crowds—WHY are you following me? Are you sure it's worth it when you find out ALL that comes with following me
- If not careful, these passages make us feel that no one will be saved; feel like coward;
- There is a flip side to where we are focusing–
- 3 am friends—commitment to relationship;

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**What might be something that don't think about as we focus where we normally focus when we read Luke 14:12-14?**

**vv. 12-14**

- Not focused on results in one sense, but doing what is commanded; on the other side, looking for future rewards
- Conscious about how we process life, redirect all of parts of life until they fit into kingdom values
- Where is your heart? Shows what really value
- Practical needs of those without—Jesus came to fill what they are lacking
- Motives—place of expectation when live, serve, love
- Know them (brothers, relatives, friends), having a connection
- Easy to feel that thanks for the required is not worth much, but should be valuable
- Jesus calling to start/deal with do risky part of dealing with others, even the ones whose needs are right in the open



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**What might be something that don't think about as we focus where we normally focus when we read Luke 14:12-14?**

**vv. 15-24**

- Practical needs of those without—Jesus came to fill what they are lacking
- Not a one-time act, but a life of service

**vv. 25-35**

- Very high and looking down—watch out for this because if feel high, perhaps looking at the world we see and not from the world we don't see

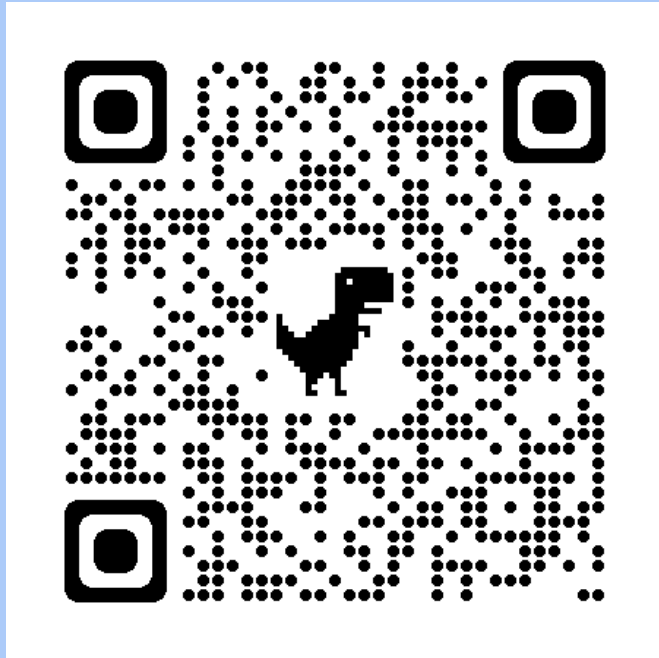
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## Respond to “Five Reasons We Don’t Disciple Pt. 4” article

- We need each other if we would stay gospel-centered, we need someone trained in unpacking the riches of the gospel
- Fatally may assume gospel/need it for future generations

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## 5. What is the Mission of the Church by: AJ Gibson



<https://rtim.org/what-is-the-mission-of-the-church/>

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**Respond to “What is the Mission of the Church” article**

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**Underlying Assumptions/Goals in Adult SS for church as whole:**

- 1. We must shift our focus from personal maturity and growth to building healthy churches.**
- 2. We must focus on the roots, not merely the fruit.**

# “SKELETON AND FLESH OF THE CHURCH” APPLIED PT. 9

CBC, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021

**IF we do NOTHING else together, the Collective People of God must:**

- I. Worship God Together.** Romans 15:5-6
- II. Grow Individually and Corporately with a Growth that Comes from God.** Eph. 4:15-16
- III. Protect/Defend the Name of God—His character and Eternal Purposes.** II Tim. 1:13-14
- IV. Own the People in the Particular Expression of the Body of Christ where God has Placed you.** I Cor. 12:18, Eph. 4:16
- V. Spread the Glory of God** Hab. 2:14, I Pet. 2:9

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We have looked at public worship services, relationships, growth, culture, now finally, What would need to be lifted up/allowed if want to build healthy churches with strong roots in **faithful service**?

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**Through the lens of these two goals, what were some of the changes hoped for by intentionally changing the goals during our *Future Grace* study leading to an 8 year study of that book? (longer studies over the years preceding)**



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Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that **you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;**

Philippians 1:27

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, <sup>2</sup> **make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.**

Philippians 2:1-2