



# SESSION 1

## DISCIPLINE

**DIS•CI•PLINE** [dis-uh-plin] *noun* - "Training of the mental, moral and physical powers by instruction and exercise. Self-Control, orderly conduct."

Matthew 7:13-14

***"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."***

- It is not uncommon for the world to accuse Christians of being \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
Actually, narrowness can be a virtue.

Isaiah 30:21

### A. THE DISCIPLINE OF \_\_\_\_\_.

If we live in a society producing people who never bother to think through what they really believe and why they believe it, then we are a part of a society which is headed for oblivion.

#### ALTERNATIVES WHICH CALL FOR DISCERNMENT AS WE MAKE OUR CHOICES IN LIFE:

- Eternal \_\_\_\_\_ and eternal \_\_\_\_\_.
- Two ways to go: The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

John 10:10; Romans 6:23

Eternal life is not something you get when you die if you have been good enough...

- Eternal life is \_\_\_\_\_ now - Being and doing what God has called us to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ now!

John 20:31

#### WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE TO ETERNAL LIFE?

- \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Corinthians 1:18
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 4:3
- \_\_\_\_\_ - A life headed for destruction. 1 John 5:13

**The Key:** \_\_\_\_\_.

- The problem in the church today is not lack of \_\_\_\_\_. The problem is that people fail to follow Jesus.
- A Christian is to be disciplined, a disciple who follows the \_\_\_\_\_ way.

Judges 21:25; 2 Timothy 3:5

- Christians simply must be able to discriminate and discern \_\_\_\_\_ way - and then have the discipline to follow it.

**John 14:6**

*(Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me)*

**B. THE DISCIPLINE OF \_\_\_\_\_.**

This discipline not only relates to the \_\_\_\_\_ at which we enter, but it also relates to the \_\_\_\_\_ which we follow, the ongoing experience of Jesus Christ.

Luke 13:24

- Making a valid commitment to Jesus Christ involves daily decisions that may cause spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. THE DISCIPLINE OF \_\_\_\_\_.**

Matthew 7:14

- It takes discipline to be a disciple.
- The ways of the disciple is a "pressed-in way."

**Mark 3:10**

*(For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues)*

- "A way of tribulation and affliction."

1 Thessalonians 3:4; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Matthew 16:24-25

**Discipleship \_\_\_\_\_!**

- It means the narrow way of \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_.
- But is also means \_\_\_\_\_, for the disciple is committed to follow Jesus - and he isn't \_\_\_\_\_!

Matthew 11:28-30

Loving Jesus Christ supremely because he first loved me takes the drudgery out of \_\_\_\_\_, the pain out of \_\_\_\_\_, and the fear out of \_\_\_\_\_.

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