

# Discipleship

## PART FOUR



# G I V E N F O R

### SERIES BIG IDEA:

**We are forgiven so we can be given for Jesus, for His church, and for our cities.**

**Our purpose is to become like Jesus (universal calling) and use our gifts to be a gift to the church (unique calling) so we fulfill God's purpose.**

<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."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

**Discipleship is following Jesus together in community to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus as our Savior and Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

**Discipleship is our mission and the method we use to experience the full measure of God.**

- **We are a family on mission together to love Jesus, become like Jesus, and share Jesus.**
- **Jesus uses the body of Christ to equip me to follow Jesus.**
- **Jesus uses me to equip others to follow Jesus.**

### TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**I will be a disciple, using my gifts to equip others to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus as Savior and Lord.**

**I will discover my gift in APEST.**

- **The apostle sends and extends.**
- **The prophet questions, critiques, and calls people to be faithful to God.**
- **The evangelist invites and gathers.**
- **The shepherd protects and provides.**
- **The teacher explains and organizes.**

(*The Starfish and the Spirit* by Ford, Wegner, Hirsch; p. 101)

**I will use my unique spiritual gifts.**

<sup>4</sup>For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup>if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Romans 12:4-8 (NIV)

My APEST

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<sup>7</sup>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (NIV)

**My spiritual gifts will help me practically fulfill my function in the APEST.** (<https://shape.westsideleavenworth.com>)

**I will pursue the Giver, and He will determine my gifts.**

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

### MY NOTES:



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### TEACHING SUMMARY:

Apostle. Prophet. Evangelist. Shepherd. Teacher. APEST.

Each and every person who calls upon Christ as Lord is given a specific bent that they are called to uplift the body of Christ with and serve others from.

Are you always looking for what might be next? Can you see what is wrong in a situation and lovingly correct? Do you wake up each morning and think about the people that don't know Jesus yet? Are you drawn to the hurting? Can you lay out complex ideas in simple ways that help people gain a better understanding?

Each of us, as followers of Christ, are given a role and are called to use this to have impact and influence in the Church both locally and in the Big C church globally. Will you trust in the working of the Holy Spirit in your life and lean into the giftedness that you have been given and be a blessing to your fellow Christ follower and the world at large?

### TALK IT OVER:

How does it feel to hear that you are created for eternal impact? Do you see yourself that way? Why or why not?

Which part of APEST do you feel describes you the best? Why do you feel that way? What are some examples in your life?

Do you believe that you have a role in building up the church and that the church has a role in building you up? Why or why not?

What is one next step you can take today?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

Day 1) Matthew 4:17-22

Day 2) Matthew 7:15-23

Day 3) Luke 6:12-13

Day 4) Acts 21:8; 6:1-6; 8:1-6, 26-40

Day 5) Acts 2:36-39; 1 Corinthians 12:1-6

Day 6) Hebrews 2:1-4