

The Keys to Discipleship cover the Biblical basis for discipling/equipping people, using **Mt. 28:16-20** (“make disciples!”), **2 Tim. 2:2** (how to make disciples), and **Eph. 4:1-16** (especially :11-13), which describes the unity, the different functions, and the results of a local body of believers). Read through each of these verses. Discuss.

Overview of The Keys to Discipleship: #1 Who is the Jesus of the Bible?, using **John 1:1-5**. #2 Understanding Authentic Christianity, using **1 Pet. 4:7-11** and the New Covenant Ministry handout. #3 Understanding How to Become a Christian and How to Share God’s Good News, using **Rom. 10:9-15** and **2 Cor. 5:17-21**. #4 Understanding What Happens When a Person Becomes a Christian, using FHIDLS. #5 Understanding Who You Are Now That You’re IN Christ and IN the Spirit, using two identity circles. #6 Understanding How to Walk as the Christian You Are, using the Victory and Forgiveness Cycles and ECRAT. #7 Understanding How to Serve as the Saint You Are, using **1 Cor. 12:4-6** and the spiritual gifts questionnaire. #8 How Do You Deal with Demonic Attacks?, using **Eph. 6:10-18**. And, #9, How to Study the Bible, using **Ex. 3:1-4:17, Mk. 4:35-41, Mk. 10:35-45, Rom. 6:1-14, 2 Cor. 4:7-11, Eph. 6:10-18, 2 Tim. 3:16-4:5, 1 Pet. 2:11-12, 21-25, 1 Pet. 4:7-11, 1 Pet. 5:5-7**.

Authentic Christianity is: (1) (What?) Walking in line with the Word of God, (2) (How?) by the power of the Spirit of God, (3) (Why?) for the purpose of the glory of God. Memorize this definition and review each time you meet together. Read and discuss **1 Pet. 4:7-11** as an example. Notice, the walking in line with the Word of God includes being Christians of prayer, love, hospitality, and using your spiritual gifts. All four elements are Biblical and should be part of our daily walk as part of the one Body of Christ! Also observe, since each Christian has a spiritual gift, if it’s a speaking gift, make sure you’re speaking God’s words; if it’s a serving gift, make sure you’re using it by the strength which God supplies (by the power of the Spirit of God). And be aware of the end result in **:11b**: That in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (for the purpose of the glory of God).

Go through the New Covenant Ministry handout. Discuss the basis for “New Covenant Ministry” and the “What? How? Why?” questions.

New Covenant Ministry

We recognize God as our Father.

Jesus as Lord, Head of the Body.

The Spirit as the only One who can empower and produce.

The Bible as the plumb line, the straightedge.

The whole Body involved in ministry and building up.

New Covenant Scriptures: 2 Cor. 2:14-7:1; Heb. 8:10-12

Blueprint for ministry is New Testament: Eph. 4:1-16,

1 Cor. 12:4-6, Rom. 12:4-8, 1 Pet. 4:7-11

Authentic Christianity

Based on the new creations we are in Christ (**2 Cor. 5:17**):

Walk in line with the Word of God

by the power of the Spirit of God

for the purpose of the glory of God.

1 Pet. 4:7-11

Authentic Christianity Template (ACT)

What we do

- **Walk in line with the Word of God**
- What does God say about this situation/pursuit/thought/action?
- How are Jesus' life and truths being reflected through our choices/actions/speech?

How we do it

- **By the power of the Spirit of God**
- Which characterizes us in this decision: trying to obey the Law in our own strength **OR** allowing the Holy Spirit to empower us?

Why we do it

- **For the purpose of the glory of God**
- How is it evident that we are focused on Jesus and His ways?
- How do our personal responses to the results reveal that our motive was for God's glory and not our own?