

SERMON SERIES DISCIPLING GUIDE

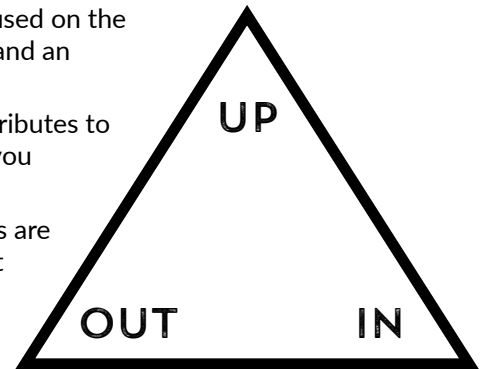
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INTRODUCTION

A disciple's life can be described as a life of "UP, IN & OUT". This weekend we focused on the "UP". Our following of Jesus is dependant on an actual walk with, a knowledge of and an experience of Him.

How would you describe your walk with God currently? What do you believe contributes to this description? How can the people around you support, pray or celebrate with you based on this description right now?

As Matt described, we are a part of an epic story, and each of our individual stories are a part of it. Take 30 minutes, somewhere separate and quiet if possible, and reflect on some scripture, and on your own life and story. This may be your whole story (childhood to now), or it could be the story of a season of life (the last year, the last month or through a specific season/event).



Once you're alone, ask God what He wants to say to you through the following scriptures and then reflect on these accompanying questions:

ACT 1 - (Genesis 1) **Everything is Good.** What was life like when it was good? When things were stable, normal, joyful, blessed? What time or season of life do you think of? How would you describe it?

ACT 2 - (Genesis 3 & 1 Peter 5:8) **Goodness Disrupted.** What happened that brought brokenness, pain, complication or confusion? In what ways did it disrupt or ruin things?

ACT 3 - (Romans 5:1-11) **Rescuer Arrives.** What did God do, say, provide or convict you of that helped you move through that season or problem? Did He use a person, scripture, book or answers to prayer? What did the process of restoration look like for you?

ACT 4 - (1 Corinthians 2:6-9, Revelation 21:1-7) **Goodness Restored.** What did restoration, healing and hope look like? With hindsight, what do you believe God was teaching or showing you through it all?

ACT ? - Consider your life today. What act are you in right now? How would you describe it?

Come back together, and take some time to walk through your reflections with each other. When you are finished up, discuss what it would look like to celebrate and/or support each other in what was shared.

THIS WEEK - Connect with each other outside your usual time together. Over coffee, a phone call, a group message app... and give encouragement to one another on how we can be placing God at the center of our lives - to continue being disciples with a vibrant "UP" life.