

# SERMON SERIES DISCIPLING GUIDE

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## LAST WEEK

Everyone was challenged to connect with each other in some way, in order to talk about having a vibrant “UP” life with God. *What was the result of that connection for you? What convictions, ideas or steps are you thinking about this year in regards to your “UP”?*

## THIS WEEK

Your Site Pastor spoke about the “IN” part of being a disciple of Jesus. This is not disconnected from last week’s message on the “UP”, because following Jesus is not a solo experience; it’s a community experience! We go together as disciples.

**Read Acts 2:41-47 together:** *What does God lay on your heart as you hear this scripture again? An encouragement? A concern? A question? A step to take? A prayer? Share what that is.*

## THINK ABOUT THE DISCIPLES

A group of guys following their teacher. A little “IN” group. If they only met with Jesus once a week for two hours, or every other week for a lunch, they would not have experienced much or caught much of what Jesus was trying to show them; because being a disciple means time with Jesus and discipling others mean time with others. Living life in close proximity with each other was key.

## A HELPFUL TOOL

On the next page, there is a great tool to understand this. Take a look. **HIGH INVITATION** means having accessibility into each other’s lives. Hanging out, texting and calling each other, doing dinners, hikes or other “stuff together” outside a scheduled group meeting. **HIGH CHALLENGE** is just what it sounds like; experiencing life’s hardships and joys together, taking risks, asking much of God, and encouraging one another in walking with Jesus.

- *Take a look at all four quadrants and think of a time when you have experienced one. What was it like? What contributed to it being in that particular quadrant? How did you feel?*
- *Which quadrant were Jesus and the disciples in? What do you think contributed to this? How much of the disciples' experience do you think was purposeful times of teaching? How much was just regular life “stuff”?*

Whether you are a family, a group of friends, a small group or any other kind of gathering... **What are some creative, life giving ways that we can simply enjoy life together?**

- *What are common interests? How do you like to relax or unwind?*
- *If you were to create a time together that filled you, created energy in you and that gave you a sense of joy... what do you think it would be? Try to describe it.*
- *What creative ways can you integrate children (if kids are a part of the picture)?*

Jesus took the disciples to dinners, parties and on hikes. They visited towns, people’s houses and rowed across some lakes. They sat on hills and ate lunch. If they had a Starbucks, you bet they’d be there. In fact, some of the greatest discipling moments came as they simply lived life together; not out of something scheduled, systematized or planned.

## HERE’S THE CHALLENGE:

Take initiative and get together more often. Do things that bring life. Do things that help you get to know each other and simply enjoy one another’s company. No agenda needed. If we live a **HIGH INVITATION** life together, moments of **HIGH CHALLENGE** will place us in an environment where we can be disciples who make disciples.

High Invitation

**CONSUMER**  
cozy culture

**DISCIPLING**  
empowered culture

Low  
Challenge

High  
Challenge

**BORING**  
apathetic culture

**STRESSFUL**  
discouraged culture

Low Invitation

