

## DNA Culture: Core values - Discipleship

### Personal Values of a CCC Disciple

#### 1. Be willing to be “put out” a little.

**Luke 5:1-7:** So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. 4When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

#### 2. Servanthood

**Luke 6:12-14** Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup> And when it was day, He called His disciples to *Himself*; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles.

The disciples lived with Jesus for over 3 years, to them being a follower of Christ meant that when Jesus got up, they got up, when he moved, they moved, when he spoke, they obeyed.

**What is a disciple? It is a disciplined follower of Christ.**

**Acts 4:13** Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

Jesus gave his followers a mission to fulfill on the earth. This has come to be known as “The Great Commission” Although many churches have allowed it to descend into the great suggestion!

**Matthew 28:18-20** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore<sup>[a]</sup> and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the

Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

### 3. Submission to authority

**Romans 13:1** Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

Submission means to be 'sub' – UNDER a 'Mission'.  
The Bible makes it clear that we are to submit to Authority.

When you are under authority you receive authority.

**Luke 7:8** For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does *it*."

Cults begin when there is no covering authority to keep leaders accountable. In fact submission to authority is not a sign of weakness but one of strength and carries with it great protection.

**Submission brings protection.** In the years when the Romans dominated the world, a Roman citizen could walk freely anywhere in the world without fear of evil because anyone who attacked or hurt a citizen of Rome would face the wrath of the Roman army.

God asks us to submit to leadership irrespective of whether they are always right. In fact submission is never real submission until it is tested.

### 4. Teachable: green = growing, ripe = rotten

The ability to be taught is what I refer to as teachable. In fact I have an adage that I have made up that goes like this "Unteachable, Unreachable!"

Jesus had to rebuke, reprove and challenge his disciples on a regular basis.

He said to Peter "Get behind me satan!" to his disciples in the boat, "O ye of little faith". When he came down from the mountain, "O faithless and perverse generation how long shall I be with you how long shall I bear with you?"

He said to Peter in his restoration 3 times “Do you love me more than these?”

## 5. Pursuers of Jesus

**Mark 1:35** Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and those *who were with Him* searched for Him.

Jesus said to all his disciples “Follow Me”.

Live your life in the “hunt” for Jesus Christ.

**Psalm 42:1** As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for you O God.

**Followership is what discipleship is all about.** Come hell or high water whether it is convenient or not. There will be times when the cross is an inconvenient burden.

**Matthew 16:24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Pursuers of Jesus Christ are passionate worshippers

**Psalm 63:1-3** O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. Because Your loving, kindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.

## 6. Faithfulness

“Well done my good and faithful servant.”

**Proverbs 25:13** Like the cold of snow in time of harvest Is a **faithful** messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters.

**Luke 16:10** He who is **faithful** in what is least is **faithful** also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

**Corinthians 4:2** Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found **faithful**.

**1 Timothy 1:12** And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me **faithful**, putting me into the ministry

## **7. Personal responsibility**

To keep the fire burning is my responsibility!

- Church is a priority and no longer an option
- Church is a participation sport not an observation game. (In fact it's a full contact sport wear a helmet!) be vocal, cheer, engage your heart and soul, church is meant to be interactive.
- Praying in tongues builds my inner man
- Feeding my soul is my priority.
- I tithe even when I am not in church.