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Study Series

The Disciples Cross: Living to Please God
The Disciple’s Cross

1. We are instructed to live our lives in a way that is pleasing to God. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1, Ephesians 5:10, and Colossians 1:10. What do you think it means to live your life in a way that is pleasing to God?

2. Have you ever tried to honestly live a life pleasing to the Lord only to get discouraged and almost give up?
   YES  NO

3. Do you think it is possible to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord? YES  NO

4. There are several expressions in the Bible that describe the life that is pleasing to God. Find some of them in these passages and write them down.
   - 1 Kings 14:8
   - John 15:5
   - Galatians 5:16
   - Ephesians 5:18

5. The New Testament suggests that there are certain disciplines that can be incorporated into a believer's life that will place him/her in a position to live a life that is pleasing to God. An illustration called The Disciple’s Cross helps put five disciplines into proper perspective.

THE DISCIPLE’S CROSS

Discipline #1: Living in the Word. Read John 8:31.
   - What does Jesus say qualifies a believer as a “true” disciple?
   - What do you think Jesus meant?
   - The test of a true disciple: “Do you live in the word?” How would you answer that question?
   - What are some practical ways you can begin to live in the word?
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- What are the conditions of the promise in this verse?
  - ____________________________
  - ____________________________

- What are some practical ways for you to establish the discipline of praying in faith?
  - ____________________________
  - ____________________________
  - ____________________________
  - ____________________________


- What do these verses command you to do?__________________________

- Describe the kind of relationship believers should have with one another._______

- What are some practical ways you can build up believers?
  - John 3:22
  - 1 Corinthians 11:1
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:14
  - 2 Timothy 2:2
  - Hebrews 10:25
  - 1 Samuel 12:23

- What do you think it means to disciple someone?__________________________

- Explain this statement: “More time spent with fewer people leads to greater lasting impact for the kingdom of God.” ____________________________


- Who does Jesus say will be his witnesses?
  Does this commission include you? YES  NO

- Read Acts 4:18-20. What are some things that silence you?________________

- Read Acts 4:29-31. Is there an example for you to follow here? What is it?____

- What are some practical ways you can master the art of sharing your faith?____

- Read Mark 10:45. Why did Jesus come to the world? 
- Read John 13:12-15. What is the example Jesus set for us?  
- What are some practical ways you can daily serve others? 

- Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. Considering your spiritual gifts, what are some practical ways you might serve the body of Christ? 

Would you like to discover what your spiritual gifts are? YES NO  
If yes, refer to the Bible Study entitled “Spiritual Gifts.”

CONCLUSION
1. Do you think it’s possible to live a life that is pleasing to God without...  
   - Living in the Word? YES NO 
   - Praying in Faith? YES NO 
   - Building up Believers? YES NO 
   - Witnessing to the World? YES NO 
   - Serving Others? YES NO 

2. How is it that these spiritual disciplines might make it possible for you to live a life that is pleasing to God?

3. Which of these spiritual disciplines are you strongest in? 
   Weakest?

4. How will you bring a balance of the disciplines to your life? When?

MEMORIZE Colossians 1:10
THE DISCIPLE’S CROSS
Living To Please God

SERVE

PRAY
IN
FAITH
John 15:7

WITNESS TO
THE WORLD
Acts 1:8

OTHERS
John 15:13

ABIDE
IN
CHRIST
John 15:5

BUILD UP
BELIEVERS
Hebrews 3:12-13

LIVE
IN
THE
WORD
John 8:31

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