

JESUS GENERATIONS

GENERATION	<i>Who</i> is Jesus?	<i>Why</i> would someone want to follow Jesus?	<i>How</i> does someone follow Jesus?
Your Grandparents			
Your Parents (Pastor)			
Your Friends			

The Greatest Commandment

MATTHEW 22:37-40

(John 13:34)

Death Zone

26,250 feet

““Love
the Lord
your God with
all your heart
and with all your
soul and with all
your mind.’

This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments... A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

The Highest Mountain

MOUNT EVEREST

(29,031.69 FT./8,848.86 M) NEPAL

George Mallory's Planned 1924 Expedition Camps



Expedition Camps on the Journey from Student to Disciple



THE JESUS CLIMB

Journeying from Student to **DISCIPLE**

Dis-ci-ple (di-si'-pehl) n. A student who *continues* on the upward/downward journey of following Jesus, his teachings, and his way of life—the *ascent* of a higher and higher commitment to loving God and neighbor with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and the *descent* into a deeper and deeper experience of the intimate, transforming, and other-centered love of God—because they *believe* and have come to *know* him as Teacher, Messiah, Son of God, and Redeemer of the world.

The disciple's *ascent* into a higher and higher commitment to loving God and neighbor with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

DESIRE

Follow Jesus as Your Teacher

John 1:36-38 When [John the Baptist] saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two *disciples* heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"¹²

INSTRUCTION

Reorient Your Life around Jesus's Teachings

John 8:30-32 As he spoke, many believed in him. To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my *disciples*. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

SURRENDER

Exchange Your Lesser Desires for God's Kingdom

Mark 8:34-35 Whoever wants to be my *disciple* must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

COMMUNITY

Make Your Faith Your Own . . . Together!

John 6:66-69 From this time many of his *disciples* turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

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INTIMACY

Pursue the Love and Life of God

John 14:21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.

PRAYER

Bear the Fruit of the Kingdom

John 15:7-8 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my *disciples*.

LOVE

Give Away Your Life in Other-Centered Service

John 13:34-35 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my *disciples*, if you love one another.

EMBODIMENT

Live Everything Jesus Taught—Teach Everything Jesus Lived

Matthew 28:17-21 When they saw [Jesus], they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore *go* and *make disciples* of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Act One

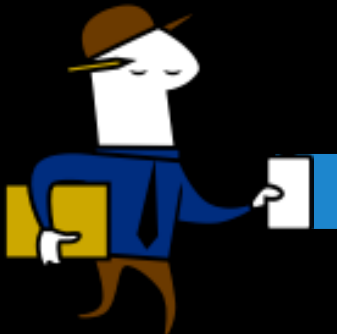


HERO

1. Hook

2. Inciting Event

3. Rubicon



MENTOR

25%

STORY STRUCTURE 101

External Journey



PLOT

CONFLICT

5. MidPoint

(Rising Tension) (All In)

4. New Desire

6. All is Lost

Internal Journey

TRANSFORMATION ARC

Worldview Mentoring

MORAL PREMISE

Act Two

Act Three



GOAL

Worldview
Impact

9/12. Resolution

8/11. Crux

7/10. Final Battle

Worldview
Transformation

Worldview
Statement

Cycles of Faith Development

- 1. The Pond *Love of Self for Self's Sake* **Reward-Based****
Lemuel with son – Preconventional Morality – David with Bathsheba –
“Keep these commands and all will go well with you.” – Deut 4:40
“My son, keep my words and store up my commands ... and you will live.” –Proverbs 7:1-2
Fasting, Journaling
- 2. The Stream *Love of God for Other's Sake* **Peer-Based****
Ruth with Naomi – Constructive Social Hedonism – Jacob & Family
“Join together in following my example. Track with those you see running this same course, headed for this same goal.” -Phil 3:17
“Spur one another to love & good deeds. Don't give up the habit of gathering together to encourage one another. -Heb. 10:24-25
Mentoring, Small groups
- 3. The Lake *Love of God for Self's Sake* **Rule-Based****
Daniel in Babylon – Conventional Morality – Jonah & Nineveh
“The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God.” – Rom. 14:22
“Whoever loves father, mother more than me, is not worthy of me.” –Matt. 10:37
Praise, Scripture Meditation, Intercession
- 4. The River *Love of God for God's Sake* **Mystery-Based****
Job - Deconstructive Individual Asceticism – Job's Friends
“My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you...” –Job 42:5
“We know and rely upon the love God has for us. God is love.... Perfect love drives out fear...” -1Jn 4:16-18
Lament, Centering Prayer, Liturgy
- 5. The Ocean *Love of Others for God's Sake* **Principle-Based****
Peter with Cornelius – Post-Conventional - “You have heard it said, but I say unto you.” Hidden Service, Social Justice
“We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God but hates others is a liar.” - 1Jn 4:19-21
“Now, I know God doesn't show favoritism but accepts from every tribe the one who fears him and does what is right.” Act 10:34-35