

**Garden City Disciple Making Training**  
**Week 4: Pillar 1 (Pt 2)**

I. **WELCOME AND INTRO**

A. Week 4 of disciple making

II. **TESTIMONY**

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III. **KICKOFF OVERVIEW**

A. Begin your gatherings with the **KICKOFF**. It's a time to catch up with people and find out how the week has been personally and as it's related to the tools.

B. Kickoff can be remembered by the phrase "**UP, DOWN, AROUND, OUT, IN**".

C. Hand motions

D. 5 questions:

UP: What are you thankful for this week?

DOWN: What has been difficult or discouraging? What would help make this better?

AROUND: Do you know of any needs in your community? How can I/we help?

OUT: Did you share the tools, and how did it go?

IN: How did you do with your "I WILL" statement?

E. **UP** has to do with the high point of a person's week.

F. **DOWN is** a low point of their week.

1. Follow up: What would help make this better?

2. You might not be able to help, and it's ok to say, "I don't know if I can help in that way, but let me think about what I can do."

3. The loving thing is always to see what role the Lord might have you play as you get to know the person.

G. **AROUND** has to do with the needs around you, including family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc.

1. Follow-up, "How can I/we help?"

H. **OUT** is about **going out** to **share and teach** whatever was covered the last time you were together. This morning, ask about **U.T.C.** and the **Daily** Prayer Calendar.

1. As we move forward the questions will be **about the tools**.

I. **IN** helps **look inward** and evaluate how you did with **completing the action step** from the last meeting.

1. Talk about "**I WILL**" **STATEMENT**

J. For either IN or OUT, no matter how big or small, **celebrate any level of action**.

K. If they didn't do them, ask about **what hindered them**, pray for grace, and of course, ask if there is a way you can help.

L. If they weren't here last week, give an overview of what we did. The table leader can help you if need be.

#### IV. **DISCUSSION TIME** (15 minutes)

#### V. **MOVING FORWARD**

A. As we get into the tools and pillars, you'll notice that overall my instructions or comments about certain things will be pretty **basic**, and at times seem **redundant**, or **overly simplistic**, that really intentional.

B. As mentioned before, the model is rooted in **4 basic principles** for the sake of multiplication: **Biblical. Reproducible. Practical. Simple.**

C. The strength is not in delivery in application. It might not seem powerful when I deliver it up here, the power will be seen when you apply it.

#### VI. **FOUNDATIONAL PASSAGE**

A. Last week we **began** going through our first pillar "Know Christ".

B. We went over the first half of the tool for this pillar, pick up where we left off.

C. Lets look at our foundational passage—**Mark 3:13-15**.

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons. -Mark 3:13-15

D. Remember, Our first pillar comes from the phrase "called to him." It reflects the **priority** Jesus has for us to **know Him** before we do anything else.

E. That's why the title of this pillar is "**Know Christ**".

## VII. **OBSERVATIONS**

- A. Two things: Those of you who were here last week should have at least half of this drawn.
- B. If you weren't, don't worry, we'll do a brief overview of the first half before we get into the details of the second half. I'm going to take things slow.
- C. The key is to **follow along as if we were sitting together** at a coffee shop, or living room rather than try to get it all down at once like in a college class.
- D. This is **meant to be relational**, and that's how you would experience it if we were sitting together.
- E. It will help you to take someone else through it if you have **experienced the process** yourself..
- F. SECOND, I also encourage you to split up your notes and drawing onto two separate pages.

## VII. **REVIEW**

- A. The purpose of this pillar is to help us to **grow in our knowledge and understanding** of who Jesus is so ultimately we can love him more.
- B. Use **Matthew 16:13-18** as a reference passage, so write that at the top of the page.
- C. In this passage, there is a **conversation** between Jesus and His disciples that **highlights four important titles** that teach us a lot about him.
- D. We'll use the **symbol of the cross** to help us draw out some **key details** about each title.
- E. So, let's start by drawing a cross in the center of our page, and make sure you **leave room** to draw above, below, and one the sides, like in my picture.
- F. Now, let's read the passage together:

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. -Matthew 16:13-18

## VIII. **THE SON OF MAN**

- A. The first title we saw was in **verse 13**. Jesus **refers to himself** as The Son of Man.
- B. 13)...*he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"*
- C. **Say** Son of Man
- D. We drew a **stickman** to symbolize the title.
- E. We learn more about the title in **Daniel 7:13-14**.
- F. **Main takeaway** from the passage, **as it relates to the title** Son of Man, is that Jesus is our Eternal King.
- G. We took time to reflect and write how this passage **impacts your view** of Jesus.

#### IX. **THE CHRIST**

- A. We went back and read our passage, Matthew 16:13-18 to **learn our second title**.
- B. Saw it in **verse 16**–The Christ.
- C. 16) *Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ..."*
  - 1. Some translations use the phrase, "Messiah".
  - 2. They both mean to be **anointed** or **empowered** by God.
  - 3. We will draw a crown as our symbol of power.
  - 4. We learned more about the title in **Luke 4:16-21**.
  - 5. Our main takeaway from this passage is that Jesus **heals and sets free**.
- D. **I WILL**
  - 1. We reflected on how you think God wants you to **respond or change**, based on how the two titles impacted your view of Jesus.
  - 2. Wrote down your answer as an "**I will**" **statement**.

#### VIII. **SON OF THE LIVING GOD**

- A. Moving forward, the next title we see is also in verse 16–Son of the living God,
- B. 16) *Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*
- C. **Say** Son of the living God
- D. We will draw a picture of a **heart** to symbolize the title because the passage we will look at says the Father loves the Son.

- E. In the Bible, “Son” is used to show that someone is your Father or you are **just like** that person.
- F. Jesus used it to show that God is His Father and He is **equal** with him.
- G. There is a story in **John 5:14-23** where we see this clearly. In this story, Jesus heals a paralyzed man on the Sabbath, making religious leaders angry because they felt he was violating a religious law.
- H. Jesus responds by explaining to them that it was a **sign that he is equal with God**.
- I. Let’s read it together:

14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. 16 And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working. 18 This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. 19 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. 21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. 22 For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

- J. Normally, the group **collectively retells** the story.
- K. That’s **different** from **summarizing** or **sharing** what stands out to each person. The point of retelling is to make sure we’re actually grasping the words on the page.
- L. We don’t have time **in this setting** to do collectively retelling, I’ll retell the stories as we read them for a general idea of what we’re aiming at.
- M. **Retelling:** Jesus found the man in the temple and told him to sin no more. The man went and told the religious leaders that it was Jesus who healed him and they began to persecute him because he healed on the sabbath, He said he did it because he was working like his father was working, then they started trying to kill him because they knew he was saying he was equal to God. Jesus responded by saying he does what he sees his father doing because the father loves him and shows him what he is doing. Not only that, God has given him power to give life and judge people, people should honor him just as they honor the father, and if you don’t honor him, you aren’t honoring God.

N. Our **main takeaway** from this passage, **as it relates to the title** Son of the living God, is that Jesus is Equal with God.

O. How does this passage **impact your view** of Jesus?

## IX. **Head of the Church**

A. Go back to our reference passage in Matthew 16 and read it one final time.

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

B. The last title we see is in verse 18, but is indirect. It comes from the phrase, “I will build my church.”

C. 18) ... I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

D. By calling the church his, Jesus is saying that he is the head of it. So, the title we will use is “Head of the Church”

E. **Say** Head of the Church

F. Since the title is indirect, we will write it in our symbol.

G. The title is one we see in the book of Colossians. Write Colossians 1:15-18 underneath the symbol.

H. In Colossians 1:15-18, the Apostle Paul is describing Jesus to his readers and painting a picture of his glory.

I. Take a moment to read it:

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

J. **Retelling:**The writer is painting a picture of Jesus’ glory. He says he is the image of the invisible God who created all things; all things are held together by him; he is the head of the church; and he is preeminent, which means he is greater than all things.

- K. Our **main takeaway** is what we see in verse 18, that **his body is the church**.
- L. The church is not a building or something man-made. The collective body of all believers is literally the extension of Jesus on the earth.
- M. How does this passage **impact your view** of Jesus? We'll put that on the **screen**.

X. **I WILL STATEMENT**

- A. We want to engage with the word for transformation not information.
- B. Based on how the two previous titles impacted you, how do you think God wants you to **respond or change**?
- C. Write down your answer as an **"I will" statement**
- D. Make sure they are **measurable**. I saw some last week that were good, but subjective and not necessarily measurable.
- E. **5 minutes** to share with your partner and pray.

XI. **REDRAW THE BASICS OF THE TOOL– 12 minutes**

XII. **WAYS TO USE TOOLS**

- A. As Part of the 6 Pillars
  - 1. Whether new or seasoned, we all can benefit from Knowing Christ better
- B. For Seekers
  - 1. To show what the Bible says about Jesus
- C. To Share the Gospel
  - 1. Show the Jesus worthy to follow

XIII. **CLOSING**

- A. Share. Pray. Obey.
  - 1. Share: Share the tool and your "I will" statement for supportive accountability.
  - 2. Pray: Praise God using at least two of the titles during U.T.C.
  - 3. Obey: Take steps to fulfill your "I will" statement.