

Garden City Disciple Making Training
Week 6: Pillar 3 - OBEY CHRIST

I. WELCOME & INTRO 5 MINUTES

- A. Start with celebrations and discussion.
- B. Make some noise, really celebrate, and **have some fun**.
- C. Encourage Eden Center and online. Get involved.
- D. They'll give their name, and we'll say hi.

II. TESTIMONIES: 12 MINUTES

- A. Terrance
- B. Taylor
- C. Danzell

III. KICKOFF REVIEW 3 MINUTES

- A. Begin with **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.

SLIDE:

KICKOFF: A time of questions and accountability designed to catch up with people and find out how their week has been, both 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. Put the questions on screen.

SLIDE:

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: Who did you share the tool with, and how did it go?

IN: How did you do with your "I will" statements?

- E. **UP** has to do with the high point of a person's week.
- F. **DOWN** is a low point of their week and what role the Lord might have you play in showing the love of God to the person.
- G. **AROUND** has to do with the needs around the other person.
- H. **OUT**- Sharing
- I. **IN**- I will statements.
- J. For either IN or OUT, no matter how big or small, **celebrate any level of action**
- K. Pray for grace, and of course, ask if there is a way you can help.
- L. If you partner with someone new, explain what we're doing.
- M. The table leader can help you if need be.
- N. 15 total, 5 minute timer to wrap up.

IV. **DISCUSSION TIME- 15 minutes**

(Approx. 35 minutes / 11:05)

V. **FOUNDATIONAL PASSAGE 5 minutes**

- A. Foundational passage—**Mark 3:13-15**.

SLIDE:

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

VI. INTRODUCE PILLAR 5 minutes

- A. Our third pillar comes from the phrase “they came to him.” In it, we see the **obedience** of those who responded to Jesus when he called.
- B. The title of this pillar is “Obey Christ.”
- C. BOARD
- D. We’re going to look at three passages for this one—John 14:21-24, Mark 12:28-31, & Luke 10:29-37.
- E. **Write** on top of the page.

SLIDE:

John 14:21-24, Mark 12:28-31, & Luke 10:29-37

- USES
 - Part of overall model to reflect what Christ taught and commanded
 - Priest
 - For self—like Danzell, me

11:15

VII. FEELINGS 10 minutes

- A. I know the topic of obedience can be **very delicate** for many reasons.
- B. What **comes to mind** when you hear the word **obey or obedience**, and what has **most impacted** how you think about the topic?

SLIDE:

What comes to mind when you hear the word obey or obedience? What has most impacted how you think about the topic?

- C. Take a couple minutes to process that and write down your thoughts.
 - 1. *2.5 minutes.*
- D. **DISCUSSION 5 MINUTES**
- E. I wish I could hear what your journey in this area has been like, but whatever it may have been, my hope is that Jesus and the word of God will help to give you a fresh perspective.

11:25

VIII. OBEDIENCE AND LOVE 5 minutes

- A. In John 14:21-24, Jesus shows us how love and obedience are directly tied together, and how they lead to a closer relationship with God.
- B. Let's read the passage:

SLIDE:

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. -John 14:21-24

- C. These words from Jesus show us that obedience is the natural overflow of love and becomes a bridge to nearness to God. For Jesus, obedience and love cannot be separated.

IX. REFLECTION 4 minutes

- A. How does this passage impact your view of what it means to have a close relationship with God? Write down your answer.

SLIDE:

How does this passage impact **your view** of what it means to have a close relationship with God?

X. DISCUSSION 5 MINUTES

- A. Share your thoughts and feelings. *Avoid teaching.*

11:40

XI. GREAT COMMANDMENT 5 minutes

- A. We learn from Jesus that it is **necessary to obey** God to have a **close** relationship with him.
- B. In this pillar we will look at **what commandments are the most important** to obey and I will show you a tool to help you remember them.
- C. The next passage we will read is Mark 12:28-31.
- D. In this passage, a religious leader asks Jesus what is the most important commandment to obey. Jesus responds by giving him not one, but two and says there is no commandment greater than these.
- E. Let's read:

SLIDE:

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. -Mark 12:28-31.

XII. LOVE GOD

- A. Here Jesus says that the most important commandment is to love the Lord with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and that it is equally important to love your neighbor as yourselves.
- B. We'll start by looking at what Jesus said about loving God.

XIII. HEART

- A. Start by drawing a box on the left side of your paper and separate it into quadrants.
- B. The first element Jesus calls us to love God with is all of our heart.
- C. We will represent that with a heart in the first quadrant.
- D. Write HEART**

XIV. SOUL

- A. The next element Jesus calls us to love God with is all of our soul.

B. Draw a stick figure in the second quadrant to represent the soul.

C. Write SOUL

XV. MEANING

A. In the Bible, “heart” and “soul” are words that are both used to communicate the core of who we are.

B. Four major aspects of that are our will, affections, desire, and emotions.

SLIDE:

Will, Affections, Desire, and Emotions.

XVI. W.A.D.E.

A. The acronym W.A.D.E. will help us remember these four things.

SLIDE:

W.A.D.E.

B. Write it on the top of your box to show that they are part of the heart and soul, and put asterisk at the end of it and the words to connect them.

C. Let’s talk about what these four things mean.

D. Our **WILL** is the part of us that decides what we will or will not do.

SLIDE:

Will is the part of us that decides what we will or will not do.

E. Our **affections** are our likes and dislikes.

SLIDE:

Affections are our likes and dislikes.

F. Our **desires** are what we want.

SLIDE:

Desires are what we want.

G. Our **emotions** are how we feel.

SLIDE:

Emotions are how we feel.

XVII. REFLECTION *5 MINUTES*

- A. Take some time to think about these four areas.
- B. Which of these do you think God might be highlighting as an area where He wants more love and obedience? What action step can you take in the next 48 hours?
- C. Write it as an “I will” statement.

SLIDE:

Which of these do you think God might be highlighting as an area where He wants more love and obedience? What action step can you take in the next 48 hours? Write it as an “I will” statement.

XVIII. DISCUSSION *8 minutes*

1. Share which of these do you think God might be highlighting and your “I will” statement.
2. Listen for measurable and time base
3. Pray—God, please help them / Thank you for sharing

XIX. MIND

- A. The third element Jesus calls us to love God with is all of our mind, so we will draw a thought bubble in the next quadrant to represent it.
- B. Write MIND.
- C. Our mind controls our thoughts.
- D. REFLECTION- 3 minutes
 1. What do you think it looks like to love God with all of your mind? Write it down.

SLIDE:

What do you think it looks like to love God with all of your mind?

XX. STRENGTH

- A. The final element is all of our strength. Our strength is our energy and abilities. We will use a lightning bolt to represent that.
- B. REFLECTION
 - 1. What do you think it looks like to love God with all your energy and abilities? Write it down.

SLIDE:

What do you think it looks like to love God with all your energy and abilities (strength)?

XXI. ACTION

- A. Reflecting on mind and strength, which of these two do you think God is highlighting as an area to grow in greater love for him and how can you take action within 48 hours?
- B. Write down your answer as an “I will” statement.

SLIDE:

Reflecting on mind and strength, which of these do you think God might be highlighting as an area where He wants more love and obedience? What action step can you take in the next 48 hours? Write it as an “I will” statement.

I will _____, and will _____ in the next 48 hours.

I. DISCUSSION *8 minutes*

- 1. Share which one stand out and share your I will statement.
- 2. Listen for measurable and time base
- 3. Pray–God, please help them / Thank you for sharing

J. CONCLUSION *2 minutes*

K. CLOSING *2 minutes*

A. Share. Pray. Obey.

SLIDE:

Share: Draw the tool for someone you feel comfortable with (read & practice first).

Pray: Talk with God about the areas He's highlighted and your "I will" statements.

Obey: Take steps to fulfill your "I will" statement (accountability helps).

B. Website- testimonies and coaching

C. Pick up **children**, then come **fellowship**

D. Sanctuary, Eden Center, please help with tables