

Garden City Disciple Making Training
Week 7: Pillar 3 Pt. 2 - OBEY CHRIST

I. WELCOME (2) AlexC143

II.

A. Welcome Eden Center and online.

B. Prayer for Israel (3)

1. Not a political thing, or agreement with everything they do
2. Peace for Israel means peace in region

SLIDE:

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! 7 Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" 8 For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good. -Psalm 122:6-9

C. Prayer for peace and discernment (3)

1. These time can cause anxiety or even lead us off course listening to wrong voices

SLIDE:

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. -Matthew 24:6

III. WHY SNACKS? (2)

A. CASUAL CONVO

1. Want to have casual convo Don't get the opportunity to sit and talk and share meal
2. Wouldn't layer new info and tools, but help navigate understanding
3. Many Feeling overwhelmed, especially in area of Prayer calendar

B. HELPFUL PERSPECTIVES (8)

1. Put up slide of 5 points

SLIDE:

- 1- Steward what's in front of you
- 2- Combine with UTC
- 3- Focus on today
- 4- Prioritize the lost
- 5- Remember multiplication

2. **Steward what's in front of you.** It's ok to put your list "on hold" as you steward interactions that develop into relationships and gospel opportunities. That's what the calendar is designed to create.
3. The prayer calendar is best/ most easily managed in the **combination with a UTC schedule**. For example, if you send your texts at the start of your UTC, you can use the last few minutes to pray for any responses you received. UTC provides a schedule time to use the calendar, and the calendar encourages you to maintain UTC so you have time to pray for your people. That also helps you see it at 2/day verses a list of 60 people.
4. If you miss a day, you **don't necessarily need to go back**. Going back can make things stack up pretty easily and could feel overwhelming for some.
5. People who are already doing ministry/making disciples can find it challenging to maintain the calendar because they already have so much going on. That's understandable! In seasons when the list seems challenging to maintain, **prioritize the unsaved list**.
6. The goal is not to make anyone feel burdened, but simply to provide a tool to help structure some of what they might already be doing, and more importantly, something **REPRODUCIBLE** to pass on to other disciples. Multiply prayer for our city and self
7. Hopefully that helps. I think it's also helpful to keep in mind that all of these tools are designed to be used in the **context of relationships**. Ideally, we'd be walking alongside someone (whether a Paul, Barnabas, or Timothy) that is also using the tools in some manner, so that we are sharing and hearing encouraging stories of how God is using them. It really makes a difference.

8. I'm sorry for not making any of those things more clear. People usually learn these tools and principles as we walk together over the course of weeks/ months/ years, and I'm trying to fit it all into a few sessions.
9. I'm sincerely happy to keep answering questions. The power is in the process. ✨

IV. KICKOFF REVIEW (2)

- 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. A few changes based on what I shared
- C. IN: How are you doing with making uninterrupted time for Christ? **Not even the tool**, just time with him. It's **not about a tool**. Not **praying throughout the day**, but uninterrupted time.
- D. OUT: How are you doing with the Daily Prayer Calendar?
- E. Put up questions slide

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?

IN: How are you doing with making uninterrupted time for Christ?

OUT: How are you doing with the Daily Prayer Calendar?

V. **DISCUSSION TIME- 15 minutes**

(Approx. 35 minutes / 11:05)

VI. FOUNDATIONAL PASSAGE (3)

- 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

VII. REVIEW OF PART 1 (4)

A. BOARD

- B. Hopefully have old sheet, or draw new. Notes on separate page.
- C. 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.
- D. The title of this pillar is “Obey Christ.”
- E. We use three passages for this one—John 14:21-24, Mark 12:28-31, & Luke 10:29-37.

SLIDE:

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

11:12

VIII. DELICATE ISSUE (6)

- A. We started by acknowledging that the topic of obedience can be **very delicate** for many reasons.
- B. We asked the **question**, -

SLIDE:

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

- C. We then looked at John 14:21-24 to see that for Jesus, love and obedience are **directly tied together, and they lead to a closer relationship with God**.

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

D. We then asked the question, -

SLIDE:

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

IX. **GREAT COMMANDMENT** *5 minutes*

- A. If obedience is so Important, **what commandments are the most important** to obey.
- B. We looked at the great commandment in Mark 12:28-31.
- C. Read together

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.

X. LOVE GOD

- A. **Drew diagram and broke down**, what does it mean to love the Lord with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength.

XI. HEART AND SOUL

- 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.

- B. WADE
- C. We asked -

SLIDE:

Which of these do you think God might be highlighting as an area where He wants more love and obedience? Write it as an “I will” statement.

XII. **MIND**

- A. We then looked at the mind and asked-

SLIDE:

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

XIII. **STRENGTH**

- A. Looked at the final element of all of our strength.
- B. Defined strength is our **energy and abilities** and used a lightning bolt to represent that.
- C. Asked -

SLIDE:

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

XIV. **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS**

- A. Now, want to discuss the second part of the great commandment.
- B. Jesus said we should love our neighbors as we love ourselves

SLIDE

“The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” -Mark 12:31.

- C. We will use Luke 10:29-37 as the reference passage for this. Write it down next to the Mark passage at the top of your page.
- D. Jesus said the second part of the great commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. In our Luke passage, a religious leader confronts Jesus about what that actually means, so he tells a story to paint a clear picture.

SLIDE

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” 37 He said, “The one who showed him

mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.” -Luke 10:29-37

- E. Jesus said that the Samaritan is the one that demonstrates what it means to love your neighbor, and that **we should do likewise**. There are **three principles from this story that can help us actually do so**.
- F. If you haven't **already done so**, draw a new box next to our first one, and separate it into three equal columns.

XV. Time

- A. Now, looking at the story, the first principle we see is the principle of time.
- B. The Samaritan stopped his journey to help the man, get him to safety, and take care of him. That cost him time. It's going to cost us time to obey the command to love our neighbors.
- C. Draw a clock in the first column and write “Time” above it.
- D. What do you think it means to love your neighbor with **your** time? Not in general, YOUR time specifically.

SLIDE

What do you think it means to love your neighbor with your time?

XVI. Talent and Abilities

- A. The second principle we see is one related to our talent and abilities.
- B. The Samaritan did **everything he could** to take care of the man on the spot and later on at the inn. He used his **talents and abilities** to help.
- C. We will also have to use our talent and abilities to truly love our neighbors.
- D. In the second column, write, “T & A” and “Talent & Abilities” above it.
- E. What do you think it means to love your neighbor with **your** Talent & Abilities? Not in general, YOUR Talent & Abilities specifically.

SLIDE

What do you think it means to love your neighbor with your talent & abilities?

XVII. Treasure

- A. The third principle we see is the principle of money. The Samaritan used his own supplies and money to make sure the man was taken care of. It is going to take the use of our money to love our neighbors as ourselves.
- B. In the third column, draw a dollar sign. Write, "Treasure" above it.
- C. What do you think it means to love your neighbor with **your** money? Not money in general, but YOUR money specifically.

SLIDE

What do you think it means to love your neighbor with your money?

- D. Based on your previous answers, how do you think God wants you to respond or change? Write down your answer as an "I will" statement.

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

XVIII. GOD AND PEOPLE

- A. Based on the passages we read and are represented in our diagram, we see that this is what it looks like to love God and love people.
- B. Draw an equal sign and heart

XIX. 3 I WILL STATEMENTS

- A. One thing you may have noticed is that you have three "I will" statements to complete. That is a lot. Don't feel burdened by it.
- B. Ordinarily, I would split this up into no less than two meetings with an individual or a group –one meeting to go over the first half of the tool, and another to go over the second half– so

that they had time to process each one and they wouldn't have this many "I will" statements. I recommend you do the same.

- C. So, ask the Lord how you should navigate these three. The goal is to make sure we always engage with the word for transformation and not just for information. We don't want people to feel overwhelmed or overburdened with things to do, and I don't want that for you either.

H. PRACTICE

XX. USES

1. Teach others
2. Devotion
3. Children

XXI. Share. Pray. Obey.

SLIDE:

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

Pray: Talk with God about each of these areas.

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

- A. Website- testimonies and coaching
- B. Pick up **children**, then come **fellowship**
- C. Sanctuary, Eden Center, please help with tables

- USES

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