

IBG Visions Discipleship Hub

Know. Commune. Respond. Walk. Become.

Equipping believers to grow in relationship with God, develop spiritual maturity, walk in freedom, and live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Discipleship Pathway

Phase 1: Know God → Relationship

Phase 2: Communion → Fellowship

Phase 3: Respond → Alignment

Phase 4: Walk → Freedom

Phase 5: Become → Multiplication

Core Scripture

“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me.’”

— Luke 9:23

Phase 1:

Know God

Building the Foundation of Relationship, Truth, and Trust

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Phase Overview

Before believers can effectively serve God, disciple others, or walk confidently in their calling, they must first know Him.

Many people know about God but have never developed a personal relationship with Him. Others read Scripture without understanding its purpose or struggle to trust God when life becomes difficult.

Phase 1 establishes the spiritual foundation upon which all discipleship is built:

- **Intimacy with God** teaches believers how to cultivate relationship.
- **Reading the Bible** teaches believers how God reveals Himself.
- **Faith** teaches believers how to trust and obey what God has revealed.

Together these create a strong spiritual foundation that prepares believers for growth, maturity, and Kingdom living.

Phase 1 Learning Outcomes

By the completion of this phase, participants will:

- ☐ Understand God's desire for relationship
 - ☐ Develop consistent spiritual habits
 - ☐ Learn how to read and engage Scripture
 - ☐ Understand biblical faith
 - ☐ Begin recognizing God's voice through His Word
 - ☐ Develop greater trust in God's character
 - ☐ Build a strong spiritual foundation for future growth
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MODULE 1

Intimacy with God

Objective

To understand that Christianity is first and foremost a relationship with God and to cultivate daily fellowship with Him.

Lesson 1: God's Desire for Relationship

Key Truth

God created humanity for relationship and fellowship with Him.

Key Scriptures

- Genesis 3:8
- Jeremiah 29:13
- John 17:3
- James 4:8

Discussion Questions

1. What does relationship with God mean to you?
2. How is relationship different from religion?
3. What barriers currently affect your relationship with God?

Reflection

Describe your current relationship with God in one paragraph.

Lesson 2: Drawing Near to God

Key Truth

Intimacy grows through consistent pursuit.

Key Scriptures

- Psalm 63:1
- Matthew 6:6
- John 15:4-5
- James 4:8

Practical Application

Create a daily appointment with God.

Reflection

What changes can you make to prioritize time with God?

Lesson 3: Living in God's Presence

Key Truth

God's presence transforms believers.

Key Scriptures

- Exodus 33:14
- Psalm 16:11
- Psalm 27:4
- John 10:27

Practical Application

Spend 10 minutes in silence listening to God.

Reflection

What distractions make it difficult to recognize God's presence?

Lesson 4: Heart Posture

Key Truth

Humility, honesty, surrender, and trust deepen intimacy.

Key Scriptures

- Psalm 62:8
- Psalm 51:6
- Isaiah 66:2
- James 4:10

Reflection

What area of your life have you not fully surrendered to God?

Lesson 5: Intimacy Produces Transformation

Key Truth

The closer we walk with God, the more we become like Him.

Key Scriptures

- 2 Corinthians 3:18
- Philippians 3:10
- Hosea 6:3

Reflection

How has God changed you since you began following Him?

Module 1 Assessment

Knowledge Check

1. What is intimacy with God?
2. Why is God's presence important?
3. What role does surrender play in relationship?
4. How does intimacy transform believers?

Action Step

Develop a daily spiritual routine.

MODULE 2

Knowing God Through His Word

Objective

To understand the purpose of Scripture and develop healthy Bible reading habits.

Lesson 1: The Bible Is God's Word

Key Truth

Scripture is God's primary means of communicating with His people.

Key Scriptures

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Hebrews 4:12
- Psalm 119

Reflection

How do you currently view the Bible?

Lesson 2: The Bible Renews the Mind

Key Truth

Transformation begins with truth.

Key Scriptures

- Romans 12:2
- John 8:31-32
- Psalm 19:7

Reflection

What beliefs have been challenged by Scripture?

Lesson 4: Building Faith Through the Word

Key Truth

Faith grows through hearing God's Word.

Key Scriptures

- Romans 10:17
- Ephesians 6:17
- Luke 4:1-13

Reflection

How has Scripture strengthened your faith?

Lesson 5: Identity and Purpose

Key Truth

God's Word reveals who we are.

Key Scriptures

- Psalm 119:105
- Ephesians 1
- 1 Peter 2:9

Reflection

What does Scripture teach about your identity?

Lesson 6: Sanctification Through Truth

Key Truth

God uses Scripture to mature believers.

Key Scriptures

- John 17:17
- Psalm 119:9
- Titus 2:11-12

Reflection

How has God's Word corrected or challenged you?

Lesson 7: Reading the Bible Like a Berean

Key Truth

Believers are called to examine Scripture carefully.

Key Scriptures

- Acts 17:11
- 2 Timothy 2:15

The Berean Method

- **Observation** — What does the text say?
- **Interpretation** — What does the text mean?
- **Application** — How should I respond?

Reflection

How can you become a more intentional student of Scripture?

Lesson 3: Spiritual Nourishment

Key Truth

The Word feeds the spirit.

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 4:4
- Joshua 1:8
- Psalm 1:1-3
- 1 Peter 2:2

Reflection

What happens when believers neglect Scripture?

Module 2 Assessment

Knowledge Check

1. Why did God give us Scripture?
2. How does Scripture renew the mind?
3. How does Scripture build faith?
4. What is the Berean approach to Bible study?

Action Step

Establish a consistent Bible reading plan.

MODULE 3

Walking by Faith

Objective

To understand biblical faith and learn how to trust God in every area of life.

Lesson 1: What Faith Is

Key Truth

Faith is confidence in God's character and promises.

Key Scriptures

- Hebrews 11:1
- Hebrews 11:6
- 2 Corinthians 5:7

Reflection

What is the difference between faith and feelings?

Lesson 2: How Faith Grows

Key Truth

Faith develops through hearing God's Word and obeying Him.

Key Scriptures

- Romans 10:17
- Romans 1:17
- Luke 17:5-6

Reflection

Where has your faith grown recently?

Lesson 3: Faith During Trials

Key Truth

Faith is strengthened through testing.

Key Scriptures

- James 1:2-4
- 1 Peter 1:6-7
- Isaiah 40:31

Reflection

What trial has strengthened your faith?

Lesson 4: Faith and Obedience

Key Truth

Genuine faith produces action.

Key Scriptures

- James 2:17
- Ephesians 2:8-10
- Hebrews 11

Reflection

What act of obedience is God calling you to take?

Lesson 5: Living by Faith Daily

Key Truth

Faith shapes how believers think, decide, and live.

Key Scriptures

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Galatians 2:20
- 1 John 5:4

Reflection

What area of life requires greater trust in God?

Lesson 6: The Fruit of Faith

Key Truth

Faith produces spiritual maturity and confidence in God.

Key Scriptures

- Hebrews 11:6
- Habakkuk 2:4

Reflection

How has faith changed your life?

Module 3 Assessment

Knowledge Check

1. What is biblical faith?
2. How does faith grow?

3. Why are trials important to faith?
4. How are faith and obedience connected?

Action Step

Identify one area where you will intentionally walk by faith this week.

PHASE 1 CAPSTONE

Personal Reflection

- **Relationship** — What have you learned about intimacy with God?
 - **Revelation** — What have you learned through Scripture?
 - **Faith** — How has your trust in God grown?
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30-Day Growth Challenge

For the next 30 days:

- ☐ Spend time with God daily
 - ☐ Read Scripture daily
 - ☐ Journal your observations
 - ☐ Pray consistently
 - ☐ Apply one truth from Scripture each day
 - ☐ Take one weekly step of faith
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Phase 1 Declaration

I desire to know God personally.

I will pursue intimacy with Him daily.

I will study His Word faithfully.

I will trust Him completely.

I will walk by faith and not by sight.

I will build my life upon Christ, the firm foundation.

Phase 2: Communion

(Cultivating Connection)

Communing

- Prayer
- Worship
- Fasting

Outcome: Fellowship with God

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