

Following Jesus Together

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- Matthew 28:16-20

"To be a Christian means to be a disciple. There are no Christians who are not disciples. And to be a disciple of Jesus means to follow Jesus. There are no disciples who are not following Jesus...But the Christian life is also the discipling life. Disciples disciple. We follow the one who calls people to follow by calling people to follow."

- Mark Dever

Teaching Others to Follow Jesus

Jesus gives two imperatives to shape his commission to go make disciples. First He says to baptize, meaning to lead others into saving faith. But second he says, "Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

To be a follower of Jesus means we learn to live and more and more in line with the ways and commands of Jesus. But being a follower of Jesus also means teaching and helping others do the same. We all have a role to play in the discipleship of other believers.

This week's practice is a renewed look at "accountability" within the local church. Typically, for those who grew up within a Christian context, someone keeping you "accountable" meant they checked in on you to make sure you weren't doing the sinful things you weren't supposed to be doing.

But this week's practice turns that on its head. Instead of focusing on how to help one another stay away from sin, we are focusing on how to help one another move towards Christ.

Below, you will find a chart with spaces to fill in for each person in your Community Group of the same sex. This chart seeks to answer - "how do the people in my group want to grow and how can I help?" Our recommendation is to take time as a Community to fill in the chart, and consider how to help one another in your discipleship to Jesus.

PRACTICE

CG Member Name:	Desired Area of Growth:	Prayer Prompts:	How to Help (besides prayer):

RESOURCES

The following are recommended resources if you would like to journey further into this practice:

• **Discipling: How to Help Others Follow Jesus** by Mark Dever