



WELCOME to “The Human Side of Holiness”
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Session 15 Summary

The key to the human side of holiness is obedience to Jesus through indirection of doing what we can do — spiritual disciplines by grace with grace — to be formed like Jesus into a person we can not become on our own.



SESSION 16 — KNOWLEDGE, GRACE, DISCIPLESHIP

Session Theme — The the role of knowledge in making disciples, living together in Trinitarian fellowship, and teaching people to do everything Christ said.

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.” Galatians 5:16

The Role of Knowledge in the Great Commission

Making disciples, living together in Trinitarian fellowship, and teaching people to do everything Christ said. Mt. 28:19-20

It is very difficult to teach someone if you don't have knowledge.

You need to challenge the world that separates knowledge from faith.

You need to think deeply about how you're going to do the work you contemplate to do as ministers of Christ and how you're going to live your life if it is not on a basis of knowledge.



Knowledge • Belief/Faith Commitment • Profession

Profession — We tend to take people in on the basis of their profession.

Commitment — You may not have commitment. Maybe they are committed to things they don't believe in.

Belief — Maybe they believe things but it's not founded in knowledge. Biblical faith is always in an environment of knowledge.

“Leap of Faith” — Faith leaps on a basis of knowledge. See Abraham & Job. There are no leaps of faith in the biblical record. A disciple acts on the basis of what he or she knows.

When you act, sometimes in faith, your experience gives more knowledge and more faith. Faith comes by the word of God. Now, is that knowledge or what is it?

This is such a big deal!

In the United States - “separation of church and state”. Upon what assumption would you say that separation is made? Well, you can you imagine anyone talking about the separation of state and chemistry? When people generally speak of separation of church and state, they are assuming that the church doesn't know anything important. It is predicated on the assumption that what the Church teaches is not knowledge of reality.



Knowledge — “Epistemology”

“You know something if you are able to represent it as it is, on an appropriate basis of thought and experience.”

Knowledge has a foundation in evidence and method. Knowledge requires truth. Knowledge is what you want your dentist and car shop to have, not just being lucky.

The confusion about it is what the resistance to the gospel thrives on. *“Well, you know, if it’s not knowledge you can just take it or leave it. It’s just belief, just faith.”*





Beliefs & Truth

Truth (defined) - *“A belief, idea, statement, proposition, or whatever, is true if what it is about is as it is represented in the belief.”*

You pick up beliefs by the people you're with. Little children come to believe most of the things they believe just because the people around them believe.

We arrive at maturity with a set of beliefs that we picked up. And then a large part of our responsibility is to sort those out. And define which ones are true and which ones are false. We learn things like,

“Well, it wasn't true just because my folks believed it.”

Belief & Knowledge

Knowledge is the environment of belief.

Bring knowledge of Christ to people. That means you have to have it first. And if you have it, it will come to people in a very different way. Because knowledge is a totally different kind of thing from belief. I

If you bring knowledge to people, you have the right to:

1. Act
2. Direct action
3. Legislate policy and supervise it
4. Teach

If the Christian teaching is not knowledge, what are you getting? Well, tradition. Maybe you're learning how to be a good _____. You fill in the blank .

What about Belief?

You believe something when you are prepared to act as if it were so but it may not be so. Belief can be totally ungrounded irrational or false and no less belief for that. And now you may think that God will really like you if you would act as if you believe something when you don't.

When we get up to preach on Sunday morning we're basically facing a wall of unbelief and that's why people don't act as if what they say they believe is true. Now, this is not something to harass people with. It's something to try to help people to understand.

Many people have trouble with belief because they don't believe, they profess.

Belief based on Knowledge

That's why it's important, not just to believe that Jesus rose from the dead, but to know it. That's why it's important not just to believe that God exists and created the world, but to know it.

We know most of the things we know on authority.

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Commitment

Choosing and implementing a course of action.

We can extend our action beyond our belief, just like we can extend our belief beyond our knowledge.

Knowledge • Belief/Faith Commitment • Profession

So, you need these four concepts — knowledge, belief, commitment, profession. And you need to understand where you where you stand, where I stand, and then you need to help others deal with that. And what you're aiming for in making disciples and in guiding them, is that fundamentally, everything would be based on knowledge as much as it can.

Drawbacks to Knowledge

- You never know anything as well as you could.
- Knowledge puffs up.
Always subordinate knowledge to love.

“One of the great things about knowledge, of course, is it enables you to do things with realities that you don’t see. Truth is designed by God to help us negotiate reality.”

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:31-32

“He who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house upon a rock.”

Matthew 7:24



Disciples Made on Knowledge

Profession is often done to manage our kingdom. People may profess things that they don't believe, nobody knows, and they're not committed to.

Belief involves the will. If you believe something, you're ready to act as if it were true.

We can believe things that we don't know.
We can know things that we don't believe.



Know the difference before those four things — Profession, Commitment, Belief/Faith & Knowledge — and the effect they have on making disciples and on spiritual growth.

Teaching People to do What Jesus Said

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Group - Intended by Christ and best for teaching people committed to spiritual formation in discipleship. “A communal thing.”

* Discipleship — A Status, not an advanced spiritual position.

* Spiritual Formation — The process of a disciple becoming more like Christ.

You become a disciple by committing yourself to Jesus Christ as your Lord, Master and teacher, and throwing your crown at his feet, “signed up for the course.”



Defining a Disciple

Start with discipleship. If not, you're going to have a hard time turning it around. And people are going to be mad at you if you try.

In order to teach someone to do what Jesus said...

First, someone has to make disciples.

Do you have clearly fixed in your mind how you would help someone become a disciple?

A disciple of Jesus is someone who has decided to be with Jesus to learn to be like Him.

A disciple is arranging their affairs all the way down to paying attention.



Making Disciples

If a disciple of Jesus is someone who has decided to be with Jesus to learn to be like Him, how do you make one?

The V-I-M Model

Vision - the gospel of life now in heaven with Jesus.

We want a gospel that will provide a basis for making disciples. we don't have to be perfect in any of this.

Intention - We don't have to have it all perfectly straight. We have to have enough of it that will allow us to make enough of an intention to start seriously practicing being with Jesus learning to be like Him.

Many people are disappointed in the Christian life because they are expecting from it what only comes to a disciple, and they're not a disciple.

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We tend to think of Christian as someone who's going to go to heaven when they die.

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Teaching Disciples to Get Rid of Anger

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“Who needs anger?”

- 1.) Help them understand what “Anger” is
- 2.) Offer a small group on how to not be angry
- 3.) Debrief with the group the causes - the roots

Note: You Do Not Have to Teach Everything Jesus Said

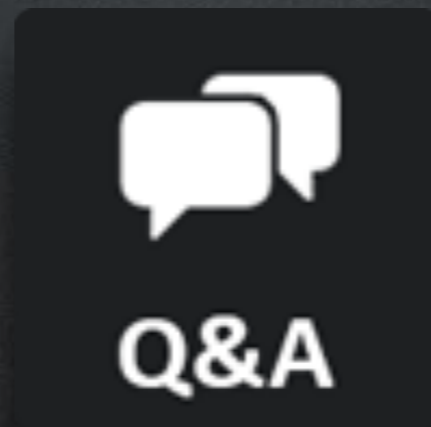




Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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Meditation — *Galatians 5:16-18*

V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...

VISION — Can I see myself living without _____ ?
(Anger. Lust. Contempt. Worry...?)

Intention — Am I ready to live without _____ ?
(Issue above)

Means — What small group of respected, close apprentices will I engage to change?



† Cross Fit

Session 15 Summary

Disciples are made when, by God's grace, we offer the knowledge of life with Jesus to foster intentional, willful belief through practice of the means to Christlikeness like learning to rid ourselves of anger.



Next Week — Final Session 17

“DISCIPLESHIP IN LOCAL CONGREGATIONS” [47:38]

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INTO LOCAL CONGREGATIONS**

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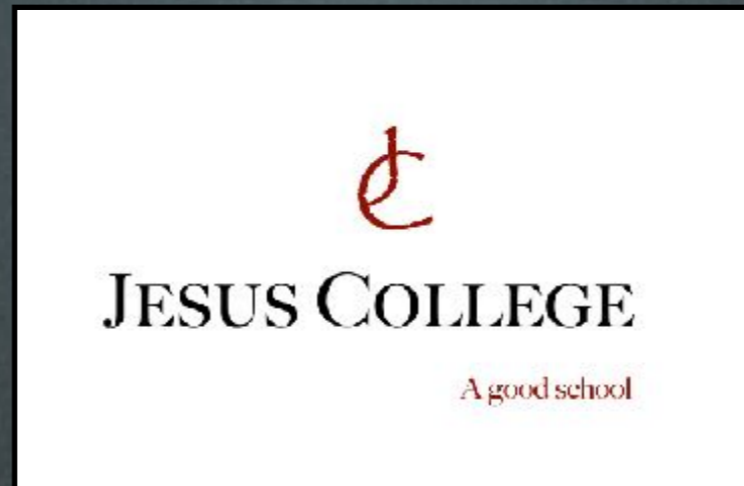
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