

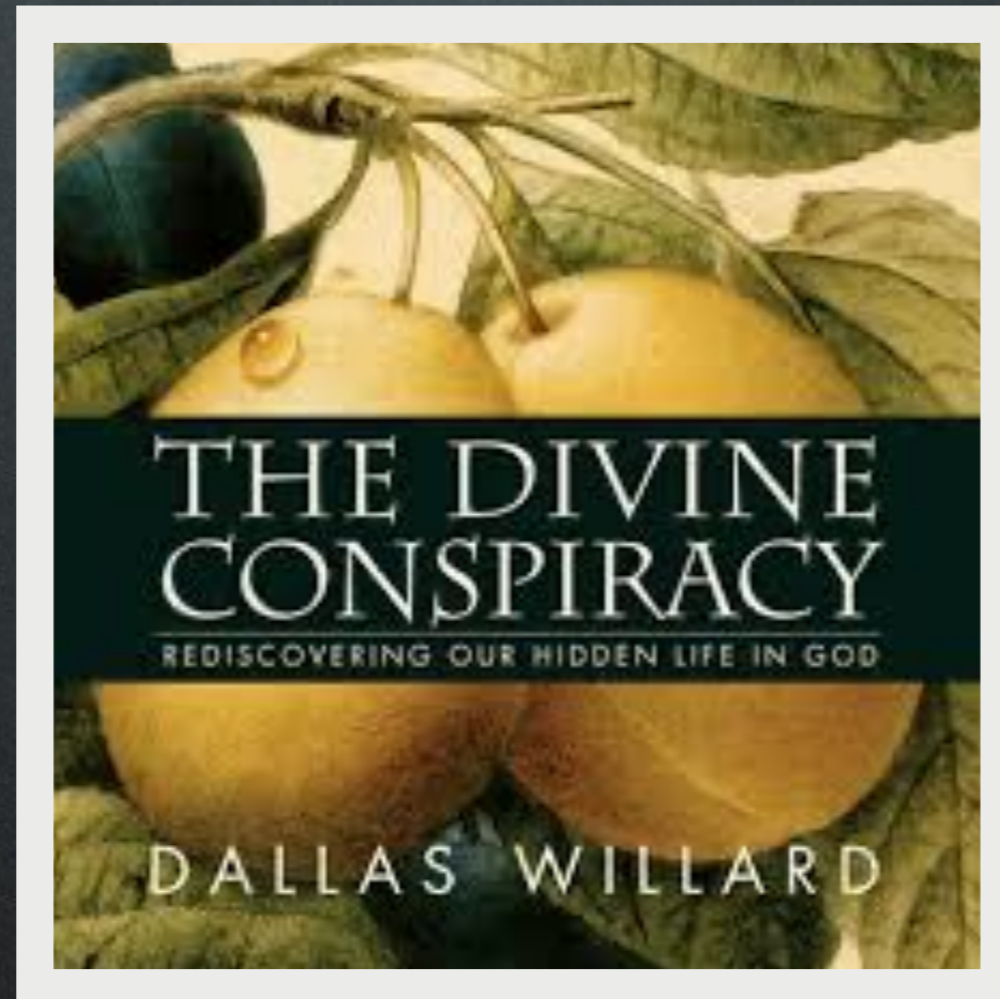
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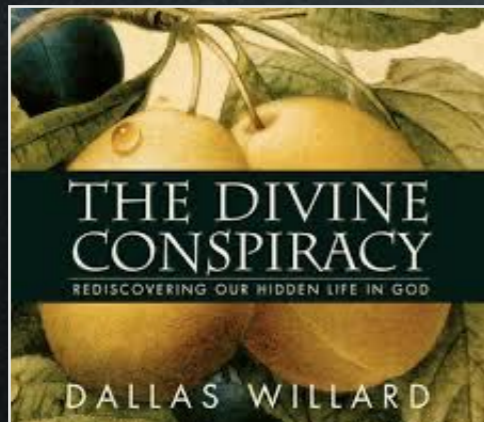
Chapter 8 - “On Being a Disciple or a Student of Jesus”

Session 24 - “How to Be a Disciple”



Session 25 - “How to Become a Disciple”

Session 26 - “Helping Others Find Their Way Into Discipleship”



Session 23 Review

The assumption of Jesus' program for His people on earth was that they would live their lives as His students and co-laborers. They would find Him so admirable in every respect — wise, beautiful, powerful, and good — that they would constantly seek to be in His presence and be guided, instructed and helped by Him in every aspect of their lives.

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We grow in Christlikeness as we spend time with the Master Teacher who gives us the power and wisdom to be like Him.

Follow me.

A Disciple, or Apprentice...
...is quite an obvious thing.
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...is simply someone who has
decided to be with another
person, in order to become
capable of doing what that
person does or to become
what that person is. (282)



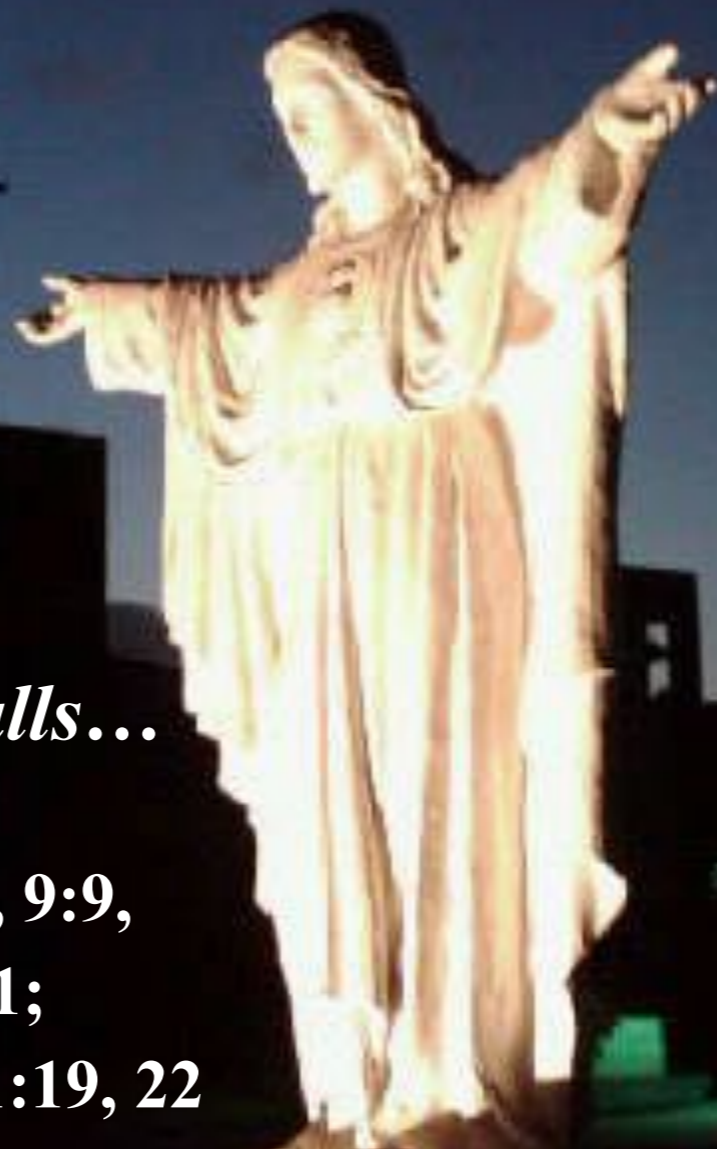
“Follow Me.”

Nine Times He calls...

Matthew 4:19, 8:22, 9:9,

10:38,16:24, 19:21;

John 1:43, 12:26, 21:19, 22



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Authentic Apprenticeship

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Session 24 - "How to Be a Disciple"

What is it the incarnate Lord does?

What is He good at?

- 1) He lives in the Kingdom of God.
- 2) He applies that Kingdom for the good of others.
- 3) He even makes it possible for them to enter it for themselves. It is what he calls us to by saying,

"Follow me."



How to Be a Disciple

As a disciple of Jesus, I am with Him, by choice and by grace, learning from Him how to live in the Kingdom.

**I am learning how to live my life as
He would live my life if He were I.***

My actual life is the focus of my apprenticeship to Jesus. I am learning from Jesus how to lead my life, my whole life, my real life.

Note: I am not learning from Him how to lead His life.

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* (also 284, 285, 291, 302, 316)



Discipleship = My Whole, Daily Life

The teachings of Jesus do not by themselves make a life...they presuppose a life. Each one of us is provided a life automatically. It is precisely this life that God wants us to give to Him.

To every person we can say with confidence,

*“You, in the midst of your actual life there,
are exactly the person God wanted.”*

The teachings of Jesus in the Gospels show us how to live the life we have been given.



How to Be a Disciple...at Work...with Joy

The Glory of My Job

To be learning from Jesus how to do your job as Jesus Himself would do it. (285)

We can not effectively be an apprentice of Jesus without integrating our job into the Kingdom Among Us. (287)



“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all IN THE NAME of the LORD JESUS, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Colossians 3:17

How to Be an Apprentice in the Workplace?

- Practice a gentle but firm noncooperation with things that everyone knows to be wrong.
- Offer sensitive, nonofficious, nonintrusive, nonobsequious service to others.
- Cultivate inward attitudes of constant prayer for activities of the workplace .
- Genuine love for everyone involved.

*It is work that should be done,
and it should be done
as Jesus himself would do it.*

“I came not to be served but to serve.”

(285-286)

Threefold Ministry of Jesus

Matthew 4:23, 9:35, 10:7-8

- > Proclaiming* ... now available, accessible Kingdom
- > Manifesting...acts of love to help those in need
- > Teaching...in His manner, the rule of God now

The special ministers of the Kingdom have an extraordinary role in making and training disciples.

(288-291...16, 99, 300 & 305)

* - 3 paragraphs summarizing the Kingdom Gospel

How to Be a Disciple at Work with Joy

Joy is our portion in His fellowship.

Joy goes with confidence and creativity.

It is His **Joy**, and that is not a small **Joy** or a repressed **Joy**.

It is a robust **Joy**, with no small element of outright hilarity.

For nothing less than **Joy** can sustain us in the Kingdom rightness.

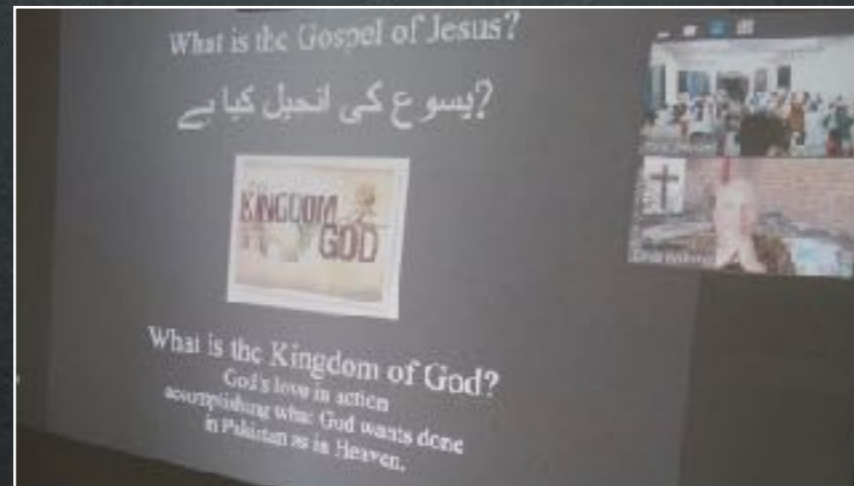


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Pakistan 2023 — A People of Joy

Blessed are Pakistanis in a time of persecution and destruction for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



“Theology & Disciplines in the Workplace” by Dallas Willard
~ The Kingdom of God at Work @ Work ~

When you're thinking about whole life discipleship, the problem is going to be what you take discipleship to be. The greatest barrier to whole life discipleship is the theory of salvation that does not include it. You may just decide to enjoy the ride to Heaven and not worry about anything else.

“Thank you Jesus. I'll see you in Heaven later. I'll get on with my life.”

Take Jesus' presence as an apprentice to live in the Kingdom of God like He does. All of the tasks I undertake at work, I undertake with Jesus at my elbow. God is present in my life through Jesus the Son. He is my teacher. He is the one I am learning from constantly as I go through life.

This infinitely powerful love is present wherever we are. God is at work where we are in nature, history, social processes, economy, work. God is always at work. It is important to think this if we are going to take Him to work. Recognize He is already there.

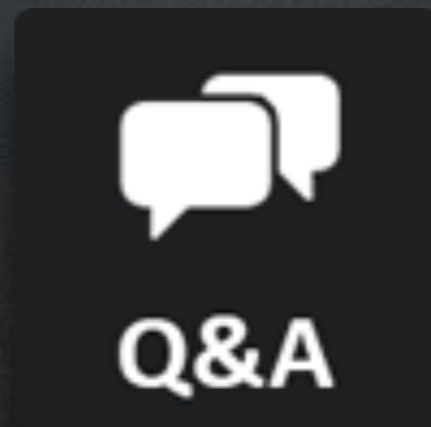


The Kingdom at Work in the Magic Kingdom

Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Meditation — *Colossians 3:17-22*

In the next 10,000 minutes...

Q - What is Jesus good at? What am I good at? Do they integrate? Write out the answers.

“I am learning how to live my life as He would live my life if He were I.” This is the key discovery as apprentices in The Kingdom Among Us.

Q - How might this impact my role in my everyday life at home and at work?

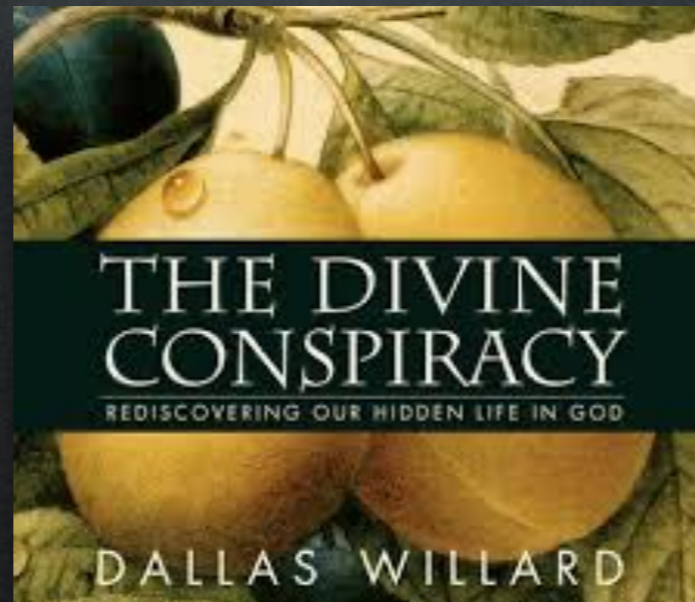
Q - On a “Joy Scale” of 1-10 (10 being highest), what is my joy in the following areas: Work (daily activities), Family, Neighbors, Ministry, Finances, Self Image, Fellowship.



Session 24 Summary

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Course Session 24 * Recommended Teachings

"Theology & Spiritual Disciplines in the Workplace"

Dallas @ Talbot Seminary — Intro-18:20

<https://www.jesuscollege.com/dallaswillard-speaking>

“God in Business” series - Session 2

(14) pages of lecture notes in the Jesus College Library

* See the Course reading schedule for related teachings

Next Week — Session 25

Chapter 8 - “On Being a Disciple or Student of Jesus”

“How to Become a Disciple”

Hardback - pp. 291-299

Paperback - pp. 319-327

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May you join the King
and His Kingdom at
work with joy in your
work over the next
10,000 minutes!

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