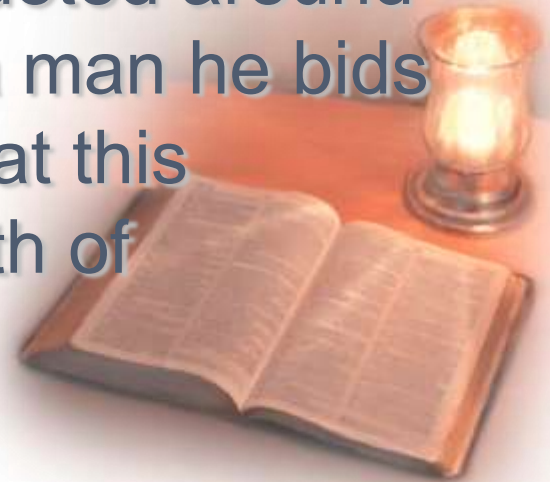




CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

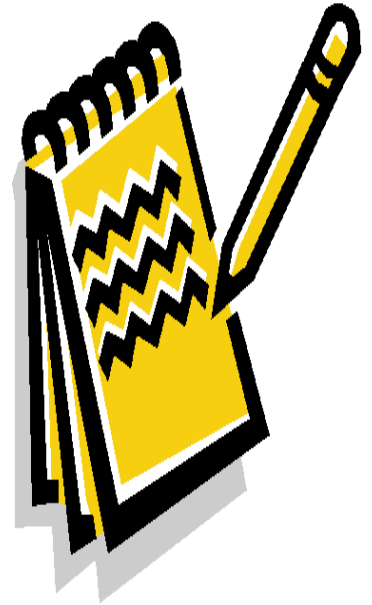
From the book of Cost of Discipleship this famous statement has been quoted around the world, “When Christ calls a man he bids him come and die,” it is true that this sentence summarizes the depth of discipleship.

The vision for becoming a disciple is often referred to as **The Great Commission - Matt. 28:18 – 20.**



Etymology

- **Many Christians refer to themselves as members of the church rather than disciples. For them disciples were the twelve who spent intimate and quality time with Jesus during His earthly ministry.**
- **The word “Disciple” is derived from the Greek word “Mathetes”. Literally meaning – a learner**
- **Mathetes is one who directs his mind to something – a pupil or a student**
- **Hence disciple is one who attaches himself to a teacher and follows his teaching**



What is Discipleship?

Christian discipleship is the transformation process that turns a believer into the person God wants him to be.

Elements necessary for discipleship

Knowledge and experience are necessary in discipleship.

Only mental knowledge about Jesus does not suffice rather experience and personal encounter with him can help in building our relationship with him.

4 elements of Christian discipleship

- 1) Accept Jesus as my master
- 2) Attachment to the person of Jesus
- 3) Commitment to the person of Jesus
- 4) Life long relationship with Jesus



Discipleship should not be mistaken with ministry of a Christian person

While discipleship belongs to the core of the person

His/ her ministry indicates his way of functioning

Discipleship should enable one to choose his/ her ministry and not vice versa

Call to discipleship by Jesus is universal to all.

Criteria to live our discipleship is same for all Christians

Lk 9:23

However we can exercise our discipleship through different ways of functions
e.g. priesthood, married life

4 invitations of discipleship

1) Come and see (Jn 1:39)

2) Come and follow me
(Mk1:17)

3) Come to me and learn from
me(Mt 11:29)

4) Now come and follow me



Qualities of a disciple

Disciple is one who
**Hears or learns from his
master**

**Martha gave priority
to hear from Jesus
when she had other
options. Luke 10: 38
-42**



Disciple is one who
Obeys his master

Peter and Andrew
responded to His call
with an open heart
Mark 1 :16- 20

Disciple is one who
Enjoys the time
with his master

The bold response of
Peter -Being with the
master at all time
John 6:66 - 71



**Disciple is one who
Hears or learns from his
master**

**Once Jesus was praying.
After he had finished, one
of his disciples said**

**“Lord, teach us to
pray, as John taught
his disciples”.**

Luke 11:1

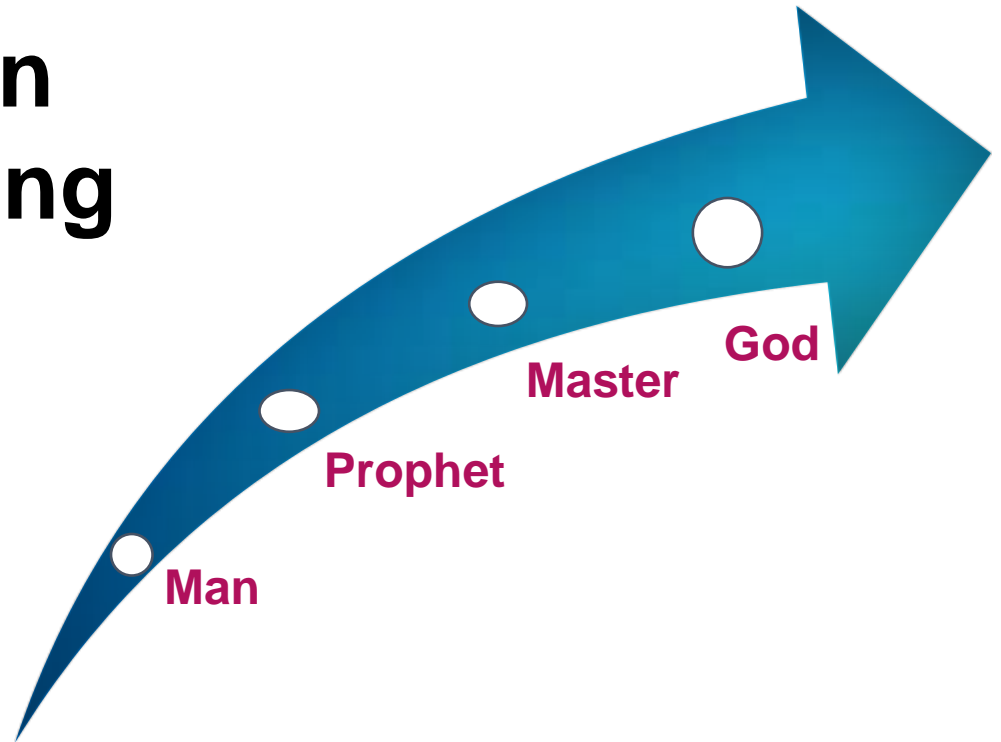


Disciple is one who.....

Knows his master

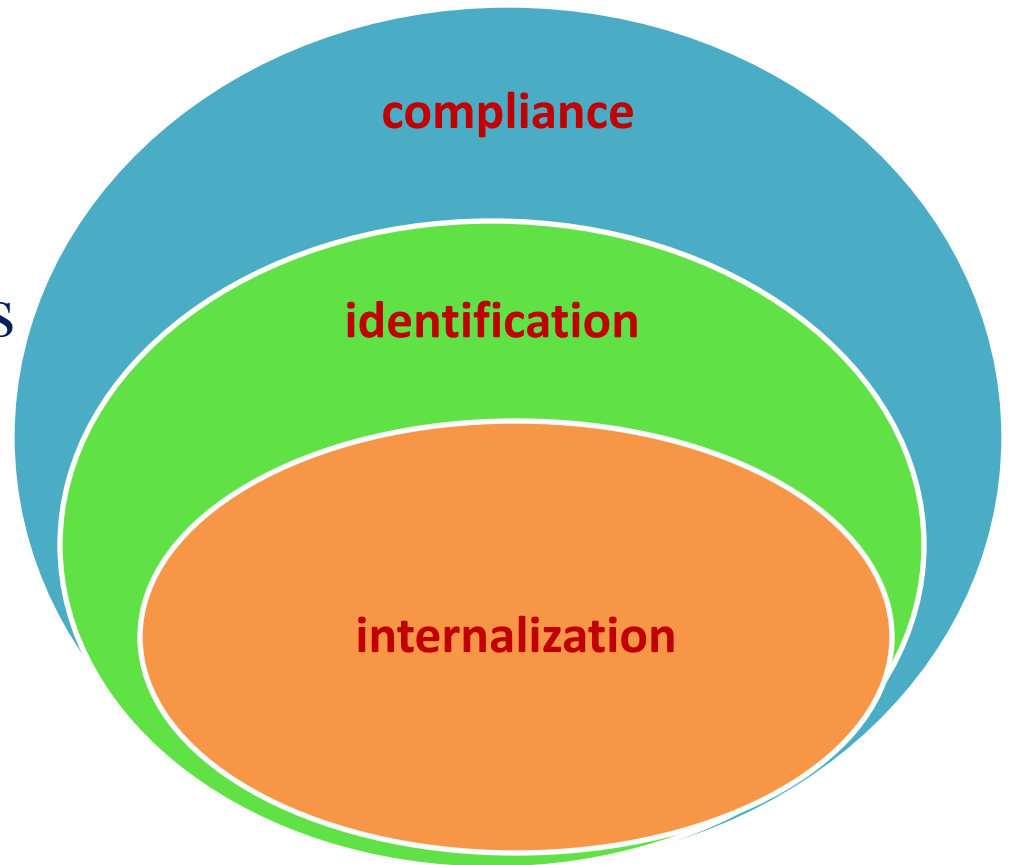
**Blind man grew in
his understanding
about his savior.**

John 9 : 11 , 17, 27, 38

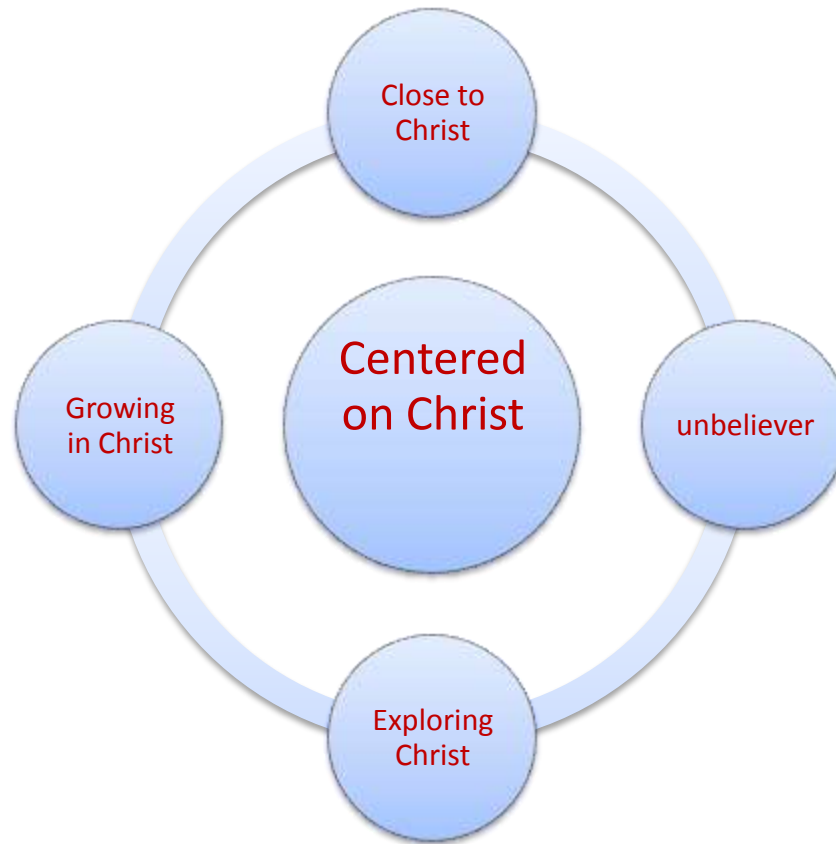


Our love for discipleship
should not be compliance
or identification
but internalization

Internalization that leads
us to move from ideal
self to actual self



Process of Discipleship



Franciscan discipleship

Franciscan vocation to live the discipleship should be something that Celano describes

He was always with Jesus:

Jesus was in his heart, Jesus in his mouth,

Jesus in his ears, Jesus in his eyes

Jesus in his hands, he bore Jesus always in his whole body... (2Cel 115)



**Christianity without
discipleship is always
Christianity without
Christ. - Dietrich
Bonhoeffer**

True discipleship

When God is the center of our lives, we live to please Him. When we please God, we want Him to influence each area of our lives. This is discipleship.



THANK YOU