

The Ordinary Guide

To becoming
like Jesus



Introduction

Have you ever looked at the life of Peter and asked yourself, “When was Peter actually a disciple of Jesus?” Was it when he cut off a guy’s ear? Was it when he tried to turn away all the poor, hungry people? Or was it when Jesus told him to “feed my sheep?”

The truth is that Peter was a disciple from the moment he was called by Jesus. This means that all of Peter’s life, the celebrating and mourning, the work and rest, the prayer and evangelism was all part of Peter’s discipleship. And if it was all part of Peter’s discipleship, then it must be part of our discipleship, too!

So what is Discipleship?

Discipleship is ordinarily living like Jesus to become like Jesus.

This booklet is designed to help you create some categories for living and discover what it might look like to follow Jesus in every area of life. Too often we like to have a boundary between our sacred life and our secular life. Most of us have robust secular lives, but struggle to really understand what it means to have the full spiritual life that Jesus promises.

Mark
1v16-17

Matthew
6v33

Some of us have been raised to believe that once we get our lives together (we have money and houses) then we can start to follow Jesus. But listen to what Jesus says, “Seek first the kingdom of God and everything else will be added to you.” (v) That’s a profound and convincing command. Let’s rephrase it, “seek first our spiritual lives and our secular lives will be fine.”

We believe that Jesus wants us to live life in all our normal spaces, with a new trajectory. Your old trajectory was your kingdom, your success, your homes, your money; but now your new trajectory is God’s kingdom. Success in God’s kingdom is living like a local disciple who seeks first the Kingdom of God in everything they do.

This is a life-long process. Our hope is that this model of discipleship will be with you for the rest of your life. This isn’t a start and finish model, it’s a visit and revisit, and revisit model; it’s an ordinary guide to following Jesus.

Categories

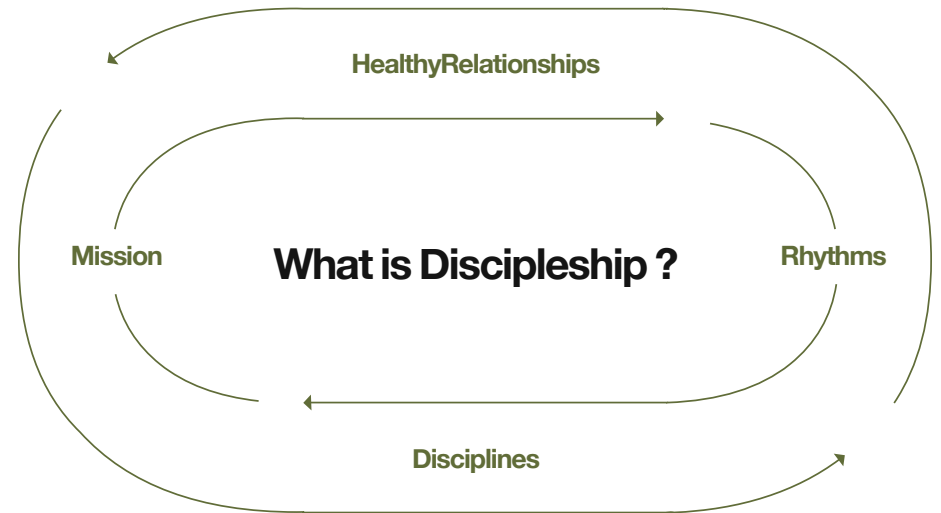
It's kind of hard to organize your whole life into a few categories, but we're going to give it a try. Our main goal here is not to compartmentalize, but to organize. In an effort to organize we have developed these four categories: healthy relationships, disciplines, rhythms and mission.

01. HealthyRelationships

02. Mission

03. Rhythms

04. Disciplines



We'll spend time unpacking these categories, but before we do it's important that you know these two thoughts about categories. First, these categories are not the Gospel, they're simply a means to understanding and living with the Gospel. Our hope is that this booklet gives you insight into your life as a disciple and that these categories serve you as you take inventory of different parts of your discipleship.

Finally, each section that you go through will have info about the category and then an inventory of potential parts of your discipleship. Each category will also give you a chance to share how engaged you are in that part and share some follow up steps. It's impossible to be entirely engaged in every aspect of discipleship at all times. Discipleship is seasonal, meaning there will be times where you might be more engaged in specific categories; that's totally okay.

Let's get started.

Next Steps

At the beginning of this guide, we shared that it's near impossible to be fully engaged in every aspect of discipleship at all times. We believe this is good news! There will be times when you're connecting fully with God through prayer, there will be seasons where being hospitable will be more spirit-filled than ever, there might even be times when silence is a powerful tool to connect with God. In it all, the goal is to simply be aware that God is present in every specific part of your life; that all of life is discipleship.

We want to end our guide with a simple question: what might Jesus, our good shepherd, be saying to you right now? We want to encourage you to close your eyes and consider what you know to be true about the work of Jesus and the person of Jesus. What is Jesus saying to you right now?

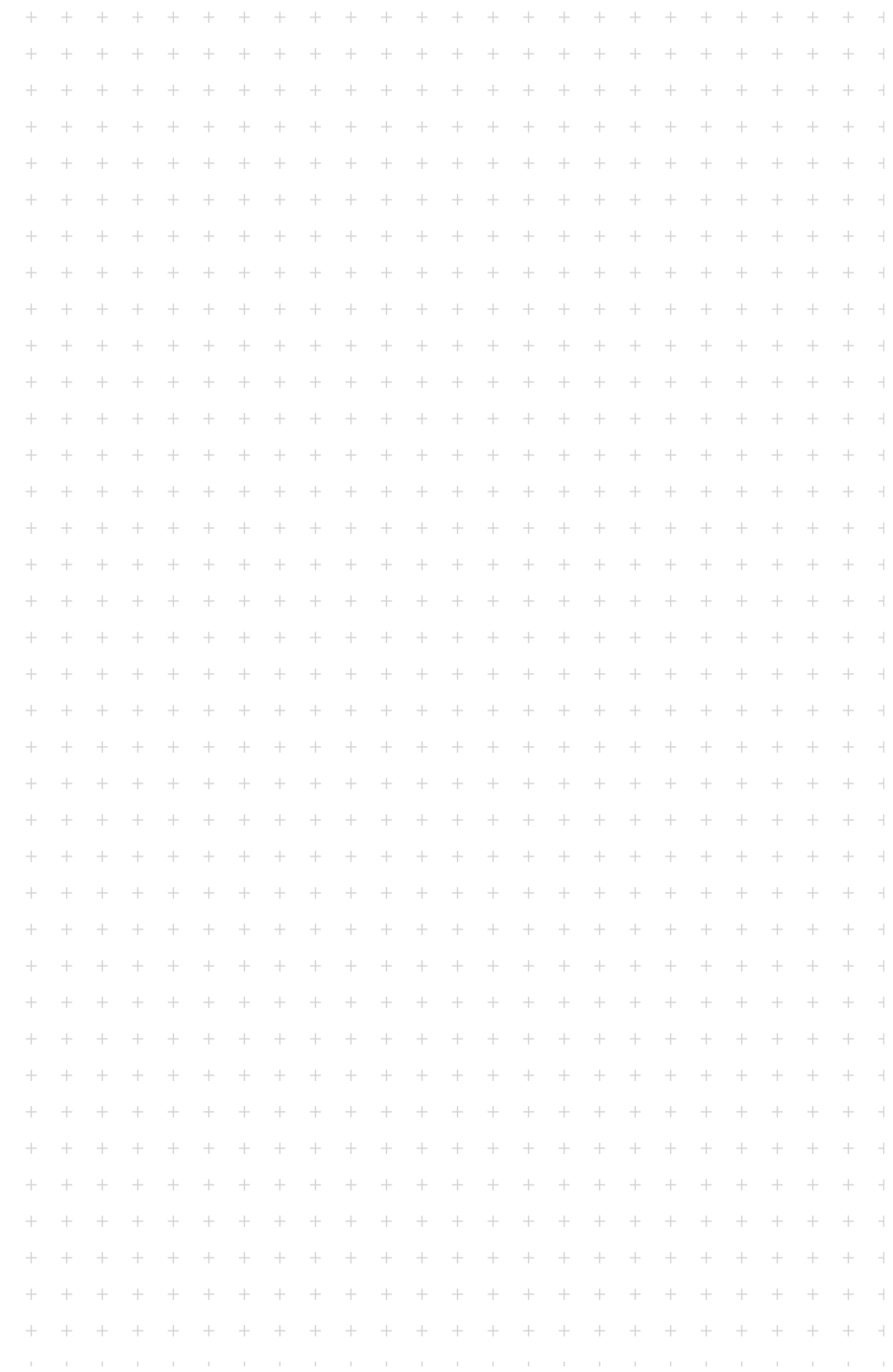
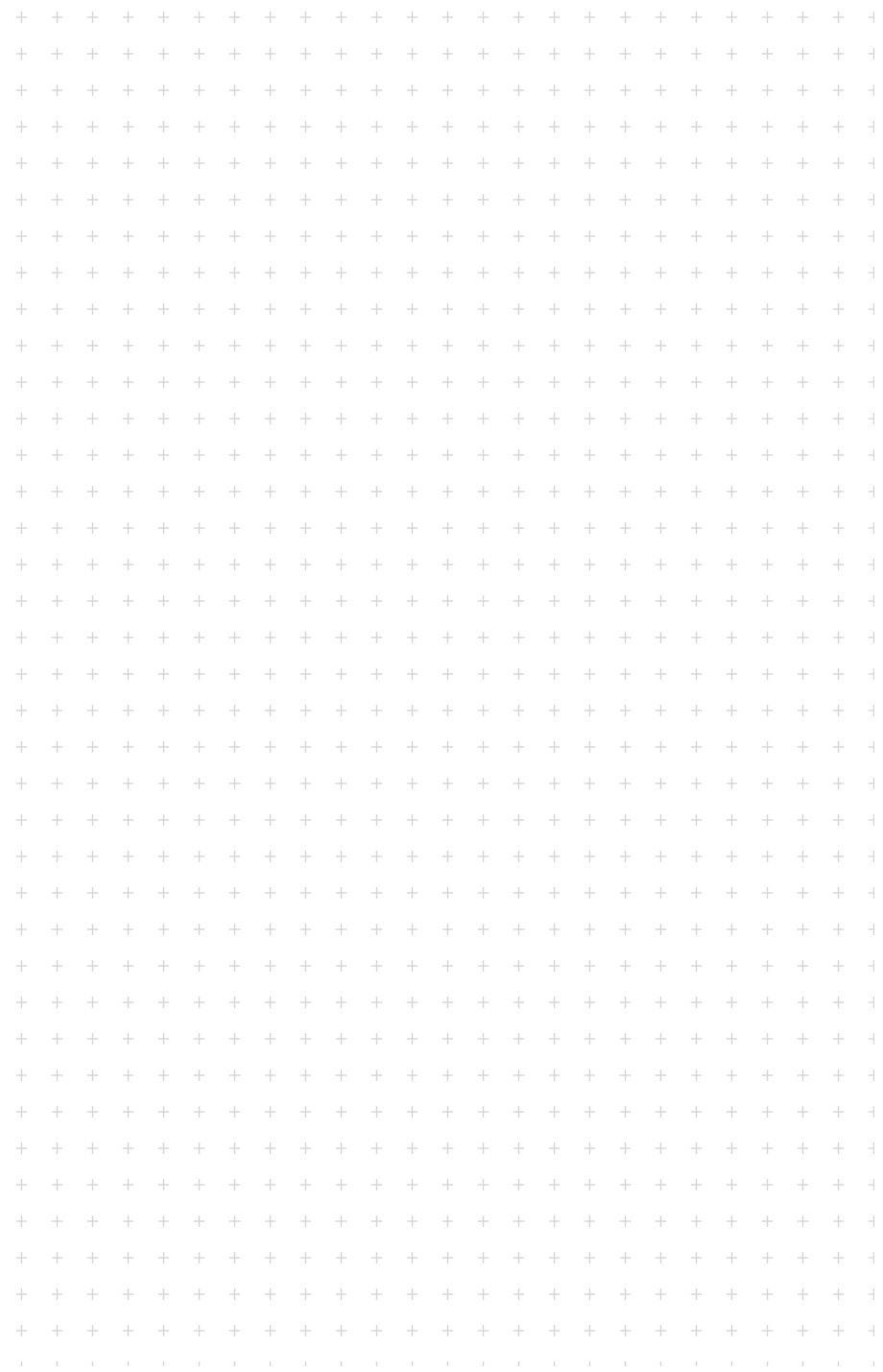
Finally, This guide is meant to be revisited again, and again, and again. We believe that discipleship is not linear, it's circular. Our invitation to you is to make a regular rhythm or discipline of going through this guide on your own and with others. Our hope is that you will follow Jesus for the rest of your life through The Ordinary Guide.

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