

ANSWERS: Disciple of Christ Study: Lesson 10 Godly Relationships

Purpose of study: *Live life as a disciple of Christ and intentionally make disciples for the glory of the triune God. A disciple is a “student” or “follower” who learns, studies, and acts in accordance to the teachings of Christ, the Master.*

Lesson 10: Godly Relationships (Day One) *Jesus is the Word*

Definition: Relationship is the way in which two or more people, groups, etc., talk to, behave toward, and deal with each other.

Read Romans 12:17-18 and answer questions 1-3:

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12:17-18

1. List two ways we are to deal with others (v. 17):

(1. Do not repay anyone evil for evil

(2. Be careful to do what is right

2. Living in a fallen world, is it possible to live at peace with *everyone*? Yes No (Circle One)

We cannot control what others do or how they may relate to us.

3. Even though it is not possible to live at peace with *everyone*, what instruction are we given (v. 18)?

As far as it depends on you (me). We must do all we can to live at peace with others even if their actions toward us are not friendly.

Read Psalm and meditate on 119. Then read 119:2, 9-10, 57-58 and answer questions 4-6:

Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart. Psalm 119:2

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. Psalm 119:9-10

You are my portion, O LORD; I have promised to obey your words.⁵⁸ I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. Psalm 119:57-58

4. What is the prescription (preparation, instruction) in the Old Testament for seeking God?

Read God's Word, the Bible, and obey its instructions. In other words, obey what God desires.

5. List the four words in each biblical citation that describes how you should be seeking God?

With all my heart.

6. Are you seeking God with all your heart? Yes No Maybe (Circle One)

Personal Answer

7. If you answered no or maybe in question 6, how can your CLI Discipler pray for you so that you will seek God with all your heart?

CLI Discipler: Please pray for your Disciple's request to seek and find God with all of his or her heart.

Reference Verses in this section Lesson 10:

Luke 11:28 - He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.

Luke 8:11 - This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God.

Mark 7:13 - Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was with God in the beginning.³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. John 1:1-4

Read the complete passage, John 1:1-18, from your Bible and then answer questions 8-12:

8. Who is the apostle John talking about in this passage (v. 17-18)?

Jesus Christ, The Word, God

9. Who is the Word (v. 1)?

1. Jesus Christ 2. God

10. Who were all things made through (v. 3)?

Jesus Christ

11. Who holds the key to our life (v. 4)?

Jesus Christ

12. Who is the light of men (v. 4)?

Jesus Christ

Read Hebrews 1:1-3 and answer questions 13-17:

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Hebrews 1:1-3

13. How does God speak to us today (v. 2)?

Jesus Christ

14. Through whom did God make the universe (v. 2)?

Jesus Christ

15. Who is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being (v. 3)?

Jesus Christ

16. Jesus sustains all things by His powerful _____ **word** _____ (v. 3a).

17. Who provides the purification for sins (v. 3b)?

Jesus Christ

18. Now it's your turn. Read and meditate on Exodus 16:4, Deuteronomy 8:3 and Matthew 4:4 below. Write out three questions that you feel are important in understanding how God's words in these verses fit together in a believer's life. Then, answer the questions that you have written:

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. Exodus 16:4

He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Deuteronomy 8:3

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4

The following will all be personal answers to question 18,. CLI Discipler: Please make appropriate and encouraging comments to each of their questions and answers below.

(1. Question:

Answer:

(2. Question:

Answer:

(3. Question:

Answer:

Lesson 10: Godly Relationships (Day Two) *Jesus, the Bread of Life*

19. How are you living on every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4)?

CLI Discipler: Please make appropriate and encouraging comments to their answer.

20. How are you discipling others to live *on every word that comes from the mouth of God.* (Matthew 4:4)?

Personal Answer

21. Please give a status report (details on the current situation) of those you are discipling:

CLI Discipler: Please make appropriate and helpful comments to all their answers below.

(1. List the names of the people in your study group:

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler, If your student does not list even one name, please encourage him or her to pray and ask God to bring the right person(s) to help and teach about Jesus. If his original students dropped off, recommend he look for others. Remind your disciple kindly that discipling others is the point of this study. Tell him you will be praying. Make it a point to follow-up in the next lesson.

(2. How is their relationship with God growing in love and service? (list each one separately; use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

Personal Answer

(3. How is their relationship with you and others growing in holy love and service? (list each one separately; use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

Personal Answer

(4. What lesson number are they working on in the CLI Leadership study?)

Personal Answer

(5. Where do you personally need improvement in teaching, discipling and leading others?)

Personal Answer

Read John 6:32-35 and answer questions 22-25:

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven."³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."³⁴ "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread."³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:32-35

22. Who really gave the manna (bread from heaven) so that the Israelites would not starve to death (v. 32)?

God, the Father

23. Who also gives the true bread from heaven so that all people might have life (v. 33)?

God, the Father

24. Who is the *true* bread from heaven, the bread of God and the bread of life (vs. 33-35)?

Jesus Christ

25. How does one partake of this holy Bread (v. 35)?

Going to Jesus in prayer and acknowledging Him as Lord and Savior. In other words, trusting Jesus as the giver of life through His death and resurrection.

Notes from Lesson 10:

Bread was an important commodity (product) and source of food in biblical times. In fact, bread was often times used as a word for food. Food is essential for physical life. Without food our bodies die. Jesus is essential for spiritual life. Without Jesus we are dead in our trespasses.

Jesus, the bread of life, is sufficient for each day. Jesus is like the manna that fell each day for the Israelites. Jesus is also like the “bread of the Presence”¹ (showbread, shewbread) that was eaten by Old Testament priests (Leviticus 24:5-9) and now eaten by priests of the New Covenant (believers). He nourishes us and gives us the strength for each day. There is no need to worry about tomorrow, for Jesus will be our daily bread for all the days to come.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:51

26. Read John 6:51. How did Jesus give His flesh for the life of the world (Romans 4:25)?

Jesus was crucified and received the world's sins into His body or flesh. His flesh or body was nailed to a cross and Christ died. His death was accepted by God the Father for payment of the sins of the world. Whoever accepts Jesus' sacrifice is saved from his or her sins and has eternal life. Jesus was raised from the dead by God the Father and is our living Savior.

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.
Romans 4:25

27. Recall the story of the monkey holding on to the pebble. Is there anything that you are holding onto that is keeping you from fully serving Jesus? Yes No Maybe (Circle One)
Explain your answer:

Personal Answer. CLI Discipled: Please make appropriate and supportive comments.

Lesson 10: Godly Relationships (Day Three) *Kingdom Living*

Read Revelation 5:9-10 and answer questions 28-31:

And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." Revelation 5:9-10 (Also 1 Peter 2:5 and Revelation 1:5-6)

1 Peter 2:5 - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Revelation 5:5 - Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

¹ "The literal meaning of the Hebrew expression is 'bread of the face.' Holman Bible Dictionary, p. 209.

28. Who is worthy to take the scroll and open its seals (v. 9)?

Jesus Christ

29. Who purchased men and women, boys and girls for God (v. 9)?

Jesus Christ

30. What did Jesus' death enable believers to become (v. 10)?

Enabled them to become a kingdom and priests to serve our God and reign on the earth.

31. What do kingdom people and priests do (v. 10)?

Serve God. Offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Read 1 Corinthians 11:24-26 and answer questions 32-36:

and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
1 Corinthians 11:24-26

Explanation Note and Definitions: This rite or practice described above was instituted by Jesus at the Passover meal (Last Supper), before His crucifixion, as a sign of the New Covenant. It is commonly called the *Lord's Supper*, *Holy Communion*, and the *Eucharist*. Paul used the expression the *Lord's Supper* (1 Corinthians 11:20) when he was instructing the church in keeping this observance holy.

Communion or fellowship is a name that Paul used to explain how Christians share relationship with Christ in His life and death (1 Corinthians 1:9). The Greek word, *koinonia*, (κοινωνία) that Paul uses means fellowship, a close mutual relationship, participation, sharing in, and partnership. Christians not only share in close relationship with Jesus, but with each other.

Eucharist is taken from the Greek word, *eukharistia* (εὐχαριστία), meaning thanksgiving and gratitude. Believers give thanks as we remember Christ's death as our *Passover Lamb*. His death and resurrection brought forgiveness of sins and a right relationship with God.

32. Who eats the bread and drinks the wine of the New Covenant (vs. 24-25)?

Disciples of Christ, past, present and future. Believers, Christians or followers of Christ.

33. What are believers suppose to think about when we participate in *Lord's Supper* (v. 24)?

Jesus Christ

34. Whenever we participate in the symbolic act of *Holy Communion*, what are we proclaiming (v. 26)?

Christ's death until He comes.

35. Explain what it means in the partaking or sharing of the *Eucharist* to "proclaim Christ's death until He comes" (v. 26)?

The central message of the gospel is that Christ died as a sacrifice or atonement for our sins. He made a way for mankind to be reconciled to God. When faithful believers share the bread and wine, we are saying by our actions and our hearts that Jesus died to save us from our sins. In faith, we are waiting for His return and everlasting life.

"Actions speak louder than words." From a work entitled *Melancholy State of Province* 1736.

"What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say." Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1875.

"You Are The Only Bible Some People Will Ever Read." Dr. Christlieb, 1878.

"Preach the gospel at all times. Use words if necessary." St. Francis of Assisi, 1206.

"...let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18, 87 A.D.

36. How do these quotes or sayings help *you* to "proclaim Christ's death until He comes" in your relationship to others?

Personal Answer

Lesson 10: Godly Relationships (Day Four) *Relationship with Jesus*

Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 and answer questions 37-40:

*Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.*²⁸ *A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.*²⁹ *For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.* 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

37. How are believers supposed to eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord (vs. 27-29)?

In a worthy manner, a way that honors Christ and recognizes His great sacrifice for us.

38. What happens to those who eat the bread or drink the cup in an unworthy manner (v. 29)?

Bring judgment on themselves.

39. How do *you* recognize the body of the Lord when you partake (share) of the Lord's Supper?

Personal Answer

Notes from Lesson 10:

The apostle Paul was giving direction to the church at Corinth because some were partaking of *Lord's Supper* in an unworthy manner. They had either forgotten, or did not care, that their behavior dishonored Christ. Paul writes that some were going ahead of everyone else, getting drunk and overeating. Their actions made them look guilty of sinning against Jesus and the other members of His body.

Although *Holy Communion* is celebrated differently today, the instruction is still valid. Therefore, before eating the bread and drinking from the cup, a person should test or examine his or her relationship with Jesus. Do you believe in Christ? Do you trust Him for your salvation? Do you love Jesus? Are you following Him to the best of your ability? Do you love the other members of the body with whom you share the *Eucharist*?

40. How do *you* recognize and love your local church members?

Personal Answer

Definition:

Forgive is a verb meaning to grant pardon for or cancellation of (an offense, debt, etc.) It also means giving up resentment of or claim of compensation (costs).

"Psychologists generally define forgiveness as a conscious, deliberate decision to release feelings of resentment or vengeance toward a person or group who has harmed you, regardless of whether they actually deserve your forgiveness.

Just as important as defining what forgiveness is, though, is understanding what forgiveness is not. Experts who study or teach forgiveness make clear that when you forgive, you do not gloss over or deny the seriousness of an offense against you. Forgiveness does not mean forgetting, nor does it mean condoning or excusing offenses. Though forgiveness can help repair a damaged relationship, it doesn't obligate you to reconcile with the person who harmed you, or release them from legal accountability.

Instead, forgiveness brings the forgiver peace of mind and frees him or her from corrosive anger. While there is some debate over whether true forgiveness requires positive feelings toward the offender, experts agree that it at least involves letting go of deeply held negative feelings. In that way, it empowers you to recognize the pain you suffered without letting that pain define you, enabling you to heal and move on with your life."²

Read Matthew 18:34-35 and answer questions 41-43:

² *What is Forgiveness?*, <http://greatergood.berkeley.edu/topic/forgiveness/definition>

In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart." Matthew 18:34-35

41. In this parable, the king represents God. How much has God forgiven *you* in Christ Jesus?

A lot!! A lifetime of transgressions. More than we could ever repay. All of our sins have been forgiven in Jesus.

42. Could anyone be as indebted to *you*, as *you* have been indebted to God? Yes **No** (Circle One)

43. Explain the meaning of this parable in regard to forgiveness:

God forgives us of our many and grievous sins or transgressions, therefore we should forgive others who sin against us. Other people's transgressions against us are much smaller than our sins against God, our Creator and King.

Read Luke 23:34 and answer questions 44-45:

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. Luke 23:34

44. Jesus asked God, the Father, to forgive the people who were crucifying Him. Had they asked Jesus to forgive them? Yes **No** (Circle One)

45. What does Jesus' example on the cross mean for you and how you forgive?

Jesus expects us to forgive others, whether they ask for it or not. It is not easy to forgive people who have hurt you, much less those who will not apologize. However the first step in our journey to forgive from the heart is to recognize how much the Lord forgave us.

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

46. Read Colossians 3:13. Why do we forgive grievances (complaints) against each other?

Because the Lord has forgiven us of our many sins.

Lesson 10: Godly Relationships (Day Five) *Practical Ways to Forgive*

Practical Ways to Forgive:

(1. Choose to Forgive or ask Forgiveness

Note from Lesson 10: Some of the people that you listed above may no longer be living. That is okay. You can still forgive and ask forgiveness in your mind and heart. God will know and He is the real reason we are going to live as merciful, generous and gracious disciples.

(2. Recognize Forgiveness is an act of Obedience

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

47. Read Ephesians 4:32. Why should you forgive others?

Because God forgave us in Christ.

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24

48. Read Matthew 5:23-24. According to Jesus' teaching, how important do you think seeking forgiveness and reconciliation (restoration, reunion) is to God?

Very important. Jesus tells us to resolve any problems with another believer before offering our gift(s) (tithe, money) to God. By extension, it could mean any good deed, work etc. offered to God.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.
Romans 8:1-2 (Condemnation - blame, criticism, disapproval)

49. Read Romans 8:1-2. After you have sought after another's forgiveness, why are you obligated to forgive yourself?

God tells us in His word that believers are set free from the law of sin and death in Christ Jesus. Not to forgive oneself is ignoring or blaspheming Christ's sacrifice as not being worthy or good enough. In essence, you would be saying, I am holier than God. God has forgiven me, but I cannot forgive myself.

(3. Keep Focus on God and His Divine Healing

Definition: We are using pride in the negative sense that defines a person who feels that he is more important or better than other people. It is excessive self-esteem.

In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.
Psalm 10:4

50. Read Psalm 10:4. Why do the wicked not seek God?

Pride

51. Prayerfully consider and list the name(s) of anyone (dead or alive) you need to forgive:

CLI Discipler: Please pray for your Disciple to have a heart of forgiveness and that he or she will be able to forgive every person listed. Let him or her know how you have prayed.

52. Prayerfully consider and list the name(s) of anyone (dead or alive) you need to ask forgiveness:

CLI Discipler: Please pray for your Disciple to have a heart that seeks forgiveness and that he or she will be able to ask forgiveness of every person listed. Let him or her know how you have prayed.

53. Prayerfully consider and list anything you have been unable to forgive yourself for?

CLI Discipler: Please pray for your Disciple to have a heart that forgives himself when he confesses his sins and that he will be able to forgive himself as God has forgiven him in Christ Jesus. Let him or her know how you have prayed.

54. In each situation listed in questions 51-54, will you choose to forgive and ask forgiveness? Yes No (Circle One) If you answered no, why not?

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler: If your disciple answers no, please pray for him or her. Then prayerfully consider your comments. Suggest re-reading this part of the lesson on forgiveness. Recommend that he or she pray for themselves and get others to pray so they would have a heart of forgiveness toward everyone, even the person(s) who have hurt them deeply.

(4. Stand Firm with New Habits

55. Write your memory verse, Romans 12:14, without referring to the Bible or notes:

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Next: Lesson 11: Why the Bible is Trustworthy

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