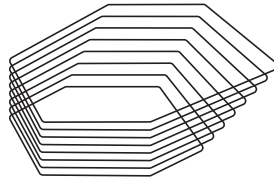


**HOME CHURCH SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**  
DISCIPLESHIP FOUNDATIONS - DECEMBER 10, 2020



# FOUNDATIONS

Eight Foundational Practices of Jesus' Disciples

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## WARM UP

What is the difference between having your very own cherished copy of the California Drivers Manual versus being a skilled and knowledgeable licensed driver? Why the need for both exact knowledge and practical skills? If one or the other were lacking, what?

1. **How does the church's focus on its members actually living the foundational discipleship practices line up with Jesus' expectation that His followers be like Him in both character and purpose?** Cf Mt 10:24-25, Mt 16:24-25 Mt 22:37-40, Mt 28:18-20 Rom 8:28-29, 2 Pet 3:17-18.

**We will practice three of these foundations together today**

### 2. Sharing Your Story:

Share where you have seen Christ at work in your life over the last 3 weeks. Its ok if this splashes over into Celebrating God - A "Wow Look at God" moment.

### 3. Experiencing Ongoing Freedom/Intentional community

Freedom from the penalty of sin comes the moment we trust Christ as our Savior resulting in the new birth.

Freedom from the power of sin over us and its trauma comes as we trust Christ over time walking in the light together in community. Read 1 Jn 1:5-10 and James 5:16

When was the last time you asked for prayer in an area of internal or external struggle and others prayed for you?

Is there something you need to share with the group so others can enter into the process of gaining the freedom Christ gives?

What might keep you from doing that? What might help us do this better as a group?

## FOUNDATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP PRACTICES

Embracing the Gospel  
Sharing Your Story  
Intentionally Pursuing Community  
Experiencing Ongoing Freedom  
Living on Purpose  
Serving Faithfully  
Giving Generously  
Celebrating the Work of God

## CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

**Look at the foundational practices list and choose one thing you want to start making progress in this week. Share with the group where you would like prayer. Pray**