

*New England Men's*  
**DISCIPLE-MAKERS WEEKEND**

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Camp Spofford, New Hampshire

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<http://disciplemakersnetwork.org>

### ***Objectives of The Weekend***

- Encourage and equip men to become disciple-makers of Jesus through fellowship with like-hearted men of God, centered around the written word of God and prayer.
- Help disciple-makers by providing a setting that will reinforce the things they are teaching their disciples.

### ***Our Theme***

“Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; ***Noah walked with God.*** (Genesis 6:9)

“Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; ***walk before Me,*** and be blameless. I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly.’” (Genesis 17:1-2)

“Then Moses and the elders of Israel charged the people ... The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and ***walk in His ways.***” (Deuteronomy 27:1; 28:9)

The apostle Paul encouraged us to be such men.

***“I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called ...”***

Ephesians 4:1

**Get ready to be encouraged, challenged, and changed!**

## ***Schedule***

- Friday, October 14
  - 7:00-8:00 - Arrive at Camp Spofford
  - 8:00 – ***The Disciple’s Walk***
  - 8:30 – Meeting Your Team
  
- Saturday, October 15
  - 7:00 – Prayer Ministry
  - 8:00 – Breakfast
  - 9:00 – ***Walking in Holiness***
  - 10:30 – ***Walking in Love***
  - 12:00 – Lunch
  - 1:00 – ***Workshops***
  - 2:30 – Relational / Rest Time
  - 5:00 – Dinner
  - 6:30 – ***Walking in the Truth***
  - 7:30 – ***Worshipping in Truth***
  
- Sunday, October 16
  - 7:00 – Prayer Ministry
  - 8:00 – Breakfast
  - 8:45 – ***Workshops***
  - 10:15 – ***Praying for Your Walk***
  - 11:30 – ***Walking to the End***
  - 12:00 – Lunch
  - 1:00 – Depart

**Friday Evening 8:00**

## ***The Disciple's Walk***

***"Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called."***

Ephesians 4:1

### **OUR CALLING**

In Ephesians 1, God has called us to ...

1:1-4 - ***be saints ... holy men***

1:5 - ***adoption as God's sons***

1:7 - ***redemption***

1:7 - ***forgiveness***

1:11- ***obtain an inheritance***

1:13 - ***be the temple of God***

1:15-23 – ***know God in all of His fullness***

### **CALLED TO BE HOLY PEOPLE WHO LOVE OTHER PEOPLE.**

\_\_\_\_\_ characterized by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ characterized by \_\_\_\_\_

***Why These Two Characteristics?***

***Friday Evening 8:30***

## **Your Team**

Meet the men in your team.

List the names of the men on your team. Leave space below each name to write prayer requests throughout the weekend.

Close your time together in prayer, asking God to use this weekend.

**Saturday Morning 9:00 -Team Session**

**Walking In Holiness**

***“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.”***

**READ TOGETHER:**

“Noah was a **righteous** man, **blameless** in his time; **Noah walked with God**. (Genesis 6:9)

“... the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; **walk before Me**, and be **blameless**. I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly’.” (Genesis 17:1-2)

“The Lord will establish you as **a holy people to Himself**, as He swore to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and **walk in His ways** ... These are the words of the covenant which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel ....” (Deuteronomy 28:9; 29:1)

“Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been **sanctified** in Christ Jesus, **saints by calling**, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.” (1 Corinthians 1:1-2)

**GET TOGETHER** with one or two other men and do a **WORD STUDY** on the words **saint, sanctify, and sanctification** using whatever Bible study tools you have available. **WRITE DOWN** your findings.

**DISCUSS** the implications of your word study with your whole team.

**STUDY AND DISCUSS TOGETHER:**

What do the following verses teach us about the **relationship** between **holy living** and **obedience** to God and His word?

**1 Peter 1:13-16**

**Philippians 2:12-13**

**Romans 6:16-18**

**SUMMARIZE** the relationship in one sentence.

**READ and DISCUSS**

“So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.” Romans 8:12-13

“God makes provision for our holiness, but He gives us the responsibility of using those provisions. ... We must rely on the Spirit in our putting to death the deeds of the body. ... But our reliance on the Spirit is not intended to foster an attitude of ‘I can’t do it,’ but one of ‘I can do it through Him who strengthens me.’ The Christian should never complain of want of ability and power. If we sin, it is because we choose to sin, not because we lack the ability to say no to temptation. ... It is time for us Christians to face up to our responsibility for holiness. Too often we say we are ‘defeated’ by this or that sin. No, we are not defeated; we are simply disobedient.” JB

**What is “my part” and what is “God’s part” in my holiness?**

## **PURSUING HOLINESS**

“Scripture speaks of both a holiness which we have in Christ before God, and a holiness which we are to strive after.” JB

Hebrews 12:14 says,

“Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification [holiness] without which no one will see the Lord.”

**LIST** and **DISCUSS** verses of Scripture that illustrate **how we** can practically **pursue holiness**.

**CONSIDER** these questions to help you pursue holiness:

- “Is there evidence of practical holiness in my life?”
- “Do I desire and strive after holiness?”
- “Do I grieve over my lack of holiness and earnestly seek the help of God to be holiness?”



## **WHAT HOPE DO WE HAVE?**

**DISCUSS:** What gives you hope that your pursuit of holiness in this life will succeed?

[Here are a few Scriptures that may encourage your discussion:  
Jude 1:24; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 13:20-21; Philippians 1:6;  
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24]

## **BEST THOUGHT FROM THIS SESSION**

Review your notes from this session. Mark, highlight, or record the **best thought** that stood out to you from this session.

## **END THE SESSION IN PRAYER**

**Saturday Morning 10:30 – Team Session**

## **Walking In Love**

*“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.”*

### **READ TOGETHER:**

“The supreme demonstration and decisive proof of the love of God is the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. As 1 John 4:10 says, ‘This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and gave His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.’” RT

When we talk about us loving God and us loving others, this is what we should be responding to.

**THINK ABOUT** what you just read, and **PRAY TOGETHER**. Ask God to help us grasp what it means for God to love us and what it means for us to love Him and to love other people as well.

Jesus talked about two parts of walking in love (**READ Matthew 22:34-40**). We will discuss both parts.

### **LOVE FOR GOD**

A popular book listed five ways people express love in their relationships. The author called those expressions **love languages**:

- Words of affirmations
- Quality time
- Physical touch
- Acts of service
- Receiving gifts

While God appreciates all such expressions of love from us, there is one key expression of love that is not on the list above.

**READ:**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10  
1 John 2:4-6; 5:3

What is God's #1 love language? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is that essential to a love relationship between us and God?

What are some other ways we can express our love for God?

**LOVE FOR PEOPLE**

Much of what the Bible says about how we love God is related to how we love other people, especially those who are members of God's family in Christ.

**READ and DISCUSS**

What do the following verses tell us about the relationship between loving God and loving our Christian brothers and sisters?

1 John 3:16-18; 4:20; 5:1-2

God created our love relationship with Him and our love relationships with other believers to be **mutually inclusive**. In other words, we can't have one without the other.

As a result, God will not let any of us say, "I love God, but I don't/can't/won't love \_\_\_\_\_ (a fellow believer).

## **FORBEARANCE and FORGIVENESS**

Unity in the church comes from understanding how God loved us in Christ and **us choosing** to rely on the Holy Spirit's power to **forbear** and **forgive**.

### **READ:**

Ephesians 4:1-6; 4:30-5:2

### **Forbearance**

Various translations of Ephesians 4:2 use the words ... bearing with / making allowance for / accepting / showing tolerance for ... one another in love.

The following verses illustrate "forbearance."

### **READ:**

Proverbs 19:11

Romans 12:16-18

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Colossians 3:12-15

### **DISCUSS:**

Despite the many exhortations in Scripture to **lovingly accept each other**, we often fail.

Share **one reason** you fail to forbear with other believers.

Share **one principle** from the passages above that could help you bear with fellow believers with whom you struggle.

## ***Forgiveness***

### ***READ and DISCUSS***

While the Bible is clear about loving one another, unfortunately, we sometimes hurt each other.

What do the following verses teach us about forgiveness.

Matthew 6:12,14-15; 18:21-35

***GET TOGETHER*** with one or two other men from your team and share what God has taught you about ***forgiving others*** and ***being forgiven by others***.

Is there a specific person you need to forgive ***or*** receive forgiveness from?

After your discussion, pray for each other.

### ***BEST THOUGHT FROM THIS SESSION***

Review your notes from this session. Mark, highlight, or record the ***best thought*** that stood out to you from this session.

### ***END THE SESSION IN PRAYER***

## **WORKSHOPS**

***“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.”***

- ***Walking with God like David***  
This workshop explores what it means to walk with God focusing on David's Psalm 16. It concludes by asking how we model this as a witness to others.
- ***Walking in Forgiveness***  
Colossians 3:13 says, "Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, whoever has a complaint against anyone, just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you." This workshop focuses on various aspects of forgiveness, including personal testimonies, asking the Holy Spirit to show us whom we haven't forgiven, how to know if we have actually forgiven, the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation, and boundaries. We will also learn how forgiving frees us to have a deeper personal relationship with Jesus.
- ***Walking by Faith***  
In Luke 9:57-62, Jesus teaches us that following Him is more than just a one-time decision to say, "I will follow you wherever you go." Instead, walking by faith involves daily commitments to trust Jesus... commitments that could come with costs. But isn't Jesus worth the cost? In this workshop, we will embrace the cost of walking with Jesus together.
- ***Walking through Suffering***  
God not only allows suffering in our lives, but in his sovereignty uses and even ordains it. What does it look like to enter *into* our disciples' sufferings, and what does it look like to disciple *out of* our own suffering? We will use 2 Cor 1:3-11 as a foundational text for our study.
- ***Walking in Sexual Purity***  
Purity is a struggle most men are ashamed to admit. Few can say with confidence that they have overcome lust. Join us in looking at what the Scriptures say about lust, the root issue behind this struggle. And then we'll bring our study full circle, ending with the hope we have in Christ who grants us victory.

**Saturday Evening 6:30 – Team Session**

***Walking in the Truth***

*“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.”*

“I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.”  
3 John 1:4

In this session we will **CELEBRATE** God’s truth by **READING** and **PRAYING** based on Scripture in our teams, and then we’ll all gather together to celebration God’s truth by **WORSHIPPING IN TRUTH**.

- Choose one biblical truth.
- Read a verse that speaks about that truth.
- Share one way to encourage walking in that truth.
- Pray based on that truth – prayers of praise, thanksgiving, confession, intercession, application, etc.
- REPEAT

**Saturday Evening 7:30**

***Worshipping in Truth***

*“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.”*

“Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Colossians 3:16

***Sunday Morning 8:45***

## **WORKSHOPS**

*“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.”*

### **Choose Another Workshop**

(See the workshop descriptions on page 13.)

- Walking with God like David
- Walking in Forgiveness
- Walking by Faith
- Walking through Suffering
- Walking in Sexual Purity



**Sunday Morning 10:15**

**Praying for Your Walk**

*“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.”*

1. Choose one area of your walk with Christ in which you need encouragement or exhortation. (Below are some suggestions if none readily comes to mind.)
  - Walking in newness of life – Romans 6:1-14
  - Walking as children of light – Ephesians 5:3-10
  - Walking in love – Ephesians 5:1; 1 John 3:16-18
  - Walking in the manner Christ walked – 1 John 2:3-6
  - Walking in God’s word/ways/truth/statutes – 2 John 1:4-6
  - Walking by faith – 2 Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 11:6
  - Walking by the Holy Spirit – Galatians 5:16-26
  - Walking in good works – Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:11-14
  - Walking in sexual purity – 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
  - Walking with wisdom – Ephesians 5:15-17
  - Walking in integrity – Psalm 26:1-12
  - Walking beside godly examples – Philippians 3:17-21
2. Read a passage of Scripture that relates to the area of need that you identify.
3. After reading the passage, talk with the Lord about the **things that His Spirit suggested** when you read.
  - Things to thank God for
  - Things to confess to God
  - Things the Lord wants to do to help you in this area
  - Things that the Lord wants you to understand
  - Things that the Lord wants you to trust Him for
4. REPEAT: Choose another area of your walk with Christ where you need encouragement or exhortation, and follow the same process with that area.
5. Close your time in prayer at 11:20 by praying the prayer on the next page.

## ***A Prayer to Pray***

St. Francis once wrote ....

Deliver me Jesus:

from the desire to be praised  
from the desire to be honored  
from the desire to be glorified  
from the desire to be preferred  
from the desire to be consulted  
from the desire to be approved

Deliver me Jesus:

from the fear of being humiliated  
from the fear of being criticized  
from the fear of being forgotten  
from the fear of being ridiculed  
from the fear of being maltreated  
from the fear of what others will think

O Jesus give me the grace to desire:

that others would be loved ahead of me  
that others would be esteemed ahead of me  
that in the eyes of the world, they would increase  
while I decrease  
that others would be praised as I pass by unnoticed  
that others would be preferred in all situations  
that others could become more holy than myself

In order that I would be as holy as you expect me to be.

**Sunday Morning 11:30**

### ***Walking to the End***

***“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.”***

Walking with God is a very big deal and God has much to say about our walking with Him on this pilgrim’s life that He created for us.

#### ***God’s Presence:***

“But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord” Genesis 6:8

“Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.” Genesis 6:22

#### ***God’s Blessing:***

“And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.” Genesis 9:1

Matthew 28:18-20

“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

**God's Results:**

"I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do." John 17:4

John 17:6-7

"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You" John 17:6-7

"I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;" John 17:20

"Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things." Philippians 3:17-19

## ***New England Disciple-Makers Weekend***

Our region is a mission field. Spiritually lost people are everywhere. We need more spiritually mature laborers who will live for Jesus in a redemptive way where they live and work. For many years, the Church in New England has been experiencing a disciple-making deficit:

“Churches today are full of people who haven’t been invited to become disciples. Being a Christian has come to mean going to church and being saved when you die. The ministry of the church is given over to ‘making the final cut’ and solving problems (marital problems, pain, and suffering), not to discipleship.” - Dallas Willard

**WE ARE** a network of disciple-makers living in New England who are training men and women to live intentionally, and personally, as disciple-makers of Jesus Christ wherever we are. We minister in a variety of churches throughout New England.

**OUR VISION** is to help create an identifiable culture of intentional, personal disciple-making throughout the Church of New England.

**OUR PURPOSE** is to train men and women to live intentionally, and personally, as disciple-makers of Jesus Christ so we will be models, advocates, and catalysts who reproduce other disciple-makers wherever God has placed us.

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