

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

***The Transformed Heart***

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## ***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***

### **THE TRANSFORMED HEART**

*The Heart of Discipleship is the Disciple's Heart*

*"The call to the Kingdom is a call to obey our King, Jesus. True belief in the canon of Scripture can only be displayed by a **life lived out in obedience to the King**. Our actions verify the true nature of the treasure that is **in our hearts**."*<sup>1</sup>

Psalm 119:32 says, *"I will run the way of Your commandments, for You will enlarge my heart."*

God's desire for all of us is the ***transformation of our hearts***.

Our key question for this Weekend is, ***"How do we help disciples of Jesus to develop at the heart level?"*** We want to wrestle with this question by focusing on three aspects of the disciple's heart:

- *our heart for God*
- *our heart for the body of Christ*
- *our heart for lost people.*

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

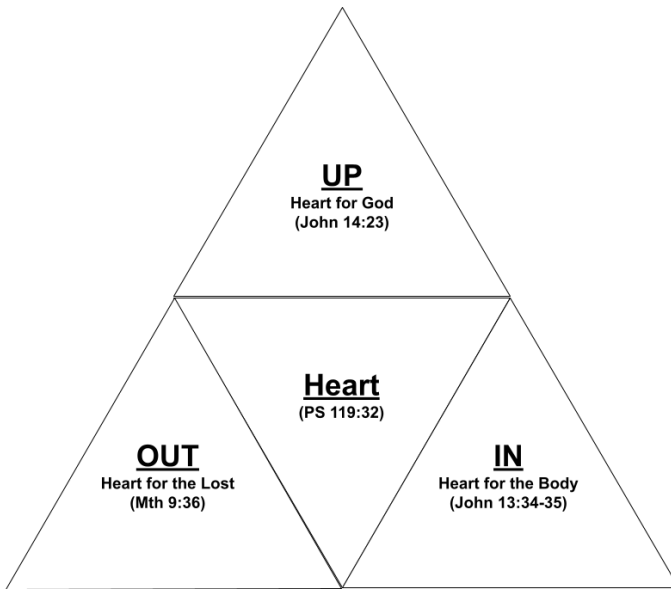
## ***Schedule***

- Friday, October 17
  - 7:00-8:00 - Arrive at Camp Spofford
  - 8:00 – Weekend Introduction
  - 8:30 – Meeting Your Team
- Saturday, October 18
  - 7:00 – Prayer Ministry
  - 8:00 – Breakfast
  - 9:00 – ***UP* – Our Heart for God**
  - 10:45 – Workshop
  - 12:00 – Lunch
  - 1:00 – Workshop
  - 2:30 – Relational / Rest Time
  - 5:00 – Dinner
  - 6:00 – ***IN* – Our Heart for the Body of Christ**
  - 7:45 – Worshipping Together
- Sunday, October 19
  - 7:00 – Prayer Ministry
  - 8:00 – Breakfast
  - 8:45 – ***OUT*- Our Heart for Lost People**
  - 10:30 – Final Reflections and Prayer
  - 12:00 – Lunch
  - 1:00 – Depart

**Friday Evening 8:00**

**"I will run the way of Your commandments,  
for You will enlarge my heart."**

Psalm 119:32



**UP** - God's Work: to enlarge our heart for God

Our Issue – obedience

The Question – How do we teach our disciples to obey God?

**IN** - God's Work: to enlarge our heart for the body of Christ

Our Issue – the "one another" commands

The Question – How do we teach our disciples to love one another like Jesus like loved His disciples?

**OUT** - God's Work: to enlarge our heart for the lost

Our Issue – compassion

The Question – How do we teach our disciples to have compassion for the lost like Jesus did?

## ***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***

### ***UP – Our Heart for God***

**REVIEW** our theme – John 14:23

**QUESTION:** When you hear the word “obedience” in a spiritual context, what's the first thing that comes to mind? Is it a positive, negative, or neutral feeling? And then **SHARE** why you said what you did.

**READ** John 14:15,21--24; 15:9-10

**Why did Jesus say the same thing 4 times?**

Jesus says that obedience to God's commands is our true expression of love for him. Obedience to God is the undeniable, tangible sign of a transformed heart.

**DISCUSS:**

- Why do we often separate the ideas of obedience to God with our love for God?
- What are some things **you** can **do** to make obedience to God a part of your daily expression of your love for God? (1 John 3:18)

*“In summary, the relationship between love and obedience is a profound and essential aspect of the Christian faith. It is a dynamic interplay where love motivates obedience, and obedience, in turn, deepens one's love for God. Through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, believers are equipped to live out this relationship, fulfilling the greatest commandments to love God and love others.”<sup>2</sup>*

### **OUR KEY QUESTION**

Our key question for this Weekend is, ***“How do we help disciples of Jesus to develop at the heart level?”***

**EXPLORE** how to teach obedience at the heart level. (Matthew 28:20 – “teaching them to obey”)

**DISCUSSION:** Read the questions below, and then choose 3 of the questions below that are most relevant to your team and answer them.

What are the differences between behavior modification and heart transformation?

How do we avoid the dangers of looking obedient on the outside without having a transformed heart? (Matthew 15:7-9)

What in your life wages war against your pursuit of obedience? (1 Peter 2:11)

How do **you** teach obedience to other men? (Colossians 1:28-29)

What benefits will our disciples experience if we teach them to obey Christ?

How can we help men to mature so that obedience turns from a burden to a blessing? (1 John 5:3)

### **APPLICATION / DEBRIEF**

Get with 2 or 3 members of your team and **DISCUSS** what stood out to you from this session. **WRITE** down the key points you discussed.

In what **one** area of your life do you feel God calling you into a deeper obedience?

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

## **Workshops**

(Tools for Discipleship)

***Saturday Morning 10:45 AND Saturday Afternoon 1:00***

### ***Becoming a Contagious Christian***

This workshop will help you understand and apply an effective philosophy of evangelism that both you and your nonbelieving friends will appreciate.

### ***Learning to Pray Like Paul***

Think about the last time you prayed with a group of Christians. What did people pray about? Now think about the last time you read one of the apostle Paul's letters. What did Paul pray about in that letter? One of the great disparities of Christian practice today is that we are very familiar with the prayers of the New Testament writers, but we don't follow their examples when **we** pray. In this workshop, we will study several examples of Paul's prayers for the churches of his day, so that we can learn how to pray like Paul when we pray today.

### ***F.A.I.T.H.***

In this workshop, we'll introduce the **F.A.I.T.H.** tool, a practical acronym designed to guide men in their journey of spiritual maturation. We will explore each element of this tool, providing a clear and actionable framework to effectively disciple others and foster deeper growth in their walk with Christ.

### ***Shepherding a Band of Brothers***

This workshop will demonstrate the principles and practices needed to build and lead an effective discipling group, a group which is more than a Bible study, but also helps to build a true "band of brothers". Our overarching goal is to build godly leaders ... equipping, growing, deploying, and supporting them in order to fulfill the mission which the Lord has given all of us: love God, love others, and to do The Good.



## ***Saturday Evening 6:00 – Team Session***

### ***IN – Our Heart for the Body of Christ***

#### **REVIEW our theme – John 13:34-35**

“If you really want to gauge the quality of your spiritual life, check your love dimensions. Not how often you read the Bible, not how much Scripture you have memorized, but whether the people with whom you are living regard you as a lover – a person who is reflecting the love of Christ which He sheds in our hearts.”<sup>3</sup>

Jesus said, “... even as I loved you, that you also love one another.”

Using examples from Scripture, **MAKE A LIST** of the ways Jesus loved His disciples?

**QUESTION:** Who has shown **you** Christ’s love like this, and then explain what that looked like for you?

Our own examples illustrate the many ways that Jesus wants us to love other members of Christ’s church.

Most of the New Testament letters give us specific commands about **how** we are to **love one another** in the body of Christ.

For example, have the members of your team **READ** these “one another” commands in Paul’s letter to the Romans. (Romans 12:10-13; 12:16; 13:8-10; 14:13; 14:19; 15:5-7; 16:16)

These are some of the ways the Lord wants us to express love for each other.

Unfortunately, we have all experienced the reality that some Christian people are easier to love than others.

## QUESTIONS:

Who do you find it difficult to love in your church, small group, etc. (***no names please***)? Then **CHOOSE** one of the “one another” commands in Romans and **SHARE** how that command might help you take a step toward loving this person.

How does embracing our own imperfections empower us to love others? (*empower* – to enable or permit; to make more confident)

*“In any conflict situation, there is an opportunity to learn about our own sins, more about the God who forgives sins in Jesus Christ, and more about how to attach yourself to Him through prayer. ... What I long for is a love big enough to be disturbed by what people are doing, and strong enough and patient enough to carry them to the place where Christ wants them to be.”<sup>4</sup>*

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**EXPLORE** how to teach our disciples to love each other like Jesus loved His disciples. (Matthew 28:20 – “teaching them to obey”)

**READ** Hebrews 10:23-25.

**DISCUSS** how these verses can lay the foundation to train those you disciple to love each other.

**READ** 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7; 2:10-14; 5:12-13.

**DISCUSS** the importance of how we model our love for our disciples as we train them to love others.

#### **APPLICATION / DEBRIEF**

Get with 2 or 3 members of your team and **DISCUSS** what stood out to you from this session. **WRITE** down the key points you discussed.

In what **one** area of your life do you feel God calling you into a deeper **love** for another brother in Christ?

**END THE SESSION IN PRAYER**

***Saturday Evening 7:30***

***Worshipping Together***

## ***Sunday Morning 8:45 – Team Session***

### ***OUT- Our Heart for Lost People***

#### **REVIEW our theme – Matthew 9:35-38**

When Jesus saw the people of His day, He described them using specific characteristics. In the same way, when you see the people in your world, what words would **you** use to describe them? (**LIST** those words.)

Christ modeled **compassion** toward lost people (like those on our lists).

“Compassion: a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.”<sup>5</sup>

*"When Jesus sees all the brokenness of the world, His natural impulse is to move towards it and not away from it."*<sup>6</sup>

**DISCUSS:** How does this observation guide us to become more like Jesus.

In Matthew 9:37, Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”

**DISCUSS:** Do you believe that the harvest is truly plentiful? Why or why not? What difference does it make?

**DISCUSS:** How should we respond to the fact that the harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few, as Jesus described?

**REMEMBER:** “Lost people are not a bother to endure. They are the reason Jesus went to the cross.”<sup>7</sup>

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Compassion is more than just a feeling (**READ** 1 John 3:18). However, compassion starts with a feeling.

**REVIEW** these familiar examples where Jesus used the same Greek word to express the feeling of compassion:

- The good Samaritan – Luke 10:33
- The father of the prodigal son – Luke 15:20
- Healing people with multiple illnesses – Matthew 14:14
- A story about forgiveness – Matthew 18:27

The word Jesus used, and the feeling He expressed, is a gut response of pity to a person’s unfortunate state.

## **DISCUSS:**

What did Jesus **do** to teach His disciples to have compassion for the lost?

What are some things we can **do** to help our disciples to have compassion for the lost?

## **APPLICATION / DEBRIEF**

Get with 2 or 3 members of your team and **DISCUSS** what stood out to you from this session. **WRITE** down the key points you discussed.

In what **one** area of your life do you feel God calling you into a deeper **love** for a lost friend?

**END THE SESSION IN PRAYER**

***Sunday Morning 10:25 – All of Us Together***

**Final Reflections and Prayer**

**NOTES:**

Scriptures quoted in these notes are from a variety of Bible translations.

1. *The Organic Reformation*, Johnston & Perkinson, pgs. 27-28
2. Topical Bible: The Relationship Between Love and Obedience
3. Dr. Howard Hendricks
4. *The Heart of a Servant Leader*, p. 162, 165
5. Online dictionary definition
6. Dane Ortlund
7. Unknown

## ***A 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 in 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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***“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.’”***

Matthew 28:18-20