Discipleship Practicals - What to Do, What NOT to Do

Finding the Ancient Path

Practical Discipleship • Teaching and Fellowship

Why This Teaching?

- A third session on practical discipleship
- Relational growth through the Word
- Learning from experiences of healthy and unhealthy discipleship

False Authority

- Avoid hierarchical control among believers
- Status and financial giving do not prove maturity
- Maturity should be used to build up, not rule

Yeshua Redefines Greatness

- The disciples disputed who was greatest
- “Not so among you” — Luke 22:25-27
- The greatest acts as a servant

Benefactors and Leadership

- Honorific power and prestige in the ancient world
- The speaker compares this with modern church structures
- Disciples serve rather than seek rank

Receiving Correction

- Pride makes it difficult to listen
- Paul challenged Peter’s behavior — Galatians 2:11-14
- Receive truth without quick self-justification

Examples Under False Accusation

- Joseph and Moses experience accusation
- David refuses retaliation against Saul
- Stephen and Yeshua show composure amid opposition

Yeshua Before the High Priest

- False witnesses accuse Yeshua
- He remains silent and then answers the oath
- Matthew 26:59-68; Leviticus 5:1

Strength in Silence

- Proverbs 17:27-28 — fewer words, calm spirit
- Proverbs 10:19 — words may multiply sin
- Ecclesiastes 3:7 — timing matters

Quick to Hear

- James 1:19-20: listen before speaking
- Do not vent every feeling
- Wrath does not produce righteousness

Restoration, Not Control

- Galatians 6:1: restore in gentleness
- Consider yourself lest you be tempted
- Help bear one another’s burdens

Different Views of Galatians 6:1

- Participants discuss observed sin versus confession
- Both value repentance and helping others
- The verse does not detail every modern scenario

Handling Confession Wisely

- Be discerning about what is shared
- Consider what might tempt the listener
- Find appropriate trustworthy support

Remove the Plank First

- Matthew 7:3-5 calls for self-examination
- Make correction loving and well informed
- Avoid hypocrisy and shame

Practical DO: Serve

- Speak truth gently; examine yourself
- Listen well and keep appropriate confidentiality
- Bear burdens and encourage repentance

Practical DO: Guide

- Use Scripture as the standard
- Protect against temptation in disclosures
- Aim for mature obedience and restoration

Practical DON’T: Dominate

- Do not elevate yourself above others
- Do not use correction to control
- Do not weaponize Scripture or gossip

Practical DON’T: Abandon

- Do not tolerate ongoing sin through avoidance
- Do not neglect your own weaknesses
- Do not create personal dependency

Discipline and Restoration

- 1 Corinthians 5 addresses tolerated wrongdoing
- 2 Corinthians 2 calls for comfort and forgiveness
- The association of the two passages is debated

Faithful Discipleship

- Mutual service, humility, wisdom, and truth
- Restoration rather than winning arguments
- Point others toward Yehovah and Yeshua

Key Scriptures for Study

- Luke 22:24-27; James 1:19-20
- Galatians 6:1-2; Matthew 7:3-5
- 1 Corinthians 5; 2 Corinthians 2

Discussion and Reflection

- Where do I need to listen more?
- How can I protect another person’s trust?
- What practical service can I offer this week?