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Christian Discipleship

Accreditation: RPL at Baptist Theological College (BTC) T&C's*



Occupation:

Christian Discipleship



Accreditation

RPL Christian
Leadership Academy



RPL level

5



Total Credits

120



Duration Full Time

12-18 months



Duration Part Time

2-3 years

Purpose of the qualification

This comprehensive training program is structured around 21 Christian discipleship themes. The curriculum is centered on personal growth, while equipping students with the skills to disciple others.

Target Audience

Individuals who desire to answer the call of being disciples of Jesus, and the Great Commission of making disciples of others.

Entry Requirements

Since each module can also be completed as a short course, no entry requirement is required. Students who wish to modulate from this Certificate to more formal theological or ministry studies, should have a CAPS matric or the equivalent thereof.

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Jesus calls us to follow Him. He calls us to become disciples, and promises to make us become fishers of men, or disciple makers. There's no greater call or honour than to be a disciple of Jesus and to make disciples. It's been said, "We're never more than disciples, and never less than sons." His first call to us is to be a disciple. His final commission for us is to make disciples. He calls us on a co-mission with Him in making disciples of all nations. He promises to be with us right to the end if we make disciples.

This was God's intent right from the start. His covenant with Abraham was to bless all nations in his seed. God's covenant boils down to this: "I want to do something so remarkable in your life, that others will be blessed by it. I want to affect such a change in your life, that it affects life changes in others." This is the core of being a disciple and making disciples. "Discipleship is not the great suggestion, but the great commission!"

Each believer should follow Jesus and teach others to follow Him. Discipleship is not the sole task of the pastor or evangelist, but of all believers. If believers don't reproduce, then we have an infertility problem. "Jesus committed to build a prevailing Church, while we are commissioned to make disciples." Too often we as leaders try to build the church, while neglecting our responsibility to make disciples. Jesus needs us to make disciples, so He can build a prevailing Church with them. Jesus can't build a strong church if we offer Him weak people.

So, what does it mean to be a disciple and to fulfil the Great Commission? Brilliant question! Church leaders have wrestled with the answer for most of the past 2000 years, and so should we. If it is our greatest co-mission with Jesus, and if He'd hold us accountable for doing it – then we need to ensure we know what, how, and why we ought to make disciples.

Framework: Jesus' Seven Circles Discipleship

Throughout the four Gospels Jesus consistently disciplined people in seven different layers, each one requiring a respective approach. His seven-fold approach included Reaching Cities to Show God's love and goodness, Preaching to Save the Crowds, Teaching to Shape His Congregation of 500+ people, Training His Critical mass (of 70-120 volunteers) to Serve, Coaching His Core to be Sent (12 Apostles = sent ones), Mentoring the 3 for Succession (Peter, James and John), and finally Fathering the One into Sonship (Peter became rock-solid through a revelation of the Fatherhood of God).





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Jesus reached cities to show them who God was. He preached to save crowds. He taught to shape His 'congregations.' He trained 70-120 to serve as volunteers. He coached his 12 disciples to be sent as a team on a mission, often facing challenges like crossing a stormy sea to carry His presence to a demon possessed territory. He then mentored His three for succession. . Peter, James and John was often called aside by Jesus and became key leaders in the early church. Finally, Jesus fathered the one into sonship..

This Jesus model offers a template for modern-day discipleship. It offers a mental and relational framework for those who answer the call to be a disciple and to make disciples.

The layers at which a person engages is influenced by his call to be a disciple and make disciples, his commitment to the process, his competence in learning and applying truth and skills, and chemistry in relating to the disciple-maker or church community.

The speed of growth depends on the same factors. Some are content to stay at a congregational level and be taught for most their lives, unless they're invited and challenged to be trained for service. This would awaken their spiritual life to purposeful service. Not all can, will, and should relate to the senior leader in a mentoring and fathering capacity; yet some should and would in order to fulfil their call and to secure the future of the ministry or church.

As a senior leader of a sizable church, for instance, I can't disciple everyone in person. This should, however, not keep me from discipling anyone. I may not be able to mentor and coach all, yet I need to mentor and coach some. Again, not everyone can be disciplined by me, yet everyone should have access to be disciplined by someone.

The Seven Circles of Discipleship make this possible. It offers a relational framework where disciples plug in according to their call, commitment, competence and relational chemistry.

We've tested this framework over the past 21 years in various size churches (from mega to smaller rural churches) with great effect. We found each circle of discipleship to bring a unique manifestation of Jesus in disciples' lives. For instance, there was a peculiar encounter each time Jesus called Peter, James and John aside.

Again, something unique transpired when Peter received the revelation that Jesus was indeed the Christ – since He said; "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but My Father in heaven." Encountering the Fatherhood of God turned Simon the swaying reed into Peter the solid rock. In the same vein, the twelve shared some unique manifestations of Jesus and His kingdom – like being sent on a mission into a boat to cross a stormy sea to the other side so His presence can deliver a demoniac along with the region of Decapolis (or ten cities). Then again, the multiplication of the five loafs to feed 5000 could not have happened without a crowd and community to show His power. Each size group serves a distinct purpose and are served with a distinct purpose.

The Seven Spheres of discipleship empower leaders to engage people where they are at in following Jesus, with an appropriate invitation and challenge towards their next step.



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Method: The Christian Growth Track©

The questions we repeatedly asked was, 'What should we TEACH? And what should disciples DO?' Hundreds of discussions with numerous pastors led us to develop 21 life changing modules that form The Christian Growth Track©. A study of Scripture, history, and decades of practical pastoral ministry have convinced us that focused teachings on core facets of Kingdom truth and life results in changed lives. If applied in a relational framework, like the Seven Spheres, these 21 modules become most transformative. Not only to individuals, but also to families, churches and even networks.

The Christian Growth Track© was developed over the past 21 years to answer the Great Commission to GO in Jesus' authority and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the dimensions of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; TEACHING them TO DO all that He commanded

The Christian Growth Track© consist of 21 life-changing modules, developed over 21 years, to help every disciple GROW in FAITH, VICTORY and PURPOSE.

These modules are designed to be presented on existing church platforms. For instance, some modules are designed to be preached as a Sunday preaching theme over one term (while reinforced in groups); others offer life-changing weekend seminars; and others forms brilliant short courses. This Christian Growth Track should not compete with your current "church program," but rather to completely optimize it to fulfil the Great Commission – to make disciples.

Walk in...



Being a disciple and making disciples has never been this simple. Not that it is easy. Discipleship is never easy, since it requires learning, growing, and changing which generally equates to pain. It mostly requires dying to our selfish ways. This is never easy. It is tough. Perhaps the toughest thing we'll ever do. This is why our framework and process should be clear and simple, so we could guide disciples to grow in faith, victory and purpose. Although The Christian Growth Track© is a sequential pathway from module 1 to module 21, a disciple or church can complete any module at any time. Each module is self-contained, and if applied, will cause growth in a focussed area of one's life. It will also empower you to disciples others in that area.



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Articulation pathway to formal studies:

Certificate in Christian Discipleship → Diploma in Theology (Year 2) at BTC (Baptist Theological College) → Bachelors Degree in Theology (Year 2) at BTC

Students who successfully complete the Certificate in Christian Discipleship can be considered for articulation into the second year of the Diploma in Theology at BTC (Baptist Theological College), subject to meeting the following requirements:

1. Completion of all 21 modules of The Christian Growth Track with relevant assignments, or exams.
2. Completion of The Path (module 22) with its assessment.
3. Compulsory Bridging Course: Completion of BTC's module on Academic Research and Writing of Assignment to prepare for modulation to 2nd year formal studies.
4. Additional Bridging Courses:
 - 4.1 Students who elects to specialisation in Youth Ministry are required to complete BTC's first-year module on Youth Ministry.
 - 4.2 Students who elects to specialise in Biblical Languages are required to complete BTC's first-year Introductory module on Greek and Hebrew.



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Curriculum: FAITH KNOWLEDGE MODULES

Module	Title: FAITH KNOWLEDGE MODULES	NQF	Credits
CCD 01	THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH (COURSE + BOOK)		RPL
CCD 02	RELENTLESS LOVE RETREAT (+ BOOK)		RPL
CCD 03	WALK IN YOUR CALLING (COURSE + BOOK)		RPL
CCD 04	YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER (COURSE + BOOK)		RPL
CCD 05	WALK IN THE WORD (SERIES + BOOK)		RPL
CCD 06	WALK IN IDENTITY (SERIES + BOOK)		RPL
CCD 07	WALK IN BLESSING (SERIES + BOOK)		RPL



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Curriculum: VICTORY SKILLS MODULES

Module	Title: VICTORY SKILLS MODULES	NQF	Credits
CCD 08	WALKING IN VICTORY (VIDEO SERIES)		RPL
CCD 09	WALKING IN LIBERTY (SERIES + BOOK)		RPL
CCD 10	WALKING IN WEALTH (SEMINAR + BOOK)		RPL
CCD 11	WALKING IN WISDOM (SERIES + BOOK)		RPL
CCD 12	WALKING IN AUTHORITY (SERIES + NOTES)		RPL
CCD 13	WALKING AS A WITNESS (COURSE + NOTES)		RPL
CCD 14	WALKING IN DOMINION (SERIES + BOOK)		RPL



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Curriculum: PURPOSE EMPOWERMENT MODULES

Module	Title: PURPOSE EMPOWERMENT MODULES	NQF	Credits
CCD 15	WALKING IN SONSHIP (COURSE + NOTES)		RPL
CCD 16	WALKING IN COURAGE (BOOK AND VIDEO SERIES)		RPL
CCD 17	WALKING IN HEALTH		RPL
CCD 18	WALKING IN HIS NAME (VIDEO SERIES)		RPL
CCD 19	WALKING IN PURPOSE		RPL
CCD 20	WALKING IN REVIVAL (VIDEO SERIES)		RPL
CCD 21	WALKING THROUGH STORMS (VIDEO SERIES)		RPL

Module 22	Title: THE PATH – KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS	NQF	Credits
CCD 22	KNOWLEDGE + SKILLS CHAPTERS		40 RPL

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