

Curriculum



SAMPLE

Bring Jesus: A study in Luke

Christ's Agenda
Christ's Disciples
Christ's Mission
Christ's Path



LEARN: Overview

Biblical Business Training (“BBT”) equips people to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and empowers leaders in a small-group Bible study setting to apply Biblical principles at work. Our mission is [Faith for Work](#) – and our vision is [Leadership for Life!](#)

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Curriculum: The BBT 1-2-3™ Format

BBT's curriculum is Biblically-based and applicable the day you study it. The *BBT 1-2-3™* format enables the group to consistently fit a meeting into a busy work week (e.g. before work or over a lunch hour, etc.). The Agenda and Recap are sent through Go!Connect to help group members prepare and continue discussion for accountability.



Agenda – Introduces applicable Biblical principles



Group Leader Guide – Facilitates discussion and allows for shared leadership



Recap – Encourages community and application



LIVE: Apply Biblical principles at work

Small group discussion begins typically with prayer, reading the Agenda together for context, then reading scripture and discussing the included questions. Questions are chosen to help the members in the study apply the scripture to their workplace and lives through group discussion. The Application Question is for group application and accountability between meetings.

Sample discussion questions:

1. Read Colossians 3:23. Discuss how this view of work may change your perspective?

Application Question: How can this group help you live out your faith at work?



LEAD: Start a small-group Bible study

The Lead question is for holistic life application at work, home, church, and in the community.

Sample lead question:

Ask Yourself: How will I change the way I lead at work? At home? In my community? At my church? Start leading today!

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Discipleship

In *The Imitation of Christ*, a 15th-century German monk named Thomas á Kempis wrote:

“Jesus today has many who love His heavenly kingdom, but few who carry His cross; many who yearn for comfort, few who long for His distress. Plenty of people He finds to share His banquet, few to share His fast. Everyone desires to take part in His rejoicing, but few are willing to suffer anything for His sake. There are many who follow Jesus as far as the breaking of bread, few as far as drinking the cup of suffering; many that revere His miracles, few that follow Him in the indignity of the cross.”

If that was true in the 15th century, it might even be more so today. Discipleship demands resilience, personal sacrifice, proper priorities, and single-minded devotion. Ultimately, those who bring Jesus to a lost world must be strong disciples themselves. Strong discipleship leads to effective witness.

At All Costs

We all have excuses for not being fully devoted followers: We took the summer off from church because we wanted to travel as a family. We have not been in worship or Sunday school for weeks because our kids are in sports. We cannot afford to give to the church right now because we had to buy a new car. We have not been involved in ministry for the last two years because we are too tired from working. We cannot afford to help the poor because our tech stocks got crunched.

Followers of Christ are called to dedicate their all to something greater than themselves. Namely, Jesus, His kingdom and others who need Him. He also asks them to have the same commitment He had when He set out for Jerusalem. The key word in the passages for this lesson is *follow*. Jesus tells three would-be disciples that following Him will cost something.



LIVE

Discussion questions: Read the text and scriptures below and prepare to answer the questions.

1. Read [Luke 9:51-56](#). How do these verses teach us to respond to rejection?
2. Read [Luke 9:57-60](#). What should you expect as a disciple of Jesus?
3. Read [Luke 9:61-62](#). When the journey of following Jesus gets hard for you, to whom or what do you want to return?
4. Read [Hebrews 12:2-4](#) and re-read [Luke 9:51](#). How has Jesus paved the way for His disciples?

Application Question: What are you being called to sacrifice this week to be a more devoted disciple?



PRAYERS

Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer



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Opening Prayer & Prayer Requests



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Before you begin, read the AGENDA LEARN introduction together and review the APPLICATION QUESTION from the previous meeting's RECAP.



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Discussion Questions: Have someone read each Bible verse aloud and then ask the corresponding question. Be sure everyone has enough time to find the Scripture before the verse is read.

1) Read [Luke 9:51-56](#). How do these verses teach us to respond to rejection?



Jesus came not to destroy, but to save. He demonstrates His mission of grace by forgoing anger and retaliation and instead endures rejection.



Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead to a Samaritan village. There was a tremendous amount of racial and religious animosity between the Samaritans and the Jews. Naturally, the Samaritans rejected Jesus. People in the ancient world rejected Jesus just as people in the modern world reject Him. If we are Jesus' followers, people will reject us too. If we want to follow Jesus as His disciples and help others to become followers of Jesus, we too must learn to endure rejection. The improper response to rejection is judgment, as illustrated by James and John. Jesus rebuked those two disciples for suggesting that fire be called down upon the Samaritans.



Facilitate a brief discussion. You might ask, "How have you been rebuked or rejected because of how you reacted to or misunderstood someone else's mission?"

Notes:

2) Read [Luke 9:57-60](#). What should you expect as a disciple of Jesus?



Jesus wants His disciples to eliminate self-reliance, avoid excuses and understand that there will be sacrifice and hardship in following Him.



In the Jewish culture of that time, commitments to the family were important and required a great deal of time and attention. But for Jesus, neither family responsibilities nor cultural expectations are legitimate excuses for dodging discipleship. To be a disciple of Christ, it takes more than courage and faithfulness. We must eliminate confidence in ourselves. Jesus emphasized the cost of following Him throughout His ministry.



Facilitate a brief discussion. You might ask, "What responsibilities and commitments do you have that take priority over walking with Jesus and advancing His kingdom?"

Notes:

- 3) Read [Luke 9:61-62](#). When the journey of following Jesus gets hard for you, to whom or what do you want to return?



Jesus wants committed disciples willing to look forward and remain loyal even in the face of hardship.



This man's desire to return to his family communicated uncertainty about where his ultimate loyalty and devotion lay. Jesus used the image of a plowman to communicate the lesson of turning from double-mindedness. A man can not look behind while plowing or he would hit rocks, lose control of his animal, or make the furrows in the ground crooked. Instead, Jesus wants us to concentrate completely on Him.



Facilitate a brief discussion. You might look at other examples of double-mindedness – Lot's wife who looked back to Sodom and perished ([Genesis 19:26](#)) or the Israelites who looked back to Egypt and perished before they got to the promised land ([Numbers 14:2-3](#), [Joshua 5:6](#)).

Notes:

- 4) Read [Hebrews 12:2-4](#) and re-read [Luke 9:51](#). How has Jesus paved the way for His disciples?



Jesus has paved the way for discipleship by His example and His blood. Our strength to be disciples whose commitment is a witness to the world comes from focusing on Him, praying, asking His help and following His example.



The author of Hebrews observed the tendency of his audience to give up on Christian discipleship because it was hard, and offers encouragement. Jesus knew His path involved death on a criminal's cross. But He did not look back, He did not make excuses, He followed His Father's will, and He endured rejection, torture, and death.

Notes:

Application Question: What are you being called to sacrifice this week to be a more devoted disciple?



PRAYERS

Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer



LEAD

Ask Yourself: What will it cost me to reveal the true value I place in Christ? Is it worth it?



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ROADMAP

This [BBT](#) volume of curriculum lays out the costs of following Christ's agenda, being one of His disciples, joining His mission and choosing His path. Being a disciple demands a departure from self-reliance, ever-present rejection by the world and encouragement by the One who paved the way.



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When He is rejected in Samaria, Jesus encourages the disciples to move on undeterred. Along the way, there are several who want to follow Jesus, but they are unwilling to let go of their old lives and cannot become followers. Jesus makes it clear that those that will be His followers need to be fully devoted to following Him.

Scripture references for this study: [Luke 9:51-62](#), [Hebrews 12:2-4](#), [Genesis 19:26](#), [Numbers 14:2-3](#), and [Joshua 5:6](#)



LIVE

- The Resilient Disciple
- The Sacrificial Disciple
- The Devoted Disciple

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