

TBLC Kingdom Discipleship Script

- The Kingdom model of discipleship
- Foundation 1: God is our reference point.
 - What presuppositions exist as reference points in your life? How are those taking the place of God/his Word and influencing how you think?
- Foundation 2: His Word is our authority.
 - A Kingdom model of discipleship uses scripture as the centerpiece of our ministry. God uses the Scripture and the Holy Spirit to renew our minds and change us from the inside out (2 Timothy 3:16-17) (Foundation 2). God's Word is living (Acts 7:38, 1 Peter 1:23), at work in the believer (1 Thessalonians 2:13), and cuts to the heart of man (Hebrews 4:12). God's Word is "not just idle words for you—they are your life" (Deuteronomy 32:47a). Therefore, we must always teach the Word (2 Timothy 4:1-5) in order for these things to continually occur and to constantly renew our minds from the influence of the world.
 - Who/what is the authority in your life? How is this influencing the way you interpret Scripture?
- Foundation 3: His glory is our purpose.
 - The gospel transforms us and calls us to glorify Him in all areas of life (Romans 11:33-12:2). We are called to disciple in order to encourage one another towards transformation and renewal. We are called to disciple one another in order to be equipped for the work of the ministry (discipleship and evangelism), to build up the body of Christ/the church through unique gifting, to learn about Christ and grow in knowledge about the scriptures, and to mature as believers and know what is truth in order to defend our faith (Ephesians 4:11-16).
 - What small purpose take the place of your ultimate purpose in your life on a day to day basis? On a yearly basis? As a whole?
- Foundation 4: His presence is His promise.
 - Kingdom discipleship is shown in the Great Commission where Jesus affirms the covenant promise of His presence to His disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). The result is a Kingdom-focused heart (baptizing), a Biblically reformed mind (teaching), a service-driven life (observe), and a grace-oriented attitude.
 - Where do you forget about His presence in your life? While watching TV/talking with friends/spending time alone?
- If this content of discipleship is not tethered to a relationship then it will be just academic. Conversely, if this discipleship relationship is not governed by the content, it will be anemic. The content of the gospel must be taught in the context of covenant relationships that validate the gospel. Word-based and relationally-driven discipleship has a clear mission of glorifying God and obeying His word. There is clear conviction and continuity throughout the discipleship process. This is the Kingdom model of discipleship. It is both relational and educational, melding the content of the gospel of grace with covenant relationships that communicate it. Truth must trump tasks and people must be more important than projects. Time is essential to both understand truth and build relationships.