

The Vision of Discipleship

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I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus finished the work of redemption and training men. (John 17:4; 19:30; 4:34-38)
- B. Jesus loved the world, helped many and discipled a few. We are to invest our lives the same.
- C. We must finish the course. (Acts 20)

II. We must manifest God's name to finish the work.

A. Through teaching.

- 1. Names have meaning.
- 2. This means we must spend time studying the names of God to understand His character.

B. Through how we handle life under stress.

- 1. He is perfect even when life is not perfect.
- 2. God's way is perfect.
- 3. The point of suffering is obedience and communicating God's character. (Romans 8:28)

III. We must be open and approachable.

- A. We live in a society that tends to isolate us.
- B. When we open our hearts, we open our lives.

IV. We must give people words.

- A. This means to teach the Word of God.
- B. Everyone has been called to the ministry in some sense. (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- C. Only the Word of God and people will remain in the end.

D. Words bring hope and direction.

Application questions:

1. What does it look like to manifest God's name?

2. How have you been encouraged by someone's faith when they were under stress?

3. How can you maximize your impact by sharing God's Word more with others? Explain.
