



## THE FINAL ASSIGNMENT WEEK OF APRIL 13



### READING ASSIGNMENT

This week, we are reading pages **24-26; 38-39 & 41-47** of Bill Hull's *Conversion and Discipleship*. The PDF of this chapter is available on our website at [rockypeak.org/disciple](http://rockypeak.org/disciple). If you prefer a hard copy, you can pick one up at Starting Point on the patio of the Worship Center during weekend services. You can also access the reading by scanning the QR code here.



### GETTING STARTED

This past weekend was the final message in *Disciple: The Call to Follow*. In this study, we'll be unpacking the final assignment Jesus gave His disciples, as well as reflecting on the whole series.

Begin this study by returning to one of the passages that set the foundation for the entire series. As you read this, write down anything you sense the Spirit speaking or highlighting to you.

*A **disciple** is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is **fully trained** will be like his teacher.*

**Luke 6:40, ESV**



### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What were one or two of your top takeaways from the weekend message?
2. At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples His final assignment. Read **Matthew 28:18-20**. Jot down anything that jumps out to you from this passage.
  - a. Jesus says, "All authority ... has been given to me." This is not a *throwaway line*, but incredibly important. Why is it important, and what impact does this have on being a disciple?
  - b. Why do you think Jesus says the first step of a disciple is baptism? If you've been baptized, what led you to do so?
  - c. What was one story or testimony from this weekend's baptisms that stood out to you? Why?

- d. Why do you think Jesus says, “teaching them to **obey** everything I have commanded you,” as opposed to saying, “teaching them to **believe** everything ...”? What role does obedience play in the life of a disciple?
  - e. Who have been one or two key people who have taught and modeled for you what it looks like to obey Jesus?
3. The key principle Michael taught this weekend was that *True Disciples ... Make Disciples*. As a follower of Jesus, this is your mission, given directly by the King of all creation.
  - a. How do you feel about this “assignment”? What excites you? What intimidates you?
  - b. Who are some specific people that you feel the Lord has placed in your path to carry out this assignment? Write down their names and pray for them.
4. One of the ways that we can make disciples is by sharing Christ with others. While the New Testament does not give many specifics on how to share Christ, there are certain passages that provide us with great clarity on how to do so. Read **1 Peter 3:15-16**.
  - a. What do you think Peter means when he says the first step in sharing Christ is to “revere Christ in your hearts as Lord”? Why is it important we start there?
  - b. What do you think it means to “be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you”? What are some practical ways you can prepare for these conversations and dialogue?
  - c. Notice Peter’s emphasis on making it personal by giving a reason for why **you** have hope in Jesus. How would you answer someone who asks why you choose to follow Jesus?
5. As we reflect on the whole *Disciple* series, how has this series grown your understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus?
  - a. What were some key insights you gained from any of the messages, readings, and/or Life Group studies?
6. One key trait we’ve learned about being a disciple is that it is not passive. Being a disciple is a call to action.
  - a. What are one or two key steps you will continue to take to grow as a disciple?
  - b. Read **Acts 2:42-47**. In it, we see the early church respond to the Spirit through a new commitment towards growth. What do you see in this passage as examples of how to keep growing as a disciple?
7. Let’s close the study with this quote from page 39 in *Conversion and Discipleship*:

*Jesus has invited us to follow him, and he is the entrance to the kingdom. So, start walking! We enter by accepting him as our rabbi and our king. We agree to learn from him by following his teaching, submitting to his direction, and praying for his help and provision. As we do, we grow to know him and love him, and through the work of the Holy Spirit, we start to become like him.*

- a. Take these words and make them your prayer. Reaffirm your commitment to *listen* and *follow* Jesus’ leading and invite the Spirit to do a new work of transformation in your life.



## TOPICAL PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of each Life Group. Often those who are new to a Life Group are intimidated by praying aloud if they have never done it before. Others are so comfortable with prayer that they can take over the prayer time without meaning to. For these reasons, we suggest practicing topical prayer to help your group get comfortable praying together. Here are three basic guidelines:

### **1. Focus on a Single Topic/Request at a Time**

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a topic is introduced, one or two members pray for that request. Then the Life Group Leader will direct the prayer time by sharing the next topic/request.

### **2. Pray Several Times Together**

By focusing on one topic at a time, each member has an opportunity to pray at different times for the requests they are most passionate about.

### **3. Keep Requests/Prayers Short and Simple**

By keeping both requests and prayers short and simple, everyone has a chance to share and pray. This helps those who are new to prayer feel more comfortable praying. It also helps everyone stay focused during your time of prayer together.