



Life Group Study Notes

“The Path: Bethel’s Discipleship Path”

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Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- What was the destination of one of your most memorable journeys?
- What’s the most difficult part of a long journey? Why?
- What can be enjoyable about a long journey?

Word (10-15 minutes)

Sermons can be heard online at www.bethelworld.org

Key Quote: The path to glory necessarily runs through the cross.

John 12:20–26 (ESV) *Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. “Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.”*

“Son of Man” is Jesus’ favorite self-referential and comes from Daniel 7:13-14. Jesus will be glorified: he will enter heaven, approach the Ancient of Days, and be given dominion, glory, and a universal, everlasting kingdom!

But Jesus’ path to glory necessarily ran through the cross. The cross involves self-denial, suffering, and death in obedience to God.

Jesus calls us to follow him on this path that leads through the cross to glory. We too are called to costly obedience. If we want to see Jesus, we must pick up our own cross, deny ourselves, and follow him. If not, we will lose our life.

If we will serve and follow him, the Father will honor us. We too will bear fruit, and God will reward our self-denial, suffering, and “death” with glory just as he did for his Son. We too will enjoy everlasting life, and will share in Jesus’ dominion, glory, and kingdom.

Bethel has a Basic Discipleship Path for every one of us to follow Jesus. The Discipleship Path is not just what you do; it's also what you help others do.

BETHEL'S DISCIPLESHIP PATH = KNOW, GROW, GO!

KNOW

1. Worship Services

- Regularly attend weekly worship services.

2. Connect Class

- Strengthen your relationship with Jesus and get to know Bethel.

3. Life Groups

- Grow spiritually and in relationship with others.

GROW

1. Serve

- Faithfully serve in some area of the church.

2. Be1 Discipleship Training

- Learn the basics of how to share your faith, help someone follow Jesus, and lead others in three short classes: Win1, Make1, Start1.

3. Equip Classes

- Get equipped to help others in our School of Discipleship.

GO

1. Share Your Faith

- Talk to others about God and Jesus.

2. Lead a Life Group

- Regularly meet with at least one person to help them follow Jesus.

3. Join in Local & Global Outreach

- Participate in Bethel sponsored outreach ministry.

Discussion (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the points below, and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.

- Discuss the following: "The path to glory necessarily runs through the cross."
- What does Jesus mean: "Whoever loves his life loses it"?
- What's another step you can take in following Jesus or in helping someone else do likewise?

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- Thank God for Jesus' willingness to lay down his life for us.
- Ask God to strengthen your resolve to follow him.
- Ask God to guide you in the next steps he wants you to take in your discipleship.