

Marks of A Healthy Church



Matthew 16:18

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 11:28–30

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Acts 4:12

¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

“The last command Jesus gave to his followers was, “Go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19). Now that's the product we Christians are supposed to produce, and in order to do so we have to be disciples ourselves.”

Francis M. Cosgrove Jr.,

Essentials of Discipleship:

Practical Help on How to Live as Christ's Disciple

Matthew 16:24

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

I. A disciple is a learner

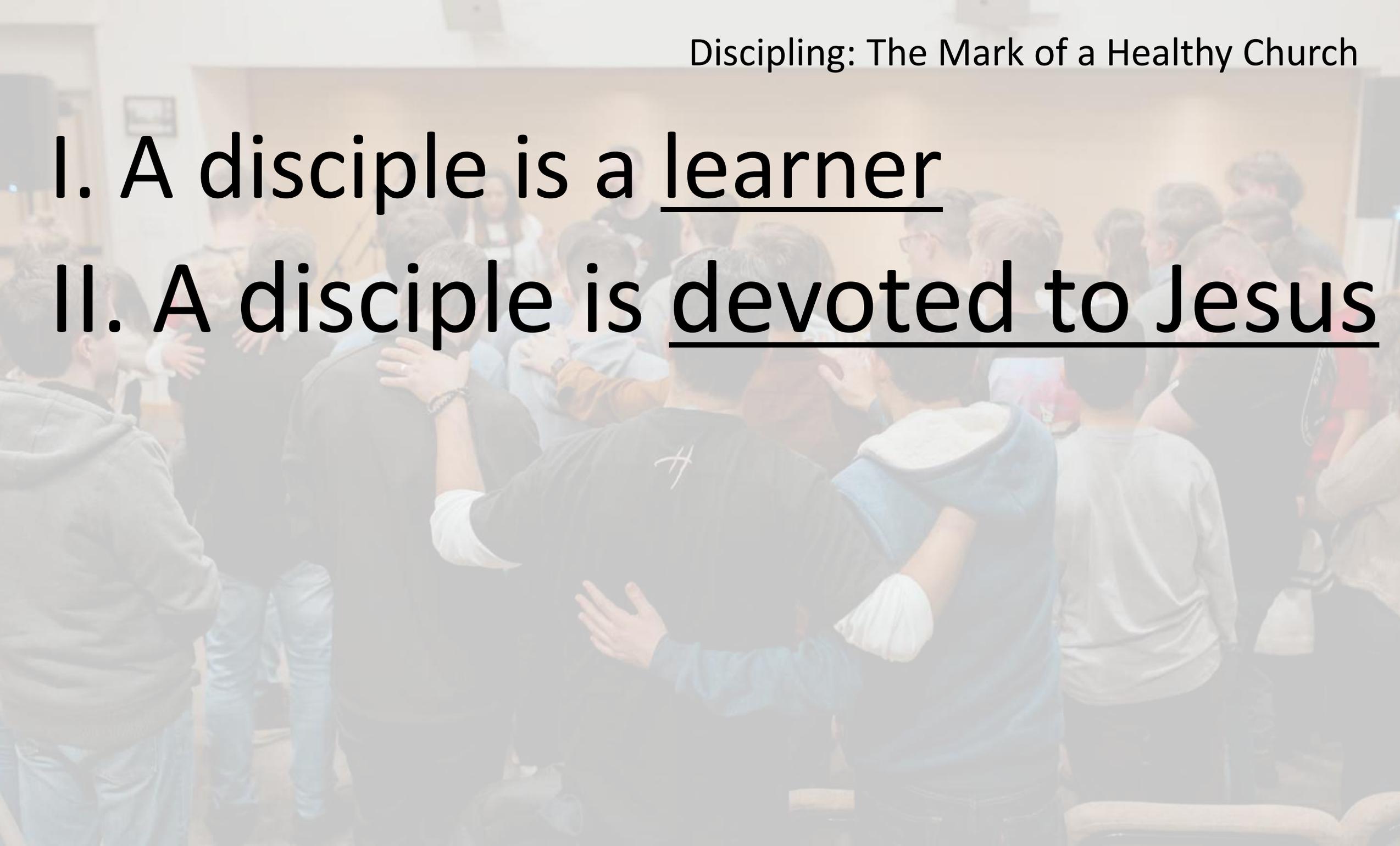


Matthew 28:20

²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

I. A disciple is a learner

II. A disciple is devoted to Jesus



Luke 14:33

³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

I. A disciple is a learner

II. A disciple is devoted to Jesus

III. A disciple is a servant

John 13:14–15

¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

I. A disciple is a learner

II. A disciple is devoted to Jesus

III. A disciple is a servant

IV. A disciple is a witness

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II. A disciple is devoted to Jesus

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IV. A disciple is a witness

V. A disciple is a giver

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

I. A disciple is a learner

II. A disciple is devoted to Jesus

III. A disciple is a servant

IV. A disciple is a witness

V. A disciple is a giver

VI. A disciple depends on God's
word

Isaiah 55:10–11

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from
my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I
purpose,

and shall succeed in the thing for
which I sent it.

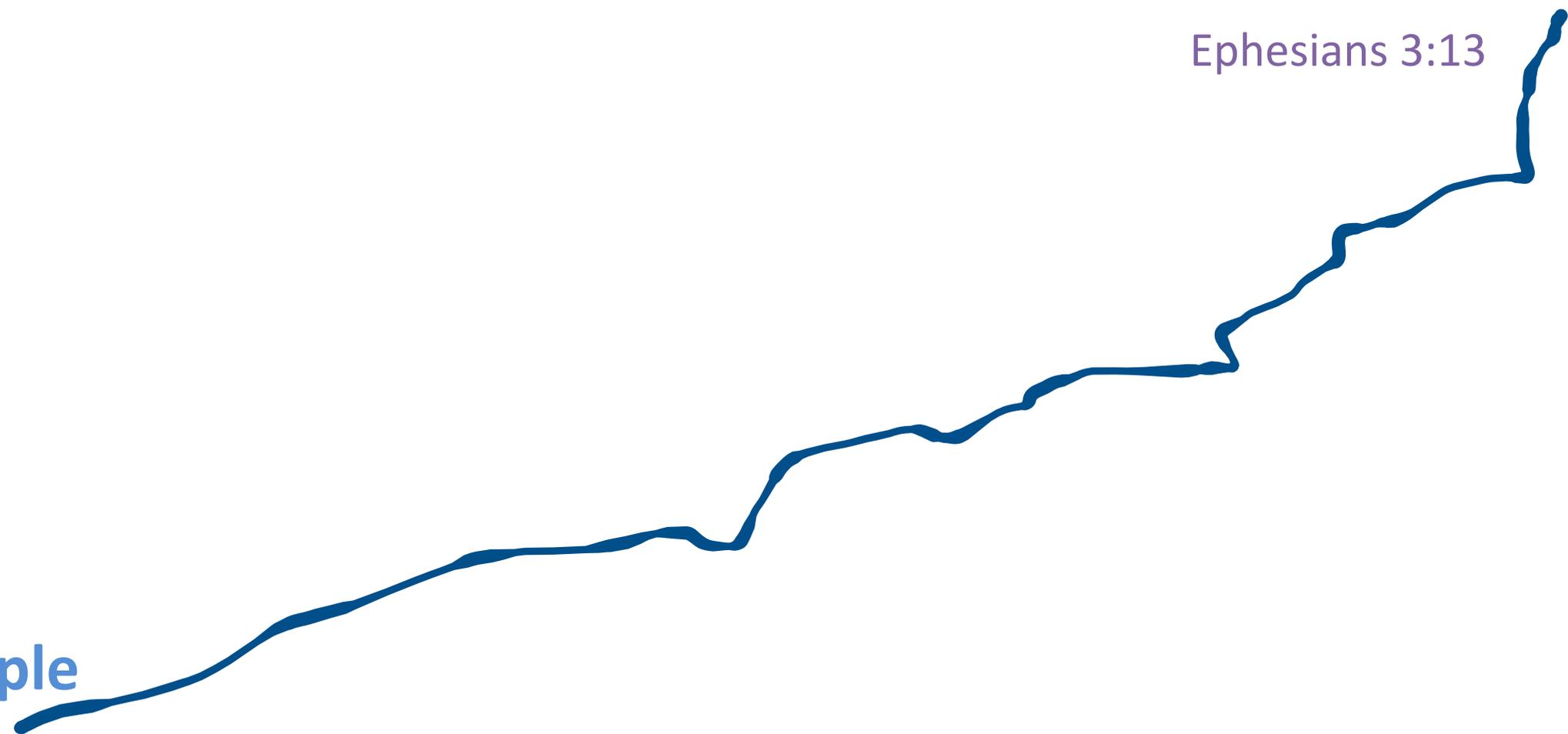
Goal of Discipling

Mature Disciple

[Christlikeness]

Colossians 1:28

Ephesians 3:13



New Disciple

[Baby disciple]

Colossians 1:28

²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Ephesians 4:13

¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

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Mature Disciple

[Christlikeness]

Colossians 1:28

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Observing/obeying

Growing Disciple

[Maturing]

Matthew 28:19-20

New Disciple

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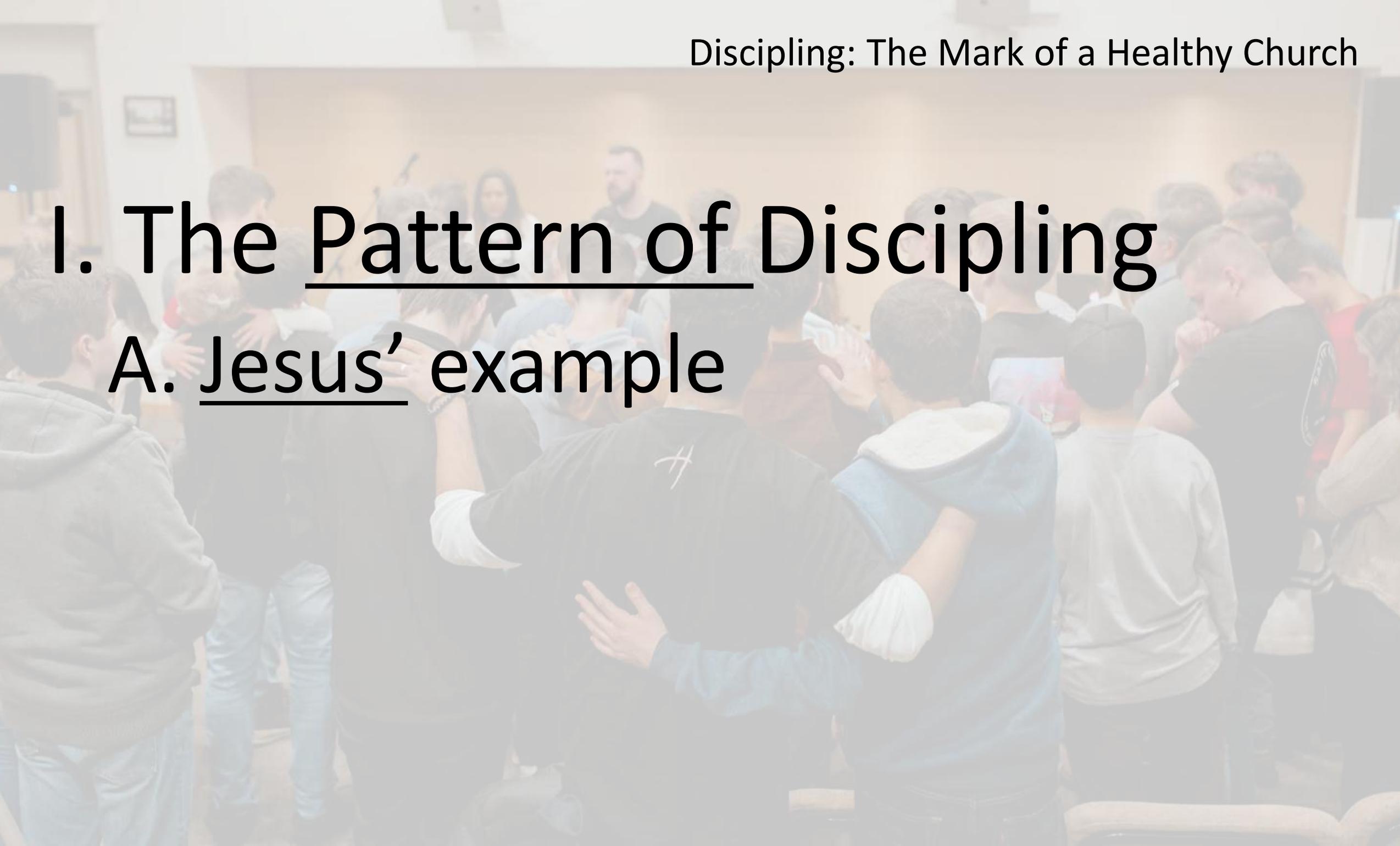
¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 28:19-20

²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

I. The Pattern of Discipling

A. Jesus' example



Mark 3:13-15

¹³ And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴ And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach

I. Pattern of Discipling

A. Jesus' example

B. Paul's example

Acts 16:1-3

¹ Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. ² He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.

Acts 16:1-3

³ Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

2 Timothy 2:2

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

I. The Pattern of Discipling

II. The Power of Influence in
Discipling



1 Corinthians 15:34

³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

“...discipling among gospel-believers doesn't mean you as the discipler always play the wise one, or that you must be a fount of Socrates-like wisdom with all the answers. Discipling in the gospel means that sometimes you lead the way in confessing weakness or sin. By doing so, you demonstrate what it looks like not to find your justification in yourself, but in Christ.”

“And so you live transparently and honestly. Christian discipleship, in other words, isn’t just about displaying your strengths; it’s about displaying your weakness, too. “But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us” (2 Cor. 4:7 NIV).”

Mark Dever

2 Timothy 3:10-11

¹⁰ You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness,

2 Timothy 3:10-11

11 my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.

2 Corinthians 5:9

⁹ So whether we are at home or away,
we make it our aim to please him.

I. The Pattern of Discipling

II. The Power of Influence in Discipling

III. The Place of Discipling

“Part of growing in maturity is helping others grow in maturity. God wants you to be in churches not merely so that your needs are met, but so that you will be equipped and encouraged to care for others.”

Mark Dever

Ephesians 4:11–17

11 And he gave the apostles,
the prophets,
the evangelists,
the shepherds and teachers,

Ephesians 4:11–17

12 to equip the saints
for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,

Ephesians 4:11–17

13 until we all attain
to the unity of the faith
and of the knowledge of the Son of God,
to mature manhood,
to the measure of the stature
of the fullness of Christ,

Ephesians 4:11–17

¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children,
tossed to and fro by the waves
and carried about
by every wind of doctrine,
by human cunning,
by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Ephesians 4:11–17

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love,
we are to grow up in every way
into him
who is the head,
into Christ,

Ephesians 4:11–17

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:11–17

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“Churches don’t need programs so much as they need cultures of discipling, cultures where each member prioritizes the spiritual health of others. Each has been given a gift for the common good, and each should use whatever gift he or she has been given to build up the body:”

Mark Dever

Hebrews 13:7

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

“It's not that the church isn't a community of sinners. It is. It's that the church is a community of a particular kind of sinners - repentant sinners. Another word for that is disciples.”

Michael Lawrence,
Conversion: How God Creates a People

I. The Pattern of Discipling

II. The Power of Influence in Discipling

III. The Place of Discipling

IV. The People for Discipling

A. Start at home

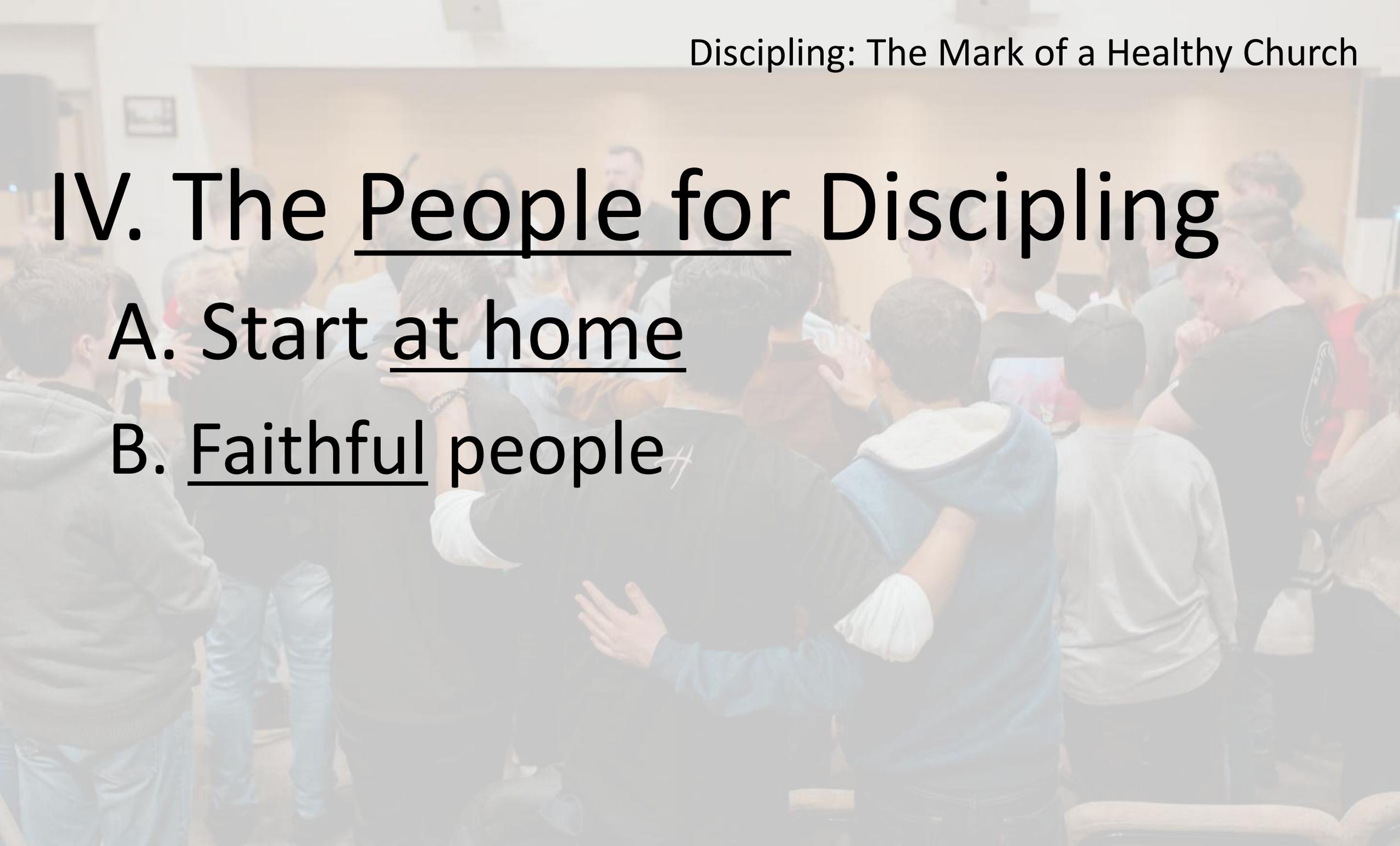
1 Timothy 5:8

⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

IV. The People for Discipling

A. Start at home

B. Faithful people



2 Timothy 2:1-2

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

IV. The People for Discipling

A. Start at home

B. Faithful people

C. Humble people

1 Peter 5:5

⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Psalm 25:9 (NASB)

⁹ He leads the humble in justice,
And He teaches the humble His way.

Proverbs 11:2

² When pride comes, then comes
disgrace,
but with the humble is wisdom.

IV. The People for Discipling

- A. Start at home
- B. Faithful people
- C. Humble people
- D. Consider their gender

Titus 2:3-5

³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,

Titus 2:3-5

⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

IV. The People for Discipling

- A. Start at home
- B. Faithful people
- C. Humble people
- D. Consider their gender
- E. Life schedules

Titus 2:3-5

⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

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