



Discussion questions:

Name some of the obstacles you face in living as a disciple of Jesus. What impact does each one have?

Do you have a sense of urgency about your personal discipleship? Why or why not?

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## Part 5: Overcoming Obstacles

Context: Being a disciple of Jesus involves committing to processes that produce meaningful outcomes.

Process: Disciples should regularly practice

- Recognizing our heart problem: sin (Romans 3:1-21, Ephesians 2:1-10)
- Realizing our need: we can't fix ourselves (Romans 7:15-25)
- Reflecting on Christ's impact: we are reborn (John 3:1-14, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21)
- Reacting to the Holy Spirit's leading: listening and responding (John 16:7-15)
- Responding Biblically day-to-day: repentance, growth and change are normalized (2 Peter 1:3-15)

Outcomes: Disciples should increasingly see (John 15:1-13)

- Regular communication with Christ
- Consistent production of "fruit"
- Faith-filled decisions to obey
- Observable joy despite circumstances
- Tangible love for others

Evaluation: Metrics are not scoreboards but rather indications of change over time (2 Corinthians 13:5)

Obstacles: The battles disciples of Jesus fight are all addressed in God's word.

Problem	Solution
<p>_____ – not enough grace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “I can carry the burden of salvation myself”</li> </ul>	<p>“ _____ ”</p> <p>Galatians 3:10-14 Galatians 5:1-4 Ephesians 2:8-9 Romans 3:21-28</p>
<p>_____ – too much grace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “I think the cross was cheap”</li> </ul>	<p>“ _____ ”</p> <p>Galatians 5:13 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 1 Peter 2:16 Romans 6:15-23</p>
<p>_____ – wallowing in guilt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “I’m irredeemable, so why try?”</li> </ul>	<p>“ _____ ”</p> <p>Proverbs 13:5 Isaiah 61 Hebrews 12:1-2 Romans 5:6-11 Acts 24:16</p>
<p>_____ - being tangled in sin again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “I can’t find any freedom”</li> </ul>	<p>“ _____ ”</p> <p>Jeremiah 3:11-4:2 Luke 15:11-32 Proverbs 14:14 1 John 1:9 Romans 6:1-14</p>
<p>_____ – the world is too much</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “I just want to get out of here”</li> </ul>	<p>“ _____ ”</p> <p>John 16:29-33 1 Kings 19:1-8 Psalm 42:1-11 Philippians 4:6-7 James 1:2-4</p>