

As Christians We All Sail 5 Ships

1. Lordship
 2. Worship
 3. Discipleship
 4. Friendship
 5. Stewardship
- These ships are built and maintained with our Spiritual Disciplines which we previously studied and are powered by the wind of the Holy Spirit.

Lordship

This is the starting point.

To sail the ship of Lordship we must:

- Deny ourself
- Be obedient to God
- Following the will of God

P.T. Forsyth summarizes Lordship in the following Quote-

“The first duty of every soul is to find not its freedom but it’s Master.”

Lordship-Deny Self

Luke 9:23-Then he said to them all: *“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”*

o Three unique things to consider about someone on a cross

1. They are facing in only one direction
2. They can’t ever turn back
3. They no longer have plans of their own

Discussion Question: What are some examples of denying self?

Lordship-Obedience to God

John 14:15- *"If you love me, keep my commands."*

John 14:21- *"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."*

2 John 1:6- *And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.*

Instant obedience will teach you more about God than a lifetime of Bible study.

Discussion Questions:

How do we show Obedience to God?

What happens when we show God Obedience? (see John 41:21)

Lordship-Following the Will of God

Matthew 7:21- *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."*

Discussion Question- How do we know what the Will of God is?

Worship

- Worship is the Reason we Exist
- Worship in Spirit and Truth
- Worship by Loving God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength
- Worship by keeping your hands clean and your heart pure
- Worship by offering your body as a living sacrifice

Worship-The Reason We Exist

Isaiah 43:7 -*everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.*

- We were '**created**' to worship God

1 Peter 2:9- *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

- We were '**chosen**' to worship God

Worship-The Reason We Exist

Psalms 95:6- *Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.*

- We are '**called**' to worship God.

Revelation 14:6-7 - *Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."*

- We are '**commanded**' to worship God

Worship-The Reason We Exist

Discussion Questions:

- Would you agree that since we were created, chosen, called and commanded to worship God that He has put into everyone a need to worship?
- How is that need fulfilled if you do not worship God?
- I believe Jesus is reaffirming what we discussed earlier that we all are worshiping something, however God is only seeking those who worship him, would you agree?

John 4:23- *"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."*

Worshiping in Spirit and Truth

Psalm 46:10-He says, *“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”*

John 4:24- *“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”*

Discussion Question-How do we worship in Spirit and truth?

Worshiping by Loving God with all your Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength

Mark 12:30- *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”*

Discussion Question-How do we do this and how is showing our love to God and act of worship?

Worshiping God by Keeping our Hands Clean and our Hearts Pure

Psalm 24: 3-4- *Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.*

Discussion Question-How do we get clean hands and a pure heart?

Worshipping God by Offering your Body as A Living Sacrifice

Romans 12:1-*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

Discussion Question- How do you do this?

Discipleship-We are to be Disciples

Luke 14:26- *"If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."*

Discussion Questions:
What does it mean to be a Disciple?
What does it take to be a Disciple?
What does it cost to be a Disciple?

Discipleship-We are to be Disciples

James 2:19-*You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that and shudder.*

Matthew 7: 21-23- *Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'*

Discussion Question- Is it possible to be a Christian by simply believing in God and not being a Disciple?

Discipleship-We are to Make Disciples

Mark 1:17- *“Come, follow me,”* Jesus said, *“and I will make you fishers of men.”*

Matthew 28:19-20- *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Discussion Question-How do we make Disciples?

Discipleship-We are to be Students of God’s Word

2 Timothy 2:15-*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17-*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Discussion Question- Can you incorrectly handle the Word of truth? How?

Friendship-With Fellow Christians

Hebrews 10:24-25-*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Acts 2:42-fellowship-(κοινωνία) Koinonia-Gets beyond the surface.

You are part of a body. You are not to be alone.

Friendship-With Fellow Christians

John 13:34-35- *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

Another way to spell love is TIME. This can be the greatest gift you can give to someone.

Discussion Question- How does Christ love us?

Friendship-With Non-Christians

Mark 12:31- *"The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."*

Discussion Question- How do we love ourselves?

Stewardship

A steward is someone who manages or looks after another's property.

Exodus 19:5: *"All the earth is Mine."*

Deuteronomy 10:14: *"Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it."*

Job 41:11: *"Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine."*

Psalms 24:1: *"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, / the world, and all who live in it."*

1 Corinthians 6:19: *"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?"*

1 Corinthians 7:23: *"You were bought with a price."*

1 Timothy 6:7: *"We have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either."*

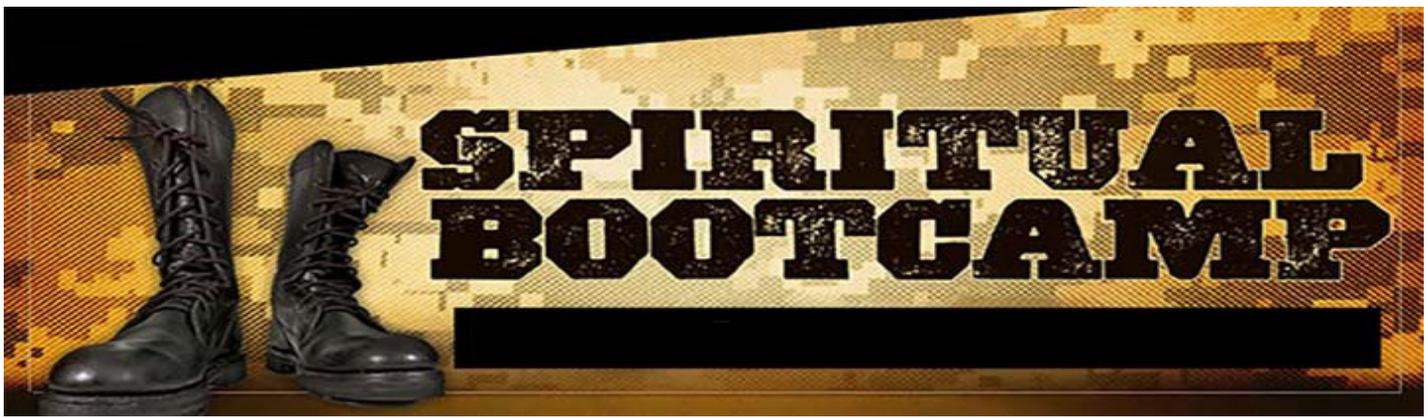
Discussion Questions:

What do we own? How can we give back to God?

How can we be good stewards of what God has given us?

Colossians 3:23- *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.*

What happens when we are good stewards of our Job?



Memory Scriptures (Spiritual Bullets)

Week 1

1 John 4:4: **“Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world”**

Week 2

James 4:7: **“Resist the devil, and he will flee...”**

Week 3

Ephesians 6:10: **“Be strong in the Lord and in his Mighty power.”**

Week 4

Joshua 1:9: **“...the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”**

Week 5

Acts 5:29: **“...we must obey God rather than men.”**

Week 6

Psalms 119:11: **“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”**

Week 7

Psalms 28:7: **“The Lord is my strength and my shield”**

Week 8

Ephesians 4:27: **“do not give the devil a foothold.”**

Week 9

Luke 9:23: **“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”**

Week 10

2 Timothy 3:16: **“All Scripture is God-breathed...”**

Week 11

Psalms 37:7: **“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him...”**

Week 12

Romans 12:12: **“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”**

Week 13

Matthew 6:18: **“...your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”**

Week 14

Mark 12:30: **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”**