

Discipleship

A five week course
for extending discipleship
in small groups

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Week One

What it means to be a disciple.

Ice breaker for newly gathered group:

Write an email address for yourself which is descriptive, true (and nice) e.g.hairylegs@bigbiceps.guy

Watch Nooma – Dust.*

(note for leader – do not get side tracked on the snow clearing! Leave that discussion for coffee-time)

Section 1.

Quote: 'A disciple doesn't just want to know what the rabbi knows. A disciple wants to be like the rabbi and wants to learn to do what the rabbi does.'

How might it help your discipleship to think of Jesus as your rabbi? What would you need to do differently/more/less to fulfil your claim to be a disciple of Jesus?

Section 2. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29.

Quote: ' Jesus calls the 'not good enough' to be his disciples and they change the course of history.'

What message was Jesus sending us by not choosing the best of the best?

What impact are Christians today having on the course of human history?

How could that impact be greater?

Section 3. Matthew 16:19.

Quote: 'Faith in Jesus is important, but what about Jesus' faith in us? I mean he must have faith in us because he leaves it all in the hands of these disciples.'

What are the implications of this concept of discipleship for us?

What does it mean for us to be like Jesus? Can we do it? What gets in our way? What enables us?

Prayer:

May we believe in God, but may we come to see that God believes in us.

May we have faith in Jesus, but may we come to see that Jesus has faith that we can be like him. People of love and compassion and truth. People of forgiveness, and peace and grace, and joy, and hope.

And may we be covered in the dust of our rabbi, Jesus.
Amen.

* Nooma video available to borrow from Liz Childs or David Perry or to buy from www.nooma.com or any good Christian bookshop.