

# The Necessities for Discipleship



**Acts 2:40-47**

- **Review – Understanding Discipleship (Matt. 28:18-20)**
- **Purpose: “to present every man complete in Christ.”**
- **Goal: that each individual member would grow to maturity in Christlikeness.**
  
- **Lesson #1 – Understanding Discipleship**
- **Discipleship: “The developmental process of the local church that progressively brings Christians from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity. (Dr. Evans)**
- A. In order to become a disciple, you must have the right information and the right skills.**
- B. We must understand that discipleship is a process.**
- C. Discipleship is a progressive movement toward maturity.**
- D. God has created a specific environment in which discipleship is to occur.**
- E. To become a disciple there must be a transferable process.**
  
- **Lesson # 2 – Discipleship Must Be a Priority**
- A. The priority of action.**
- B. The cost of discipleship.**
- C. The reward of discipleship.**

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- **When God created the earth, He created an environment for everything to excel in.**
- **The local church is the environment God has given to transform Christians into what we were created and redeemed to be: followers of Jesus Christ.**
- **The greatest church in history was the first church, the church at Jerusalem.**
- **The four necessary experiences are: Evangelism, the Word of God, fellowship, and worship.**

1. The first necessity is evangelism (witnessing) (Acts 2:40-41).
  - A. A boldness to witness (Acts 4:23-28).
  - B. The results of witnessing (Acts 2:41, 47; 4:4).
  
2. The second necessity is growing in the Word of God (Acts 2:42).
  - A. We must grow in the Word of God.
  - B. In order to grow in the Word, you must change your mind (Prov. 23:7).
  - C. We must develop a desire for the Word of God.
  
3. The necessity of fellowship (Acts 2:42).
  - A. Fellowship is more than coming and just eating together.
  - B. We need each other (1 Cor. 10:12; Eccl. 4:9-12).
  - C. When we come together, we must focus on one person: Jesus Christ.
  
4. The necessity to worship (Acts 2:43, 46-47).
  - A. Worship is the furnace of the spiritual life.
  - B. The reason to worship (Phil 4:6).
    - If you become a witnessing, learning-the-Word, fellowshiping, and worshipping Christian you will be progressing in your discipleship.