

THE AGENDA OF JESUS

Discipleship is the process of living the agenda of Jesus. Whose agenda do you live by?

John 3:16, NLT, For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:8, NIV, God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 14:23, NIV, If anyone loves me, they will obey my teaching.

John 13:34-35, NIV, Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. The world will know you are my disciples if you love one another.

Ephesians 5:1, NIV, Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

Galatians 5:6, NIV, The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

The agenda of Jesus is LOVE:

L—Let GO

- Mark 8:34, NLT, If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.
- A.W. Tozer, “To be crucified means, first, the man on the cross is facing only one direction; second, he is not going back; and third, he has no further plans of his own.”
- Mark 8:35-37, NLT, If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?

O—Offer the Help THAT YOU CAN

- James 2:15-17, NLT, Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.
- See Matthew 25:31-46

V—Vivid ACCEPTANCE

- Romans 15:7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

E—Engage in GOD’S PRIORITIES

- Mark 16:15, Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.
- James 1:27, Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.