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Summer Newsletter

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Apprentice of Jesus Disciple-Making Curriculum

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Summer is a season of growth-and not just in nature. It's the perfect time to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus and embrace His call to make disciples of all nations. At the heart of Narrow Gate's mission is a simple yet powerful vision: to make disciples who make disciples with Jesus, modeling our lives after Him and living out the Great Commission as a daily lifestyle. (Matthew 28:18-20)

As a part of our overall strategy as a ministry to equip individuals and pastors to become responsible, resilient, and reproducing disciples of Jesus, we are excited to share with you our *Apprentice of Jesus Disciple-Making Curriculum*. Although this curriculum can be used by anyone, we have found it to be most effective and transformative when it is used by trained disciple-makers. Think of it this way; anyone can paint a picture with a paint brush, but a true masterpiece often comes

from an artist who is trained in the best ways to utilize their paint brush and tools. We've created this newsletter to introduce you to the *Apprentice of Jesus* and to help guide you in using it yourself and with a disciple group. We hope that God will bless you and bring great fruit and life transformation as you become an Apprentice of Jesus.



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Apprentice of Jesus

Disciple-Making Curriculum Overview

WHO IS APPRENTICE OF JESUS FOR?

Our curriculum is for any follower of Jesus who wants to grow deeper with Jesus as His disciple and apprentice while becoming equipped to disciple others. Although it can be used by individuals, we find it is most effective in a small group of believers, committed to maturing in Christ together. Currently we have over 100 disciple group members and churches engaged with the curriculum and that number is increasing daily. The curriculum is available at no cost and is fully downloadable.

WHAT IS THE CURRICULUM AND WHAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT AND EFFECTIVE?

- *Apprentice of Jesus* is a 3-year curriculum modeled on how Jesus trained His disciples in the 4 Gospels and the Book of Acts.
- It is more than a Bible study, although the Bible is our primary text throughout the 3-years. The curriculum employs a robust Bible reading plan and Inductive Bible study. The intended purpose is to not only grow in knowledge but also grow in depth of understanding of how to apply its truths to our lives. This leads us to becoming more aware and impacted by how God is moving in our lives and the world around us.

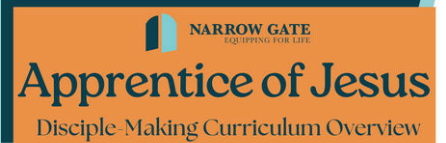


[Click here to view a short overview video of our *Apprentice of Jesus* Curriculum by Narrow Gate Executive Director, Rev. Mark Danzey.](#)

- Each unit of the curriculum incorporates knowledge through Scripture, character transforming spiritual disciplines helping disciples grow more into the likeness of Jesus, and equipping skills empowered by the Holy Spirit to help you become a disciple who makes disciples with Jesus.
- Narrow Gate has created a *Disciple-Making Toolbox* for easy access to teachings and skills you will use often throughout the discipleship journey. In our toolbox you will find over 25 resources and tools, free for you to use.
- Pastor and Author, Jim Putman, identifies in just one sentence why the Church struggles to make disciples: “*Most people divorce Jesus’ teachings from His methods, yet expect His results.*” Our Narrow Gate team and Board are committed to Jesus’ teachings and model for disciple-making, and believe this curriculum closely mirrors how Jesus disciplined those God gave Him. Our mission is to personally invest in men and women to live out Jesus’ Great Commission as a lifestyle. (Matthew 28:18-20)

HOW DO I GET STARTED AND HOW DO I USE THIS CURRICULUM?

- We recommend prayerfully selecting (Luke 6:12-13) a small group of believers (4-5) who are committed to growing in maturity in Christ and becoming an equipped disciple who makes disciples with Jesus.
- Having a leader and co-leader creates accountability and flexibility. It is important that the leader(s) read through the *[Apprentice of Jesus Curriculum Overview](#)* and watch the Overview video in advance of meeting as a group to be prepared to lead the group.
- Disciple group meetings can be weekly, or bi-weekly with a minimum meeting time of 90-minutes. Regular cadence and attendance are essential for growing transparency, trust, and accountability.
- Each year of the curriculum has 28 units and is meant to take approximately 34 weeks. This gives flexibility to spend more time on a unit or to work on sharpening disciple equipping skills being learned.
- We suggest in-person meetings, but Zoom capability allows for out of town, sickness, or other conflicts on occasion. The point is to keep meeting!
- Since the curriculum is fully on-line and downloadable, the link to the curriculum and each unit can be shared with the group in advance so they can be prepared for participation at each meeting. Embedded within the curriculum are occasional video teachings that are easily accessible as well. We have intentionally made each unit less than 5 pages (with the rare exception) for easy printing should group members prefer to have a hard copy of each unit.
- Although the curriculum is free and downloadable, there is one small book purchase on the Great Commission by Greg Ogden. The link and information are included in the assignment section of Unit 1 in the curriculum.



[Click here for the *Apprentice of Jesus Overview*](#)

[Click here for the full *Apprentice of Jesus Curriculum*](#)

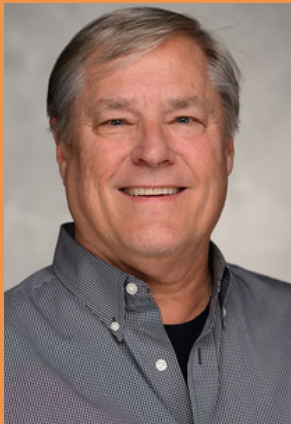
HOW CAN I BECOME A TRAINED DISCIPLE-MAKER?

It's important to recognize that a curriculum on its own does not make disciples of Jesus; trained disciple-makers make disciples with Jesus. Narrow Gate offers training and equipping for pastors in our [Co-Mission Institute](#) and for individuals through our on-line cohort, [Fundamentals of Disciple-Making](#). We're excited to connect with you!

HOW IS THE APPRENTICE OF JESUS CURRICULUM SHAPING LIVES AND HELPING PEOPLE GROW AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS?

Here's what pastors and individuals currently using our *Apprentice of Jesus* curriculum are saying:

"The structure of the Apprentice of Jesus Curriculum lets me focus on the group and listen to the Holy Spirit, with the confidence and trust that the content will be excellent. Removing the pressure of having to create content as a group facilitator is a big help."



Michael Jordan
Director of Missions,
Mount Pisgah Church

"The Apprentice of Jesus curriculum gives needed structure and support for disciple-making, that facilitates transformational growth in Jesus in cooperation with the Holy Spirit."



Rev. John Purrington
Monroe First

"If you are a follower of Jesus and want to live out the Great Commission, Narrow Gate's Apprentice of Jesus curriculum is a great tool to help walk alongside others as they walk with Jesus."



Pastor Allen Cason
Metter, GA

"Narrow Gate's Apprentice of Jesus is a really good curriculum. The women I am discipling have grown in their intentional time of personal worship and I like that the curriculum provides opportunities to practice character developing and equipping skills during our group meeting time. Because the curriculum is easy to follow and laid out well, it allows me as the leader to focus more time on building relationships and encouraging great discussion around the content."

"I am grateful for the rich, intentional time in our disciple group and all of the excellent material you've guided us through using the Narrow Gate's Apprentice of Jesus disciple-making curriculum. I wasn't sure, even up until a few weeks ago that I could lead a disciple group. But each day I feel more equipped by God and this curriculum to be a disciple who makes disciples with Jesus!"



Lauren Guinta
Apprentice of Jesus
Disciple Group Member



Andi Wallace
Apprentice of Jesus
Disciple Group Leader

Thank you for your love, prayers, and generosity in supporting our ministry.

We hope this introduction to our *Apprentice of Jesus* curriculum has been helpful and encouraging. It is available on our website at no charge. We have invested a lot of time and expertise in its creation, but it's all come to us on its way to you if you choose to use it. All we ask is that you pray for our global disciple making efforts, consider partnering with us in prayer and giving, and if you use the *Apprentice of Jesus* curriculum, let us know from time to time how it is working. We would love to celebrate with you. Happy Summer and may God bless you!

The Narrow Gate Team

Your gift to Narrow Gate this summer will provide pastors and ministry leaders with individualized disciple-making, coaching, and mentoring. Thank you!



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