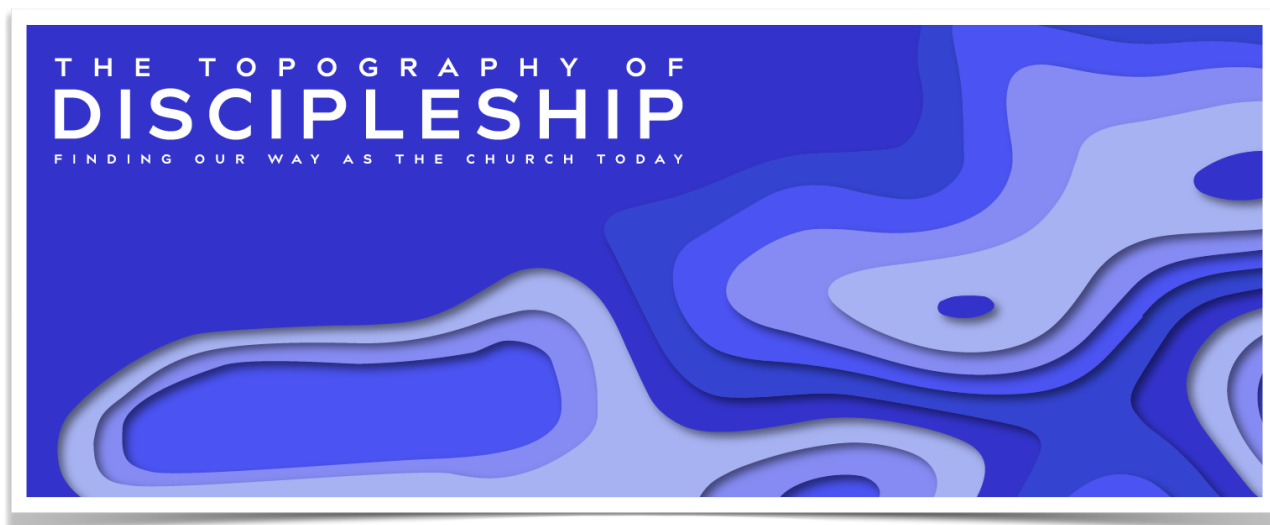


GBC Discipleship RESOURCE



THE TOPOGRAPHY OF DISCIPLESHIP

FINDING OUR WAY AS THE CHURCH TODAY

Week Three | The Transparent Context Part I

For a brief overview of why (and how) to engage in each of these practices, you can read the Guideline For Growing on our website.

<https://www.gymeabaptist.org.au/growing/pages/guideline-for-growing>

OVERVIEW

This week we continue in our nine-week sermon series entitled “The Topography of Discipleship: Finding Our Way As The Church Today” in which we will explore the five relational contexts that God uses to bring us to maturity as followers of Jesus. These contexts are taken from the book *Discipleship That Fits* by Bobby Harrington and Alex Absalom. The series will alternate between exploring what a specific relational context does for our discipleship and how we might encourage the context in our community of faith at GBC. The discipleship menus will seek to help explore the principles and apply them in our lives.

Each “menu” will follow the same pattern: some passages of Scripture to reflect on, a few questions to consider, a text to internalise, and a theme to pray about. We encourage you to listen to the sermon (either “live” or through the GBC Sermon Podcast) as a helpful foundation for the menu. We will also include the chapter you could read from *Discipleship That Fits* if you are keen to do so.

This week we begin our two-week look at the Transparent Context; an intentional discipleship relationship with a few people.

Discipleship That Fits – read chapter 10, “Wired for Intimacy: Understanding the Transparent Context”.

1. PASSAGES TO MEDITATE ON

These passages all focus on the importance of relationships. As you reflect on them consider their implication for discipleship.

- Proverbs 13:20; 27:6, 17
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- Ephesians 4:2, 32; 5:19
- Romans 12:9-16 Gratitude

2. JOURNALING QUESTIONS

Have you ever been part of an intentional discipleship group (e.g., a prayer triplet)? How did that experience contribute to your maturity as a follower of Jesus?

Intentionality is important for our growth and maturity as disciples. Reflect on a time when you have been intentional about your discipleship. What was the outcome?

What aspect of your apprenticeship to Jesus do you feel being invited by the Holy Spirit to prioritise at this time?

What did you find most striking about the account of Jonathan's impact on David's decision to trust the promises of God rather than take matters into his own time. (This is a question based on the sermon, you can listen to this on the GBC Sermons Podcast.)

3. PRAYER THEME

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the area or aspect of your apprenticeship to Jesus that He is inviting you to prioritise now.

4. A TEXT TO INTERNALISE

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

**The five contexts are: The Divine (you and God), the Transparent (you and one or two others), the Personal (you and a Life Group), the Social (you as part of mission team), and the Public (you in a Sunday service).*