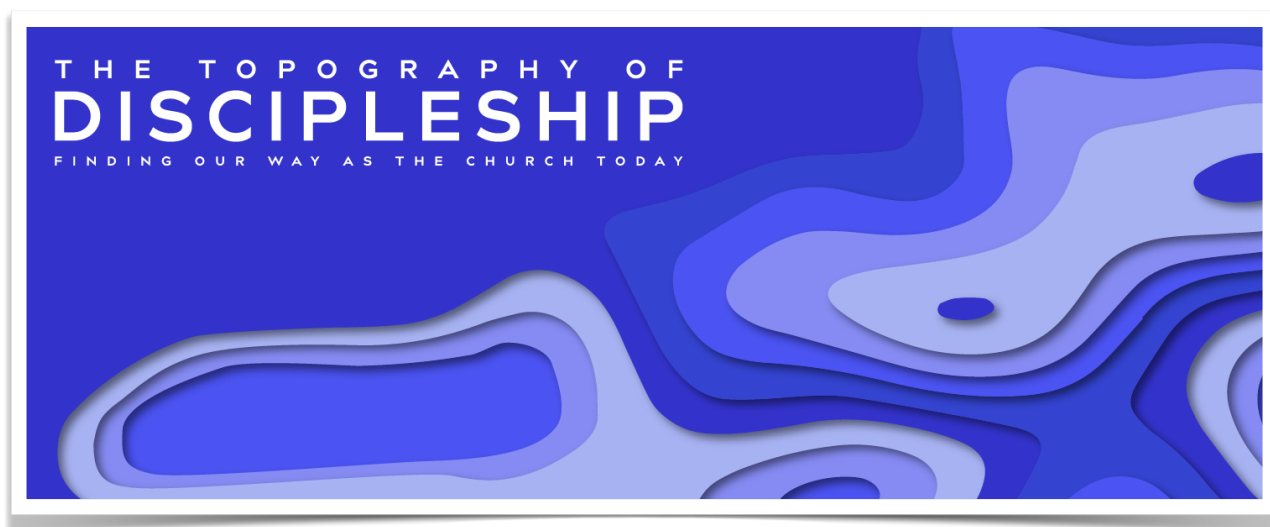


GBC Discipleship RESOURCE



THE TOPOGRAPHY OF DISCIPLESHIP

FINDING OUR WAY AS THE CHURCH TODAY

Week Six | The Personal Context Part 2

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 examine the “how” of the Personal Context; 5-12 people who gather regularly to experience closeness, support, and challenge.

Discipleship That Fits – read chapter 9, “Creating a Great Small Group: Discipleship in the Personal Context”

NOTE: The ideas in this chapter will not necessarily be the ones we will implement in our Life Groups.

1. PASSAGES TO MEDITATE ON

As you read these passages consider how they are formed about Jesus, focused on his teaching and activity, and lead to mission. (These were the three aspects of the personal context drawn out from Sunday’s sermon. You can listen to this on the GBC Sermon Podcast.)

- Ephesians 4:32
- Galatians 5:13
- Romans 12:10
- Philippians 2:3
- Romans 14:13
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- Galatians 6:2

2. JOURNALING QUESTIONS

What is the impact of knowing someone is committed to you?

How do care and commitment work together? Can you have one without the other?

How can you express your commitment to your Life Group (in ways that aren't overwhelming)?

3. PRAYER THEME

Pray for a deeper commitment to the people of God and your Life Group (if you are in one).

If you're not in a Life Group, pray about if this is the right time to find one (you can have a look at GBC Links under the Life Groups page or on our website for more information including an expression of interest form!).

4. A TEXT TO INTERNALISE

John 13:14-15

**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).*