Who are We? An Upstream Primer
Lifestyle of Spiritual Discipleship

We exist to bring God glory and do His will here on the earth

-> 6 Distinctives of Upstream are:
   1. Lifestyle of Spiritual Discipleship
   2. Atmosphere of Sacrificial Service
   3. Heritage of Passionate Prayer
   4. Experience of Authentic Worship
   5. Culture of Dynamic Evangelism
   6. Legacy of a Christian Community

Acts 2:42-47

DISCIPLE Someone who follows another person or another way of life and who submits himself to the discipline (teaching) of that leader or way. ¹

I. Discipleship is about our Identity

Acts 6:7  And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Acts 9:1  [The Conversion of Saul] But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord,

Acts 11:29  So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.

Acts 14:21  When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,

Acts 18:23  After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

Acts 20:30  and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

II. Discipleship has a Spiritual Focus

Luke 4:18-19

III. Discipleship is a Lifestyle

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a. Personal life of following Jesus

It was proper for early Christians to be called disciples of Jesus of Nazareth or simply “the disciples” (Acts 6:1–2, 7; 9:36; 11:26) because they were carrying on the teaching of Jesus and living the life he had exemplified. They were thus recognized as a “school” or living community that embodied the teaching of their “master” in practice. ²

b. Learning to follow Jesus from others

Phil 3:17-18

c. Helping others how to follow Jesus

Col 1:28