

Biblical examples of Jesus' pattern of discipleship

Jesus' Specific Teaching Patterns and Processes	Biblical Examples*
<p>Jesus modeled a way of life to be imitated (1 Cor 11:1). A pattern (Gr. tupos) of a way of life in Christ, which was ultimately copied by Paul and taught in every church, everywhere (1 Cor 4:17, Php 3:17)** consisting of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abiding obedience to the Father and the Son (Right Living) 2. Prayer and true worship 3. Gospel proclamation and disciple-making 4. The fruits of the Spirit (Right Relationships) 5. Demonstrations of Faith and resisting temptation 6. Submission, service, and servant leadership 7. Rightly handling persecution 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jn 16:10, Mt 7:24-29 2. Mt 6:5-13, Lk 6:12, Jn 4:24 3. Mk 1:14-15, Lk 9:1-2 4. Lk 6:27-38, Mt 9:36-38 5. Lk 4:1-14, Lk 8:24-25 6. Mk 9:35-40, Jn 13:3-17 7. Mt 5:10-12, Lk 12:11-12
Jesus traveled and lived almost full time for approximately two years with the twelve in the midst of other disciples and a very active ministry to the crowd.	Mt 8:14, Mt 20:17, Mk 3:14, Mk 4:10, Mk 26:20, Lk 8:1, Lk 8:51, Jn 11:54, Jn 13:1-30
Jesus often asked probing questions to get to the root of the teaching.	Mt 9:4, Mt 9:28, Mt 12:25-28, Mk 8:17, Mk 9:23, Mk 10:18, Mk 21:13, Jn 6:67
Jesus pointed to Scripture and, in His case, often His own teaching as the final source of authority. Basically, often directly or indirectly asked, "What does Scripture say?"	Mt 5:27-48, Mt 7:21-29, Mt 11:10, Mt 21:13, Lk 10:25-37
Jesus explained complex or difficult teaching privately to the twelve (and sometimes to His other disciples as well).	Mt 15:15-20, Mark 4:33-34, Lk 17:5
Jesus required His disciples to count the cost of following Him and often gave directive commands with the expectation of obedience.	Mt. 10:5-23, Mt 18:12, Mk 6:7-13, Lk 9:1-6, Lk 10:1-16, Lk 14:25-35
Jesus bestowed authority and delegated kingdom tasks to the twelve apostles and to His disciples.	Mt 28:18-20, Mk 6:7, Lk 9:1-6, Lk 10:1-16,
Jesus held the twelve and the disciples accountable for the tasks they had been given.	Mk 6:30, Lk 9:10, Lk 10:17, Lk 12:41-48
Jesus often used the reporting back (accountability) as additional teaching opportunities.	Lk 9:10, Lk 9:51-56, Lk 10:17-24
Jesus demonstrated more concern for the individual's intimacy and abiding faithfulness to God through Christ (which ultimately results in obedience and fruitfulness), than for the Kingdom tasks themselves. While not diminishing the importance of Kingdom tasks and programs, in the larger scheme of things, Jesus considered relationship of greater importance.	Mt 14:28-31, Lk 10:17-22, Lk 10:38-42, Lk 12:41-48, Jn 12:25-26, Jn 15:1-11
Jesus closely observed what His disciples said and did at other times and didn't hesitate to teach, correct, rebuke, or rejoice with them.	Mt 16:21-28, Mk 8:14-21, Lk 9:46-48, Lk 22:24-27, Jn 16:17-22
Knowing of His impending death, resurrection, His return to the Father, and the bestowing of the Holy Spirit, Jesus entrusted the twelve with authority and responsibility for the building of His church (and through them all disciples to come).	Mt 16:13-21, Mt 28:18-20, Jn 15:16, Jn 17:20-21, Acts 1:6-8
In doing all the above, Jesus also demonstrated a reproducible disciple-making and leadership development process to the twelve.	Various interactions between the Christ and the twelve, 2 Peter 3:12-16, 1 Jn 1:1-4, 2 Tim 2:2

*The gospels contain many examples of these, as such this list is representative and not exhaustive.

**For a useful alternate look at elements of this pattern in detail, see Dr. Thom Wolf's "Universal Disciple" materials.

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