



# COLLABORATIVE DISCIPLESHIP

## 2 Cultivate

### The Surrendered Life of a Disciple

## 1 Connect

**Summary** Our continual surrender to Christ is foundational to discovering the purpose and adventure God intends for our lives.

**Read** Romans 12:1–3 and ask the following questions:

- 1 What do you like about this passage?
- 2 What do you find uncomfortable or difficult to understand in this passage?
- 3 What appears to be the main idea emphasized in this passage? (Look for repeated words or ideas.)

**Consider** how the following passages increase our understanding of this topic:

**Read** Philippians 3:1–14.

How would you describe Paul’s desire to know Christ?

Why was Paul so willing to consider everything a loss?

**Read** Luke 9:18–26.

What do you think Jesus meant when He said that to be His disciple they must “*deny themselves, take up their cross daily and follow me?*” (*New International Version*)

What do people gain by living for themselves?

What do people gain by living for Jesus?

In your own words, what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

What do you find most difficult about being a disciple of Jesus?

What hinders you from doing what He asks you to do? From going where He sends you? From saying what He wants you to say?

- 4 What are the beliefs and values promoted in these passages?
- 5 What do these passages reveal about our human condition and God’s response?
- 6 How are these beliefs and values similar or different from those that have influenced you? (such as your family, culture, peers, church, etc.)
- 7 How might our faith increase and our lives change as we embrace what is true and important?
- 8 In light of what we’ve discussed, how can we pray for each other right now?

*Describe something you’ve done that you were afraid of, but was worth the risk.*

## 3 Care

*Since we last met, what happened as a result of expressing Christ’s love to others?*

*How can you, or we, express Christ’s love to others this week?*

Here are a few ideas:

**Pray** God would meet their deepest needs.

**Help** meet a felt need they have.

**Encourage** them with a text, note or verbally.

**Give** them a thoughtful gift or buy them coffee.

**Invite** them to do something fun or meaningful.

**Listen** to their story.

**Explore** their thoughts on the gospel.