

Series 14 Summary – Bassline Guide to Discipleship

In this series the young people will explore what it means to follow Jesus and begin a life of discipleship. Starting with Simon's encounter with Jesus, they will consider how discipleship begins with Jesus' invitation to 'follow me' and the choice to respond, even without having all the answers.

The focus then moves to what comes next. As Jesus calls his followers to take up their cross, the young people will explore the reality that discipleship is not just a one-time decision, but a way of life that involves putting Jesus first, even when it is difficult or costly.

From there, the series turns to what discipleship looks like over time. Through Jesus' teaching on the vine and the branches, they will see that following him is about staying connected to him, and that as this relationship grows, it begins to shape who they are and the kind of fruit their lives produce.

In the final session the young people will explore how this transformed life is expressed outwardly. Through Jesus' command to love one another, they will consider how discipleship is lived out in everyday relationships and how the way they love others becomes a visible sign of following him.

This helps them recognise that discipleship is not just about belief or personal growth, but about a whole life formed by Jesus and reflected in the way they live.

Session 1: Follow Me

Wk. beg: 01/06/26

Bible references – Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 4:19

In our first session of the Bassline Guide to Discipleship, we begin with the moment where discipleship starts. As we explore Simon's encounter with Jesus, the young people will consider what it means to hear Jesus' call to 'follow me' and how that invitation requires a response. This session focuses on the first step of discipleship, recognising who Jesus is and choosing to follow him.

Session 2: Take Up Your Cross

Wk. beg: 08/06/26

**Bible references – Luke 9:23-24; 18:18-30;
John 16:33; Luke 14:27; Matthew 16:25**

In this session the young people will explore what Jesus meant when he said, 'Take up your cross and follow me.' Building on the first step of discipleship, they will begin to see that following Jesus is not just a one-time decision but a way of life that comes with a cost.

Through Jesus' words and the story of the rich young man, they will consider what it means to put Jesus first and why this is not always easy. As they reflect on these moments, they will begin to recognise the tension between holding on to what they value and choosing to follow Jesus.

Session 3: Produce Much Fruit

Wk. beg: 15/06/26

Bible reference - John 15:1-17; Galatians 5:22-23

In this session the young people will explore what Jesus means when he talks about 'bearing fruit' and how this connects to a life of discipleship. Building on the call to follow Jesus and take up the cross, they will begin to see that discipleship is about staying connected to Jesus throughout our lives.

Through Jesus' teaching on the vine and the branches, they will explore what it means to remain in him and how this is seen in the fruit they produce.

Session 4: Love One Another

Wk. beg: 22/06/26

Bible references - John 13:1-17; 34-35

In this session the young people will explore what Jesus means when he commands his followers to 'love one another' and how this sits at the heart of discipleship. Through Jesus' example of washing his disciples' feet, they will consider what it looks like to love with humility, service and intention, even when it is difficult or not returned. They will reflect on how this kind of love becomes a visible sign of following Jesus, and how their lives can point others to him.