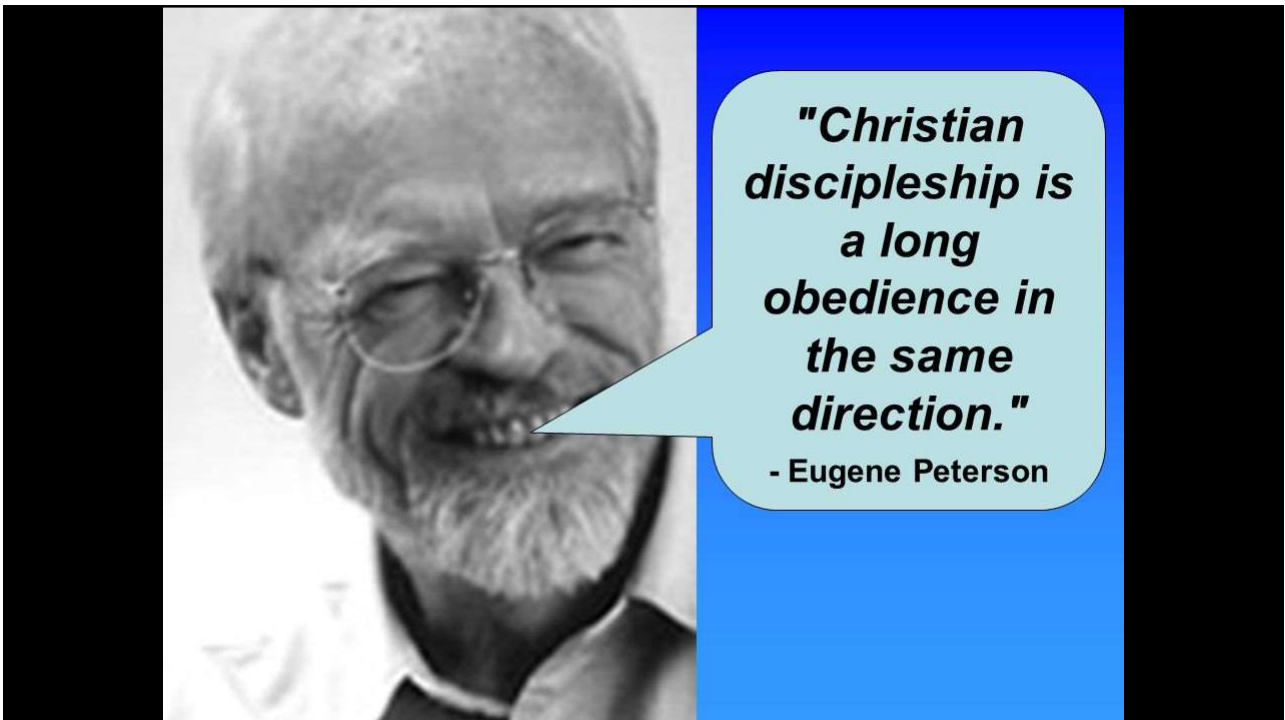


Building a community of disciples





***"Christian
discipleship is
a long
obedience in
the same
direction."***

- Eugene Peterson

Whose example can you follow?

1 Cor 4v16 Therefore I urge you to imitate me.

James 5v10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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- To pick each other up when we get it wrong
- To stand together in pain and joy
- To challenge one another

To pick each other up when we get it wrong

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

To stand together in pain and joy

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

To challenge one another

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

How are you...really?



**Historic Questions John Wesley
Posed to the Small Groups on Accountability**

- Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
- Do I confidentially pass on to others what has been said to me in confidence?
- Can I be trusted?
- Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habits?
- Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
- Did the Bible live in me today?

John Wesley's 21 questions for the Oxford Methodists

1. Is Jesus real to me?
2. Am I enjoying prayer?
3. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
4. Did the Bible live in me today?
5. Did I disobey God in anything?
6. Do I pray about the money I spend?
7. Do I give time for the Bible to speak to me every day?



St. Ignatius of Loyola: “Daily Prayer of Examen”

1. What are the blessings in my life? - Give thanks!
2. Where did I meet God or see God at work today?
- Reflect.
3. What happened in my day? What did I learn,
How did I feel? -Reflect.
4. Where did I fall short of God’s will today? -
Confess. [You can do better.]
5. Offer tomorrow’s plans and myself to God.
- Petition.
6. Pray for the needs of others.
7. Close with the Lord’s Prayer
Use a journal!



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