



Even for those who have walked with the Lord for many years, time spent revisiting the basics of Christian living often revives devotion to the Lord, understanding of God and spiritual energy.

Once established, the discipleship group will meet together weekly in a structured and purposeful way to facilitate an exciting environment for spiritual growth.

Each participant is therefore asked to commit to making the discipleship group top priority for the duration of the 8 weeks. A bond of love, honour, respect and understanding is formed when everyone participating makes that same commitment. Discipleship aims to cut out lame excuses for non-attendance. Satan specialises in lame excuses which birth apathy, casualness and indifference to the Lord. Obviously, there are sometimes genuine reasons for non-attendance such as illness or an emergency. In both these scenarios you can expect

your fellow disciples to gather round you to help! Each participant is committing to systematically following the study and suggested application.

Many of the discipleship group questions are quite penetrating and personal. It is crucial, therefore, that each participant understands and abides by confidentiality. Nothing shared should be mentioned outside the group unless you have the person's permission – not even with spouses.

Each participant is asked to switch **off** (not on silent) all communication with the outside world for the 2-hour discipleship meeting. This is hallowed time together and in this way, you honour the Lord and the people you are with. Normally there is nothing that cannot wait two hours!

### **INTERESTED?**

Call Jan or Mintie on 01903 503299, send an email: [UKOfficeMDI@aol.com](mailto:UKOfficeMDI@aol.com) or send a note to their home address: 16 Hermione Close, Ferring, West Sussex BN12 6PZ. Their website is: [www.makingdisciples.co.uk](http://www.makingdisciples.co.uk)

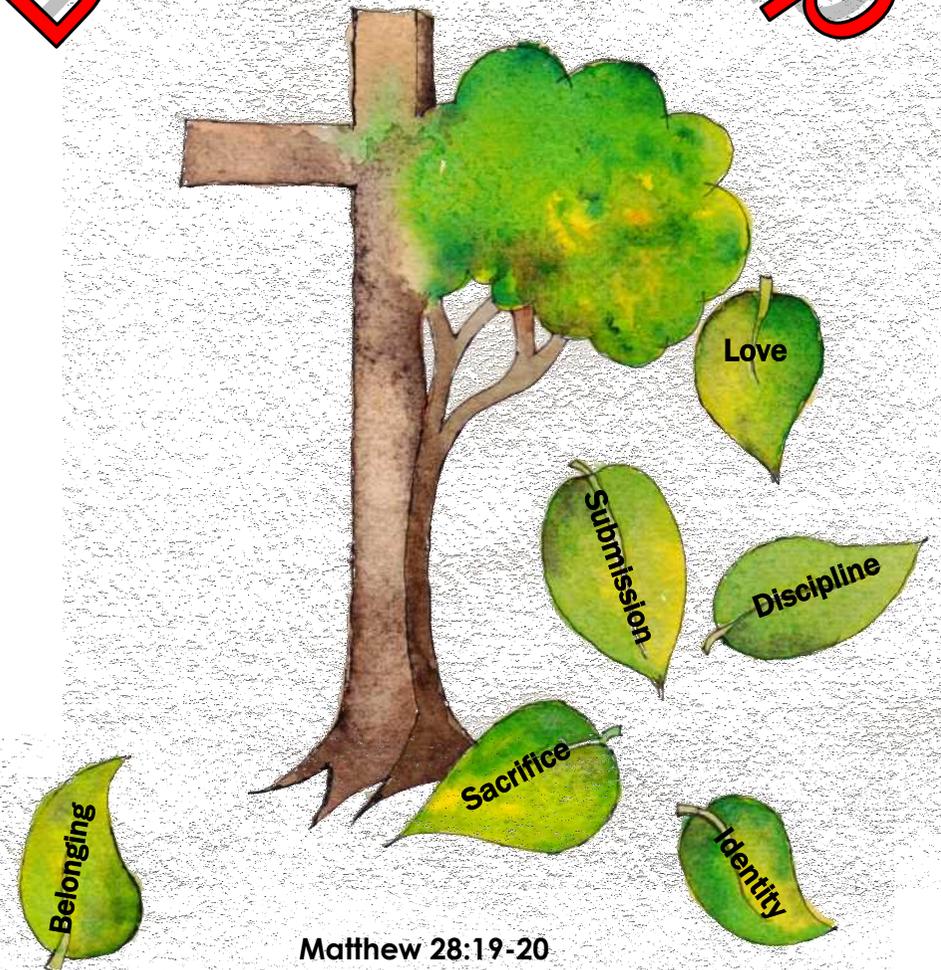
### **VENUE**

Meetings will be held in Jan and Mintie's home in groups of 20 or less. If more sign up, a second group will be considered at a different time.

### **COST**

There is no monetary cost ... but for sure it will cost in many other ways!  
However, if participants so wish, a donation can be made into the MDI (UK) account - giving thanks to the Lord.

# Discipleship



**Matthew 28:19-20**

**Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. NKJV**

# What makes a disciple?

Being a Christian is much more than just 'being saved'. It is an ever-deepening and rich experience of God – an ongoing, interactive and lively spiritual journey that produces dynamic inner-transformation into the likeness of Jesus. As faithful Covenant-keepers, disciples of Jesus are teachable and submissive of heart, willing and quick to apply the truth of the Bible. As they learn to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, they forsake the pull of the world and the sinful and destructive habits of the flesh. Living in a disciplined, close communion with Jesus in worship, study, prayer and fellowship, they learn how to love Him, and others, through careful obedience to His commandments. Disciples become effective witnesses because they themselves have a living and Biblical testimony of transformation.

## Discipleship ministry

Making Disciples International (UK), led by Jan Whitmore and Mintie Nel, is a ministry of discipleship and encouragement. Trained as pastors of Christian mission workers, and with 27+ years of international ministry experience, Jan and Mintie disciple, teach and train in association with Making Disciples International (USA) under the leadership of Pastors Reuven and Yanit Ross. Much of their ministry is now carried out from their



Jan Whitmore



Mintie Nel

home in the UK, teaching and training in discipleship groups, pastorally debriefing missionaries and providing a short-term place of retreat and replenishment.

Jan and Mintie are authors of two discipleship books, ***Sow What?*** and ***Face to Face with God - Biblical Meditation***.

Both are trained in debriefing and Jan Whitmore is a consultant of **Sharpening Your People Skills - DISC** (a seminar helping people identify preferences, strengths and weaknesses).

# Discipleship opportunity

Beginning **Monday 9 September 2019, 7-9pm**, Jan Whitmore and Mintie Nel are offering a discipleship opportunity.

The first training module, ***Making Disciples***, will include:

- ◆ Being a disciple of Jesus
- ◆ Living a life of submission and sacrifice
- ◆ Embracing spiritual discipline
- ◆ Covenant love
- ◆ Walking in the Spirit
- ◆ The Father-heart of God
- ◆ A new identity
- ◆ You belong to Me

## What is expected?

The first week, **Monday 9 September 2019, *Being a disciple of Jesus***, can be used as a taster. Maybe you are unsure or inquisitive as to what this is all about. That's fine. Come along and sit in. However, **from week 2, Monday 23 September** (NB no meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup>) the group will become a closed group, each participant making a commitment until **Monday 4 November**. (Partial attendance is **not** workable)

It is more than just *listening* to what is being taught. Rightly approached, these will be gatherings of fellowship, Bible study and application that have the potential to transform your life!

**A Bible, notebook and pen are essential.**

You will be personally engaging with Bible truth.

