

The Relational Disciple



Submit to One Another

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: We are to submit or subject ourselves to one another.

Read: *Ephesians 5:21 says "be subject to one another in the fear of Christ"*

Be subject to one another? We say things like, "I will be subject to Christ, but to my fellow man, now you are pushing it". The truth is, if we are truly subjected or submitted to Christ, then subjecting ourselves to one another becomes a natural outcome. Our lack of subjection to one another, is a true indicator of our lack of subjection to Jesus Himself.

It says we are to be subjected to one another in the "fear of Christ". If we know the fear of the Lord, the awe and reverence of the Lord, then we know the Lord's Way and being subjected to one another, is the Way of the Lord. To not be living this out is to not be in the Way of the Lord.

Our independent nature struggles with this big time, as to place ourselves under someone else, or to align ourselves with someone else, requires our spirit of pride to have been broken into pieces. Those who fall on the Rock are broken into pieces on the Rock and then the spirit of pride is demolished. It is when we fall and are only cracked or chipped that pride still exists. These people need to continue to fall until their pride is smashed, while others have had it smashed all in one go. If the spirit of pride still operates within us, we will be unable to live this truth out the way God intends. We will only have a counterfeit version of it and when tested, this position fails miserably.

Only when our spirit of pride has been broken, do we have the spirit of humility living and operating within us, enabling us to subject ourselves to one another.

Proverbs 22:4 the reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honour and life.

This pattern of subjection to one another is a core strand that runs throughout every relationship in the body of Christ. We are called to subject ourselves to Christ, to one another, to leadership, to rulers and authorities. Subjection you could say is a core value of our Father that defines so much of the life we receive.

Questions:

1. Share a positive experience of subjecting yourself to someone else in Christ?
What did you receive from doing this?
2. Why do some people struggle to subject themselves to another brother or sister in Christ?
3. What role does pride play in not subjecting ourselves?
4. How easy do we find it to subject ourselves to one another?
5. What life in Christ would we come into if we were living this Truth out?
6. Is there an action we need to take in relation to subjecting ourselves to one another?

Pray and encourage one another to press in to all God has for us.