Prologue

All over the world, Christianity seems to be exploding at the seams. This day and age over 2.5 billion people on earth claim to be Christians. Unfortunately, there is not much fruit in terms of their impact on the world around.

Even in advanced societies like America, as well as such Third world nations like Nigeria, it is not uncommon to see thousands and tens of thousands of people gathered in specific locations for worship. Unfortunately, there is not much positive impact of the large presence of Christians in the nations of the world.

It is obvious something is essentially wrong with a situation where there are so many people who are supposedly connected with Yeshua, Jesus, but do not reflect His nature or lifestyle in their day to day activities. On the other hand, there is so much reproach brought to the Name of the King by the way many Christians live.

The core problem is modern versions of Christian religion have been promoting a twisted version of the Great Commission. A version which appeals to the pristine elements of human nature: A gospel about coming to receive 'blessings' from the hands of an ever-acquiescent Elohim. The result is a form of worship which makes people to 'come to church' (as in a building or an organization) to identify with a specific minister. A minister who has the capacity to lead them to seek the hand, but not the heart of the Supreme Being.

The result is the flourishing of what is called the utilitarian gospel – where 'Elohim exists to meet the needs of the people'. This dangerous doctrine essentially reverses true worship: Instead of humans seeing themselves as created and existing to worship Yahweh with all their heart and mind, as Revelation 4:11 reveals, they would rather have Him exist to meet their material and emotional needs.

Course Objectives

This course will take saints back to the core of the gospel of the Kingdom. As we study, our Heavenly Father will use it to draw the mind of the Church back to an ancient landmark, the cornerstone of the gospel: Discipleship.

The Gospel is about making disciples of Yeshua, Jesus, in all nations of the earth. It is not about gathering a crowd of humans who are dependent on 'anointed' ministers for their spiritual, emotional and physical sustenance. It is not about building huge physical structures or building up images of 'success' to draw those seeking to breakthrough.

It is essential therefore to see in clear language, what Yeshua, Jesus instructed the Church to do with His exit. His marching orders to the Church are captured in these verses:

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV) *18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

Commentary: Following His death and resurrection, all power in heaven and earth, which He had, was restored back to Yeshua, Jesus (Philippians 2:5-11). He was reminding the disciples and us that based on having all power, He was sending us forth to accomplish a supernatural assignment that is described in verses 19 and 20 below, known as the Great Commission:

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Commentary: The Great Commission as given by Yeshua, Jesus is not about targeting the crowds with slick commercials promising a better life, if they come to Yeshua, Jesus! It is not about making them feel comfortable with their preferred lifestyles! It is rather the exact opposite. It involves the rightful use of the Word to accomplish two critical connected objectives:

i. Go ye or go forth. It is not about inviting people to come and see a better preacher or teacher, but rather a changed paradigm of actively going to where people are to engage with them.

ii. Teaching people. The New Covenant Yahweh offers to mankind in Yeshua, Jesus, is the gospel of the Kingdom. It is not something to be skimmed on the surface. It requires skilful application of the principles and culture of the Kingdom to challenge worldly culture evident in mindsets, belief systems, speech, lifestyles and pursuits of those who purport to or who really believe in Yeshua, Jesus, as Lord and Saviour across the world. Those who accept, understand and live it out do so by making a conscious investment of themselves as instruments through who Holy Spirit manifests the presence and power of the risen Yeshua, Jesus! In other words, through disciples, what Yeshua began to do and taught as the Son of Yahweh on earth is continued until end of the age. There is no greater assignment on earth as proclaiming this truth which sets humans free of all kinds of idols including self, worldly culture and dominion of Satan.

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Commentary: The essence of the discipleship process is bringing the full weight of the New Covenant to

those who are part of it to the degree they walk in the experiential reality of what it is. All Yeshua, Jesus, taught on earth are instructions on what the Kingdom Life is and how it can be lived in the earth realm as an opposite lifestyle from the world around. To that degree, the remit of the Kingdom Church is to execute this mandate in such a way all true saints are governed by the Constitution of the Kingdom in all areas of life.

Concerning this strategic assignment, King Yeshua had a simple promise to make: He would be with His Church 24/7 till end of the age!

Saints, it is time we come off various attempts to split the Word into parts we like and parts we dislike. It is time to refuse to play the milk spoon feeding game, which attracts crowds of miracle chasing folds seeking the hands of Yahweh but refusing to seek His heart or His face. It is time to make the main thing the main thing; making disciples of all nations in a systematic, strategic way. This is to be done with all diligence and with investment of the nest resources placed at disposal of the Kingdom Church until He Who sent us returns to rule and reign from Jerusalem!

In this course, we will trust the Father to make His heart plain on the subject matter. The need arises to understand with clarity the kind of relationship Yeshua expects from His own is not casual neither is it about seeking a 'better life'.

John 10:10 (KJV) *10 The thief cometh not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

When Yeshua spoke about coming to give abundant life to His Own, it is necessary to understand the process through which that would come to pass; death of the old man, which frees the saint from the pull of raw ambition, strife, competition and desire to be seen and heard in favour of a blessed life that

is lost in Him, rests in Him, and is therefore, one with Him. As the disciple abides in Him and He in them, the sure promises of John 15:1-8 follows without struggle.

John 15:1-8 (KJV) *1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, an is withered; and men gather them, an cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciple.*

Disciples are not fair weather, milk drinking believers, but rather saints who have allowed Holy Spirit and the Word to renew their minds, transform their hearts, and they become personal representatives of Yeshua through whom He continues His redemptive assignment in the earth realm.

Course Synopsis

This course will present with clear detail:

- The call to discipleship of Yeshua, Jesus, not membership of denominations, as the prime need of the Church in our generation.
- Defining what the call is.
- In what ways and with what language did Yeshua, Jesus, make a demand on His followers.
- What process does Elohim expect believers to undergo to be who He wants them to be?
- How does acceptance of the call of Yeshua, Jesus, affect our previous relationships?
- What are the rewards the King promises those who pay the price to follow Him?

Review Questions

1. From your perspective of this chapter, what is authentic discipleship that is to be modelled in the earth, anywhere and everywhere?

2. What is the supernatural assignment all Believers share? How does it personally affect you?

3. According to John 10:10, what is the necessary process that must take place for John 15:10 to manifest in the Believer's life without struggle? Explain.