



## Global Discipleship Action Guide

### Meeting Physical and Spiritual Felt Needs Based on the Book of Luke

This guide was designed to help us understand what discipleship is about by using the methods and teachings of Jesus. By meeting **Felt** needs Jesus shows us an approach that truly helps people and builds a strong ministry. Review and Consider These Processes:

#### Practical Steps to Follow Jesus' Example

1. Be Observant: Look for both physical and spiritual needs around you.
2. Act with Compassion: Let empathy guide your actions toward others.
3. Provide Practical Help: Address tangible needs like food, healing, and comfort.
4. Share Hope: Offer spiritual encouragement and share messages of love and redemption.
5. Build Faith: Encourage trust and belief in God's power and goodness.
6. Equip Others: Train and empower those around you to meet needs holistically.
7. Recognize the Whole Person

- Jesus consistently acknowledged both physical and spiritual needs. - Example: In Luke 5:12-14, Jesus heals a man with leprosy physically but also restores his social and spiritual standing by instructing him to follow the Law.

#### 8. Show Compassion and Empathy

- Jesus was moved with compassion when He saw people's suffering. - Example: In Luke 7:11-17, He raises the widow's son from the dead, showing deep compassion for her loss and addressing both her emotional and physical pain.

#### 9. Meet Physical Needs Practically

- Jesus did not ignore physical needs but met them directly. - Example: In Luke 9:10-17, Jesus feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish, addressing their hunger and demonstrating care for their well-being.

#### 10. Teach and Proclaim Spiritual Truths

- Alongside physical healing, Jesus preached about the Kingdom of God and repentance. - Example: In Luke 4:16-21, Jesus reads from Isaiah in the synagogue, proclaiming good news to the poor and freedom for the oppressed.

## 11. Encourage Faith and Spiritual Growth

- Jesus often linked healing with faith and spiritual transformation. - Example: In Luke 8:43-48, the woman with the bleeding issue is healed because of her faith, highlighting the connection between belief and healing.

## 12. Empower Others to Continue the Mission

- Jesus sent out His disciples to heal and preach, multiplying the impact. - Example: In Luke 9:1-6, He empowers the twelve disciples to heal diseases and proclaim the Kingdom of God.

### **Jesus Feeding People**

#### 1. Feeding the Five Thousand

- Jesus miraculously feeds a large crowd with five loaves and two fish. - Scripture: Luke 9:10-17

#### 2. Feeding the Four Thousand

- Jesus feeds another large crowd with seven loaves and a few fish. - Scripture: Luke 17:11-19 (Note: Feeding of the four thousand is more explicitly detailed in Matthew and Mark, but Luke references similar miracles of provision.)

### **Jesus Healing People**

#### 1. Healing a Man with Leprosy

- Jesus heals a man suffering from leprosy, restoring his health and social status. - Scripture: Luke 5:12-14

#### 2. Healing the Paralytic

- Jesus forgives sins and heals a paralyzed man, enabling him to walk. - Scripture: Luke 5:17-26

#### 3. Healing the Woman with a Bleeding Condition

- Jesus heals a woman who had been suffering for twelve years. - Scripture: Luke 8:43-48

#### 4. Healing the Blind Beggar

- Jesus restores sight to a blind man near Jericho. - Scripture: Luke 18:35-43

#### 5. Healing the Servant's Ear

- Jesus heals the ear of the servant of the high priest after it was cut off during His arrest. - Scripture: Luke 22:50-51

### **Jesus' Willingness to Give Financially and Teach Generosity**

#### 1. Paying the Temple Tax with a Coin from a Fish's Mouth

- Jesus demonstrates provision and willingness to meet financial obligations. - Scripture: Luke 5:1-11 (The coin story is in Matthew 17:24-27, but Luke shows Jesus providing for needs.)

#### 2. Honoring the Widow's Offering

- Jesus praises a poor widow who gave two small coins, emphasizing sacrificial giving. - Scripture: Luke 21:1-4

### 3. Teaching Generosity and Riches

- Jesus encourages selling possessions to give to the poor and to store treasures in heaven. - Scripture: Luke 12:33-34, Luke 18:22

### 4. The Rich Young Ruler

- Jesus challenges a rich man to sell all he has and give to the poor as a path to eternal life. - Scripture: Luke 18:18-25

### 5. Parable of the Shrewd Manager

- Jesus teaches wise stewardship of resources to prepare for eternal rewards. - Scripture: Luke 16:1-13

## **Jesus' Key Teachings in the Book of Luke**

### 1. The Beatitudes

- Jesus teaches about blessings on the poor, the hungry, and the persecuted, emphasizing humility and spiritual riches. - Scripture: Luke 6:20-23

### 2. Love Your Enemies

- Jesus instructs to love enemies and pray for those who persecute you, promoting radical love. - Scripture: Luke 6:27-36

### 3. The Parable of the Good Samaritan

- Jesus teaches compassion and neighborly love beyond cultural boundaries. - Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

### 4. The Parable of the Rich Fool

- Jesus warns against greed and storing earthly wealth without being "rich toward God." - Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

### 5. The Parable of the Prodigal Son

- Jesus illustrates God's grace and forgiveness through the story of a repentant son. - Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

### 6. Teachings on Prayer

- Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer and persistence in prayer. - Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

## **Miracles done by Jesus in Luke**

### 1. Calming the Storm

- Jesus calms a violent storm on the sea, demonstrating power over nature. - Scripture: Luke 8:22-25

### 2. Raising the Widow's Son

- Jesus raises the only son of a widow from death, restoring life and hope. - Scripture: Luke 7:11-17

### 3. Casting Out Demons

- Jesus delivers people from evil spirits, restoring their freedom and health. - Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

#### 4. Healing a Man Born Blind

- Jesus heals a man born blind, giving him sight for the first time.

- (Though more explicitly in John, Luke records many healings of blindness.) - Scripture: Luke 18:35-43

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