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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Knowledge:

- To understand the whole Biblical context of discipleship: God's purpose for the nations.
- To describe how Moses disciplined the nation of Israel.
- To recognize how Kingdom discipleship addresses every area of life.

Attitude:

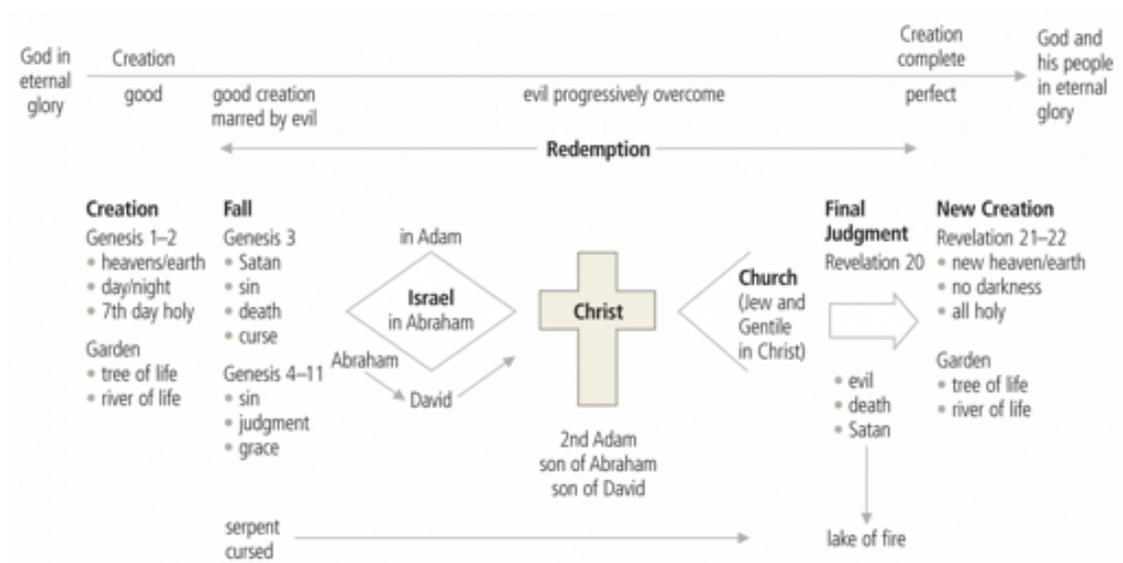
- Believe that effective Biblical discipleship must address all areas of life.
- Desire to learn about a Navigator discipleship approach that addresses all areas of life.

Practice:

- To learn more about Discipling for Development through informal (discussions with practitioners) and formal opportunities (awareness raising workshops, project visits).
- To raise up Navigator teams to be trained to disciple communities (rural, poor, Focus).

INTRODUCTION

The “Bookends” of Biblical Theology



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A flaw of the evangelical church in its efforts to make disciples is to focus only upon the New Testament. We begin with Jesus' life, death on the cross and the Holy Spirit's empowerment of the first century church as the foundation and guide to how we make disciples today.

However we overlook the fact that Jesus Christ entered the scene amidst a multi-thousand- year context of God's revealing Himself and His ways to generations of His people in the Old Testament. We have diminished and weakened the purpose, plan and power of discipleship by neglecting the discipleship model we have in the OT.

This study seeks to give us an understanding of how God's people were discipled in the OT in hopes of guiding us to be more effective as disciple-makers around the world in the 21st century.

¹ Taken from the English Standard Version Study Bible, Revelation 21 notes.

STUDY 1: IN THE BEGINNING

INTRODUCTION

We know that God had a plan for the World before he ever created it. Although sin presented itself early on, God already knew how he was going to resolve that big problem. In this section, we will take a look at how his original creation was broken by sin and what his design was even in the beginning.

LIVING IN THE GARDEN

1. What was God's original intent with Man? Who did He create Him to be / to do? For what purpose?

Genesis 1:26-28²

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

² All Scripture references in the English Standard Version unless otherwise noted. *The Holy Bible : English standard version*. 2001. Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

<p>John 16:5-11</p> <p>15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.</p>	
<p>Psalm 8:3-8</p> <p>3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,</p> <p>4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?</p> <p>5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.</p> <p>6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,</p> <p>7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,</p> <p>8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.</p>	
<p>Psalm 19:1</p> <p>1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.</p>	

Isaiah 43:3-7

3 For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your
Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for
you.

4 Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.

5 Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from
the east,
and from the west I will gather
you.

6 I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of
the earth,

7 everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

2. What was life like in the Garden of Eden?
(see Scriptures next page)

<i>Physically</i>	<i>Spiritually</i>	<i>Socially</i>	<i>Environmentally</i>

Genesis 1:26-31

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1-25

(Look up in your Bible)

There was true *integration* of life in the Garden. The Hebrew word that expresses this idea of integration, peace, completeness, welfare, soundness is **shalom**.

3. Describe the following **Relationships**. How they were working in the Garden in the beginning (from *Gen. 1 and 2*)?

Relationships	Description
Man With God	
Man With Self	
Man With Others	
Man With Creation (including Man's God-given assignment / mandate)	

The good life in the Garden didn't last. Why not?

THE RESULTS OF THE FALL

1. What were the results of the FALL (SIN)?
(see Scriptures next page)

Results of the Fall			
Physical	Spiritual	Social	Environmental
Genesis 3:16-24	Isaiah 59:2 Ephesians 2:1-3 Ephesians 2:12	James 4:1-3 Romans 1:28-32	Gen. 3:17-18 Deuteronomy 11:16-17

Genesis 3:16-24

Physical

16 To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in
childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you."

17 And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of
your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of
your life;

18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for
you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."

20 The man called his wife's name Eve,
because she was the mother of all living. 21
And the Lord God made for Adam and for his
wife garments of skins and clothed them.

22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the
man has become like one of us in knowing good
and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and
take also of the tree of life and eat, and live
forever—" 23 therefore the Lord God sent
him out from the garden of Eden to work the
ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove
out the man, and at the east of the garden of
Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming
sword that turned every way to guard the way
to the tree of life.

<p>Isaiah 59:2 2but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.</p>	<p>Spiritual</p>
<p>Ephesians 2:1-3 1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.</p>	<p>Spiritual</p>
<p>Ephesians 2:12 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.</p>	<p>Spiritual</p>
<p>James 4:1-3 1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.</p>	<p>Social</p>

<p>Romans 1:28-32 28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Social</p>
<p>Genesis 3:17-19a</p> <p>17 And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Environmental</p>
<p>Deuteronomy 11:16-17 16 Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them; 17 then the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you, and he will shut up the heavens, so that there will be no rain, and the land will yield no fruit, and you will perish quickly off the good land that the Lord is giving you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Environmental</p>

2. How were **Relationships** affected by the Fall?

Relationships	Results of the Fall
Man With God	
Man With Self	
Man With Others	
Man With Creation (including Man's God-given assignment)	

GOD'S REMEDY AND HIS DESIGN FOR THE NATIONS

1. Right from the beginning, in the midst of the resulting curse against sin, what was God's plan to remedy mankind's plight?

<p>Genesis 3:14-15</p> <p>14 The Lord God said to the serpent,</p> <p>"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.</p> <p>15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."</p>	
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2. Describe our destination in God's final picture of redemption (Revelation: 22:1-5).

<p>Revelation 22:1-5 1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.</p>	
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3. Trace God's design for the nations:
- What did God command or promise?
 - Who is involved?
 - What was God's purpose?

<p>Adam and Eve: Gen. 1: 28</p>	
<p>Noah: Gen. 10 (scan)</p>	
<p>Abraham: Gen. 12:2-3; 17: 5-6; 18: 18-19</p>	
<p>Ishmael: Gen. 17:20</p>	

Isaac: <i>Gen. 26: 4-5</i>	
Jacob: <i>Gen. 46:3, 26. Exodus 1: 6-7</i>	
Moses: <i>Ex. 9:14, 16; 15: 11-14, 16</i>	
Psalms & Prophets: <i>Psalm 67: 1-4; Isaiah 2: 1-5; 45: 22; 49: 6; 52: 15; Jeremiah 9: 25-26; Jonah 4: 11; Micah 7:16</i>	
Jesus Christ: <i>Matthew 28: 18-21; Mark 16:15; John 3:16; Acts 1:8</i>	
Peter: <i>Acts 10: 34-35, 45; I Peter 2:9</i>	
Paul: <i>Acts 17: 26-28; Romans 9: 4-5, 30-32; 15:16; II Cor. 5: 17-21</i>	
Consummation of all things in Christ: <i>Revelation 5: 9-10, 7: 9-10, 22: 2</i>	

SUMMARY

God's plan for the nations was to redeem them through Jesus Christ who came through the nation and lineage of Israel. The pattern in the Old Testament was the discipling of a whole nation, Israel. It involved every part of their lives (spiritual, economic, physical, environmental, social, etc.) with specific laws governing every area of life. God's plan was that - through this disciplined nation of Israel - He would be glorified, the surrounding nations would see God as unique and all powerful and the nation of Israel as an obedient chosen people displaying His splendor.

APPLYING TO YOUR MINISTRY CONTEXT

1. How does *God's* redemptive plan and His specific plan for Israel affect your approach to discipling in your ministry?
2. Are there any ways in which your ministry does not align with the realities of the Old Testament and *God's* overall plan?
3. What might you consider changing or modifying in your ministry approach as a result of this study?

STUDY 2: THE DISCIPLING OF ISRAEL

INTRODUCTION

Since God had a plan for redeeming the nations through Israel, it follows that He has a plan for "discipling" the nations which began with Israel.

1. What did God call Moses to do?

Exodus 3:7-10

7 Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

Imagine - Moses was given the task to bring approximately 3 million ex-slaves out of Egypt, take them through the desert to reach the destination of Canaan to become the nation of Israel.

- What would have been the corporate physical/emotional/psychological/spiritual state of these people as they left Egypt?
- Describe Moses' task.

2. What were God's Instructions given through Moses for the Israelite community?

<p>Leviticus 11:1-2, 7-8, 46-47</p> <p>1 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them, 2 "Speak to the people of Israel, saying, These are the living things that you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth.</p> <p>7 And the pig, because it parts the hoof and is cloven-footed but does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. 8 You shall not eat any of their flesh, and you shall not touch their carcasses; they are unclean to you.</p> <p>46 This is the law about beast and bird and every living creature that moves through the waters and every creature that swarms on the ground, 47 to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean and between the living creature that may be eaten and the living creature that may not be eaten.</p>	
<p>Leviticus 13:29-30, 34</p> <p>29 "When a man or woman has a disease on the head or the beard, 30 the priest shall examine the disease. And if it appears deeper than the skin, and the hair in it is yellow and thin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is an itch, a leprous disease of the head or the beard.</p> <p>34 And on the seventh day the priest shall examine the itch, and if the itch has not spread in the skin and it appears to be no deeper than the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean. And he shall wash his clothes and be clean.</p>	

Leviticus 16:15-17

15 "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. 16 Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. 17 No one may be in the tent of meeting from the time he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel.

Leviticus 25:1-4

1 The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying, 2 "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you, the land shall keep a Sabbath to the Lord. 3 For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its fruits, 4 but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to the Lord. You shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard.

Leviticus 19:9-15

9 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. 10 And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.

11 "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. 12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

13 "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. 14 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

15 "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

3. What areas of life did these instructions deal with? Relate these instructions to the results of the fall above - the four broken relationships.
4. What was the purpose of God's commandments for Israel and for the surrounding nations?

Deuteronomy 4:5-8

5 See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 6 Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

Deuteronomy 6:1-7, 13-18

1 "Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the rules that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, 2 that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way,

and when you lie down, and when you rise.

13 It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. 14 You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— 15 for the Lord your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.

16 "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. 17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you. 18 And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers

Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 7-10

1 "And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God.

7 "The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. 8

The Lord will command the blessing on you in your barns and in all that you undertake. And he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. 9

The Lord will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. 10 And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you.

5. Describe how Moses disciplined the nation as they entered the Promised Land. What was each area of life that he instructed the people in? Summarize the principles laid down for each area.

<p>Deuteronomy 1:12-15 12 How can I bear by myself the weight and burden of you and your strife? 13 Choose for your tribes wise, understanding, and experienced men, and I will appoint them as your heads.' 14 And you answered me, 'The thing that you have spoken is good for us to do.' 15 So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and set them as heads over you, commanders of thousands, commanders of hundreds, commanders of fifties, commanders of tens, and officers, throughout your tribes.</p>	
<p>Deuteronomy 1:16-18 16 And I charged your judges at that time, 'Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him. 17 You shall not be partial in judgment. You shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not be intimidated by anyone, for the judgment is God's. And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.' 18 And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.</p>	

<p>Deuteronomy 15:1-6 1 "At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release. 2 And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release what he has lent to his neighbor. He shall not exact it of his neighbor, his brother, because the Lord's release has been proclaimed. 3 Of a foreigner you may exact it, but whatever of yours is with your brother your hand shall release. 4 But there will be no poor among you; for the Lord will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess— 5 if only you will strictly obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all this commandment that I command you today. 6 For the Lord your God will bless you, as he promised you, and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow, and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.</p>	
<p>Deuteronomy 23:12-14 12 "You shall have a place outside the camp, and you shall go out to it. 13 And you shall have a trowel with your tools, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig a hole with it and turn back and cover up your excrement. 14 Because the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy, so that he may not see anything indecent among you and turn away from you.</p>	
<p>Numbers 1:47-50 47 But the Levites were not listed along with them by their ancestral tribe. 48 For the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 49 "Only the tribe of Levi you shall not list, and you shall not take a census of them among the people of Israel. 50 But appoint the Levites over the tabernacle</p>	

<p>of the testimony, and over all its furnishings, and over all that belongs to it. They are to carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and they shall take care of it and shall camp around the tabernacle.</p>	
<p>Leviticus 16:2-3, 6, 15-16 2 and the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. 3 But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.</p> <p>6 "Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house.</p> <p>15 "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. 16 Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses.</p>	
<p>Leviticus 18:1-3, 6-7, 20-22, 24-25 1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God. 3 You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes.</p>	

6 "None of you shall approach any one of his close relatives to uncover nakedness. I am the Lord. 7 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

20 And you shall not lie sexually with your neighbor's wife and so make yourself unclean with her. 21 You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. 22 You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.

24 "Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean, 25 and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.

<p>Deuteronomy 6:20-25</p> <p>20 "When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?' 21 then you shall say to your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 22 And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. 23 And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. 24 And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. 25 And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.'</p>	
<p>Deuteronomy 11:18-19, 22-23</p> <p>18 "You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 19 You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.</p> <p>22 For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the Lord your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him, 23 then the Lord will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves.</p>	

6. Moses disciplined an impoverished mob of 3 million ex-slaves fleeing the greatest nation on the earth - Egypt. In just 300 years God transformed Israel into the greatest nation on earth - Read I Kings 10: 1-10. Describe the nation Israel at its height. What was God's purpose in making them great?

1 Kings 10:1-10

1 Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions. 2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. 3 And Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. 4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, 5 the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his cupbearers, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the Lord, there was no more breath in her.

6 And she said to the king, "The report was true that I heard in my own land of your words and of your wisdom, 7 but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report that I heard. 8 Happy are your men! Happy are your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! 9 Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness." 10 Then she gave the king 120 talents of gold, and a very great quantity of spices and precious stones. Never again came such an abundance of spices as these that the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

7. All 17 of the Prophets prophesied to the nations - God's instructions for many nations. What is God's purpose for all nations? Note the following passages from Psalms & Prophets.

<p>Psalm 67:1-4 1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah 2 that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah</p>	
<p>Isaiah 2:1-5 1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, 3 and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.</p>	

<p>Isaiah 45:22</p> <p>22 "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.</p>	
<p>Isaiah 49:6</p> <p>6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."</p>	
<p>Isaiah 52:15</p> <p>15 so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.</p>	
<p>Jeremiah 9:25-26</p> <p>25 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will punish all those who are circumcised merely in the flesh— 26 Egypt, Judah, Edom, the sons of Ammon, Moab, and all who dwell in the desert who cut the corners of their hair, for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart."</p>	
<p>Jonah 4:11</p> <p>11 And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"</p>	
<p>Micah 7:16</p> <p>16 The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; they shall lay their hands on their mouths; their ears shall be deaf;</p>	

SUMMARY

God's laws were comprehensive (governance, health, agriculture, social, issues of justice and caring for the poor, spiritual, etc.). Disobedience brought a curse. Application and discipleship (if you will) was under the direction of Moses and the Levites. While the intent was a thoroughly theocratic nation (one for whom God was King), the overflow was to affect the nations surrounding them and point to the One True God.

APPLYING TO YOUR MINISTRY CONTEXT

1. How were Moses' commands/instructions to the Israelite nation 'whole-life' discipleship?
2. Evaluate your discipleship ministry with others. How does Moses method of 'whole-life' discipleship inform or challenge how you disciple people?
3. What was the impact of Israel's discipleship on the surrounding nations?
4. Evaluate the impact of your discipleship ministry: In what ways does it impact the surrounding communities / nations of the people you disciple?

STUDY 3: JESUS PICKS UP WHERE THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS LEFT OFF

INTRODUCTION

The OT Law of Moses disciplined God's people to be a holy nation in order to impact the surrounding nations for God's glory. The Law of Moses was the basis for Jesus' ministry since He stated that He came not to abolish, but to fulfill the Law. Jesus' Kingdom ministry touched and transformed every area of life. He calls His followers to do the same - to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. This background informed Jesus' ministry of teaching His disciples to obey all He had commanded and teaching others in the same way.

1. Think of the raising of Jesus by his family and community. How was Jesus disciplined? What impact did the Law and the Prophets have on his life? What areas of life did the Law and the Prophets deal with that Jesus would have followed?

2. Beginning in Matthew 5 Jesus preached The Sermon on the Mount. Here He lays out the 'Laws of the Kingdom'. How do they build on the Law and the Prophets?

Matthew 5:13-16

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<p>Matthew 5:21-24 21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.</p>	
<p>Matthew 5:27-28 27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.</p>	
<p>Matthew 5:43-45 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.</p>	

3. How does the Greatest Commandment sum up the Law given through Moses?
Matthew 22: 36-40

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36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

4. What did Jesus say His mission was concerning the Law and the Prophets?
Matthew 5: 17-19

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17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

5. Who is least/greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?

6. What is to be the impact on society as Jesus' followers live according to His teaching?

JESUS INAUGURATES THE KINGDOM

Jesus is the Incognito King of the Kingdom. Sent by the Father to earth as the perfect sacrifice for mankind's sin and sin's affect upon the whole universe. Who so ever believes on Him will not perish, but has everlasting life. The believer has entered the Kingdom.

1. How does one enter the Kingdom?

Mark 1:14-15 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."	
John 3:3 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."	
John 5:24 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.	

2. Jesus whole life and ministry on earth demonstrated Kingdom life lived out as a fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. How do you see this in the following verses?

John 6:5-13, 57-58

5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

Mark 1:21-27

21 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. 22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. 23 And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”

Mark 1:40-44

40 And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." 41 Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." 42 And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. 43 And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, 44 and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

Mark 2:23-3:5

23 One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. 24 And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" 25 And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: 26 how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" 27 And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

(Chapter 3)

1 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. 2 And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. 3 And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." 4 And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. 5 And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

Mark 2:1-12

1 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. 3 And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 4 And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. 5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— 11 "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." 12 And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Matthew 11:1-6

1 When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news

preached to them. 6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."	
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3. What areas of life did Jesus touch and transform?

4. What does Kingdom life encompass?

Colossians 1:15-20	
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15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.	
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APPLYING TO YOUR MINISTRY CONTEXT

1. Since Jesus is King and all areas of life are under His Sovereign Lordship - how should that impact what and how we disciple others?
2. What are the results if we teach God's people how to enter the Kingdom and not how to live Kingdom life?
3. What does it mean to obey Jesus command from Matthew 28: 18-20 - "to make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey everything I (Jesus) have commanded you"? What is included in the everything He commands us to teach others?
4. Consider your ministry of discipleship. What are specific ways you would change to conform to a 'whole-life' model of discipleship with the outcome of impacting a surrounding community?

The scope of redemption through Jesus Christ is so very broad! It begins with creation and God's original purpose for mankind and for nations. After the Fall, the plan of redemption was unfolded through the Israelite nation culminating in the coming of the Messiah. His mission: to redeem the whole cosmos and bring God's Kingdom to earth so people could enter it. Kingdom life is certainly personal salvation as an entry point. But then as Christ's ambassadors, we are called to be His messengers of reconciling people and all they are assigned to rule on this planet back to God. Every aspect of life must come under His Lordship: man's relationship to God, to himself, to others, and to his stewardship of the environment. This is all FOR HIS GLORY among the nations, even the whole cosmos. His second coming will bring the Kingdom fully to reign on the earth with Jesus as King and we his children reigning with Him.

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