



## LAMBETH CALL BIBLE STUDY DISCIPLESHIP

### INTRODUCTION

These Bible Study materials have been prepared as part of Phase 3 of the Lambeth Conference and the Lambeth Calls. This Bible Study is about the Lambeth Call on Discipleship. You can read the Lambeth Call on Discipleship [here](#).

### HOW TO USE THIS STUDY

'Call and Response' – The Bible Study Format

Each of the Lambeth Calls are offered to the Anglican Communion – inviting response. The Bible Study is based on a format of 'Call and Response'. This Bible Study on discipleship will invite you to take three steps:

#### 1. Hear the Call

Explore together the main message of this Call – 'to learn and learn again the loving, liberating and life-giving way of Jesus Christ' - and to be formed by the Five Marks of Mission as a Rule of Life.

#### 2. Listen to Scripture

Read and reflect on three bible passages, from the first call of disciples (John 1:35-42) to their great commission (Matthew 28:16-20) including ongoing encouragement (2 Timothy 2.1). Ask God how these words might guide you to respond afresh to Jesus' call in your life.

#### 3. Make a Response

Work out what you might do 'to learn and learn again the loving, liberating and life-giving way of Jesus Christ' and develop the habits of Telling, Teaching, Tending, Transforming and Treasuring.

### GET STARTED

#### 1. Hear the Call (20 minutes)

Read the [Lambeth Call on Discipleship](#).

Watch the short clips from the Webinar recording on the theme of Discipleship for context.

Notice that:

- The Lambeth Call on discipleship invites Anglicans to "Learn and Learn Again" the life-giving way of Jesus in every aspect of our lives.
- The Lambeth Call also invites Anglicans to be formed by the Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission as a Rule of Life – as habits to acquire in our spiritual lives:

**The Five Marks of Mission are to:**

1. Tell: To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. Teach: To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. Tend: To respond to human need by loving service
4. Transform: To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. Treasure: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

**2. Listen to Scripture (20 minutes)**

Read through and reflect together on the following three texts:

John 1:35-42 : The call of disciples, coming at the start of Jesus' ministry and laying a foundation for all that lies ahead.

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' 37The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' 39He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). 42He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Matthew 28:16-20: The Great Commission at the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and launching what comes next, the spread of the gospel around the world.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. 18And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

2 Timothy 2:1: A word of encouragement as Paul nurtures Timothy's discipleship, to learn and learn again whatever the challenges.

'You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.'

**Discussion questions**

- How do these texts speak to discipleship in your current circumstance and context?
- Do some Marks of Mission come more easily to you than others?
- What refreshes you in living and (re)learning as a disciple of Christ?

### 3. Make a Response (20 minutes)

Consider how you might respond to this Call to discipleship, not least in developing the Five Marks of Mission as a rule of life.

Here are a few ideas:

- Write a simple prayer to voice regularly.
- Acknowledge an area of discipleship where you long to 'learn again' and make a plan.
- Create some routine for engaging with the Marks of Mission as a rule of life (e.g., assigning one to each day of the week or week of the month).
- Get involved in a local project that puts one or two of them into practice.
- Support your church community so that keeping this rule of life may be something shared together.

## Concluding Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have called and commissioned us  
to tell the good news of your Kingdom,  
to teach and nurture other Christians,  
to tend those in need,  
to transform society  
and to treasure your creation.  
Help us to be strong in the grace you have given us,  
so that this call may become a rule of life  
and we may acquire the habit of doing all these things  
day by day and year by year.  
Amen.

## Supporting Resources

Visit the Lambeth Conference website or look at the Information Sheet on resources and ideas that accompanies this Bible Study, for more ideas and suggestions.

## Share Your Story – A Message from Bishop Jo

At each phase of the Journey, you are invited to share what the Lambeth Call looks like for you in your context. You might choose to share a prayer, a photo, a short testimony or story, information about one of your projects.

**Please share them via our website:**

<https://www.lambethconference.org/phase-3/share-your-story/>

Or contact us on social media:

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