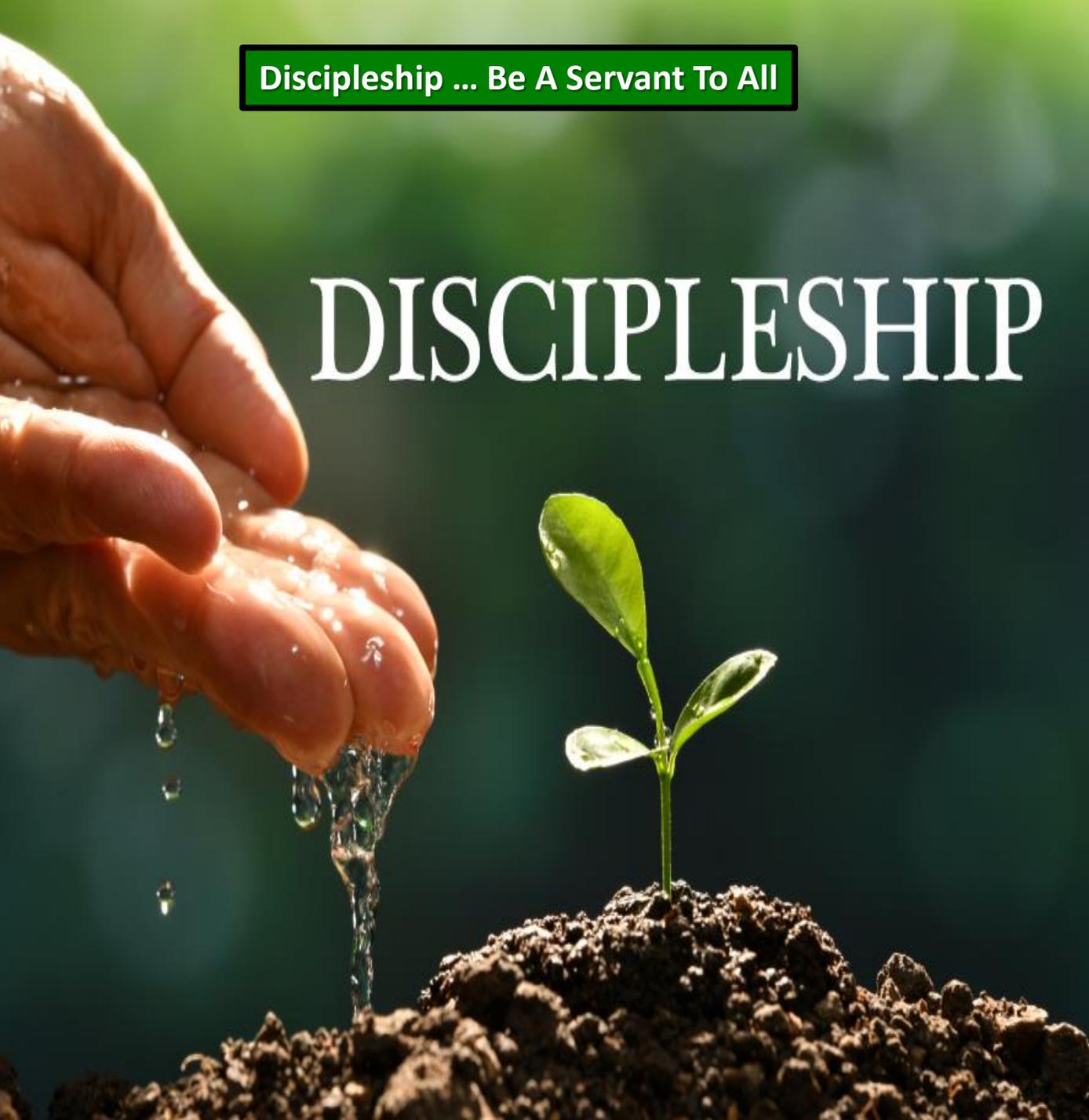


Discipleship ... Be A Servant To All

# DISCIPLESHIP

A close-up photograph of a hand pouring water from the palm onto a small green seedling growing in a mound of dark soil. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the soil and the vibrant green of the plant.

*Everything in moderation is what my elders always used to say ... although there may be a few exceptions to the rule. The ancient Greek philosopher, Aristotle, believed the virtuous person was one who found the middle ground between excessive behaviours ... it was okay to be brave but not okay to be rash nor cowardly. In schools today, there is a huge emphasis on self-esteem. Having self-esteem and self-worth is good. However, a sense of self-importance and inflating one's status over others is not good.*

*In the scriptures this week, Christ teaches us that self-importance [at a detriment to others] has no place in our lives nor in society. We should put others first. I suppose if I put everyone else first ... and everyone does the same, then there would be no need to fight one's way up high on to life's pedestal. There's room for us all on top.*

[Mr Doust]

## Scripture:

Jesus and his followers went to Capernaum and went into a house there. Then Jesus said to them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But the followers did not answer, because their argument on the road was about which one of them was the greatest.

Jesus sat down and called the 12 apostles to him. He said, "If anyone wants to be the most important, then he must be last of all and servant of all."

Then Jesus took a small child and had him stand among them. He took the child in his arms and said, "If anyone accepts children like these in my name, then he is also accepting me. And if he accepts me, then he is also accepting the One who sent me."

## Prayer:

May God the Father who made us bless us.  
May God the Son send his healing among us.

May God the Holy Spirit move within us and give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with and hands that your work might be done.

May we walk and preach the word of God to all.  
May the angel of peace watch over us and lead us at last by God's grace to the Kingdom.

## Pope Francis:

*'Love is always at the service of others. Because love is seen in actions, not words.'*

