

Baptized Disciples of Jesus (BDOJs) - Job Training -3

Welcome
to Lesson 3

Training for Baptized (Immersed) Disciples of Jesus

How do BDOJs love their neighbor?

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**Objective: Help disciples accomplish the tasks
assigned by Jesus
in a religiously confused and secular world**

Disciples Task Summary

- 1. Make Disciples by immersing (baptizing) them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins*
- 2. Teach Disciples to do their best to obey everything Jesus commanded the Apostles*

These words of Jesus enable disciples to be supremely confident in answering basic spiritual questions

Supremely Confident = Spiritually Question proof

Method: Asking religious related questions and being prepared to answer any question about God's word and the church at any time and in any circumstance.

Answering a question is an opportunity to educate.

BDOJs answer questions with gentleness and respect

A summary of the BDOJ answers to questions:

Religion: “I am a Baptized (Immersed) Disciple of Jesus “

Directions to Heaven: “Become an immersed disciple of Jesus and try your best to obey everything Jesus commanded the apostles.”

Confidence in Heaven: “I am a confident of my eternal heavenly home because I decided to become an immersed disciple and I am trying my best to

Organization: “I worship and fellowship with a church that belongs to Jesus “

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An obvious follow up question: What are Jesus' commands to the apostles?,

Matthew 22:36-40 records Jesus Greatest commands to the apostles as:

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus replied: “**Love** the Lord your God with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **mind**.” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest

commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘**Love** your neighbor as yourself.’

⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

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An obvious follow up question: What are Jesus' commands to the apostles?, - continued

Mark 12:28-31 records Jesus Most Important commands to the apostles as:

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

²⁹ “The **most important** one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **mind** and with all your **strength.**’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[c] There is no commandment greater than these.”

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One of the most important commands of Jesus directly to the apostles is related to His sacrifice

Matthew 26:26-29

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the [\[b\]](#) covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

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One of the most important commands of Jesus directly to the apostles is related to His sacrifice - continued.

Mark 14:22-25

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”

²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. ²⁵ “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

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A good answer to the question: What are Jesus' commands to the apostles?,

“The New Testament is full of Jesus commands to the apostles, but the greatest and most important are: “

“1. Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength”

“2. Love your neighbor as yourself”

“3. Remember Jesus body and blood sacrifice every first day of the week”

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The meaning of “LOVE” is critical to understanding the commands of Jesus to the apostles in today’s society.

Is “love of ice cream” and “love of God and your neighbor” the same action?

The translation of the Bible from the Greek to English combined several Greek words as “love”.

Eros – erotic or romantic love

Philaeo – brotherly or tribal or family love

Agape - ~ 98 % of the words translated as Love

Agape is not Eros or Philaeo, but what is Agape Love?

John 3:16 “¹⁶ For God so loved (AGAPE) the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Definition: “the love of God for mankind, or the benevolent love of Christians for others. altruistic, beneficial love which wills good for others.

- Agape Love is to be applied with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength

Agape is not Eros or Philaeo, but what is Agape Love? - Continued

- Agape love is a decision of the Disciple's will to treat every soul as they themselves want to be treated or the "golden rule".
- Agape Love is also the "tough Love" of the parent child relationship

Agape love is a conscious decision that is implemented by the heart, the soul, the mind and the strength of an Immersed Disciple of Jesus

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BDOJs make a decision to Agape Almighty God and His Son Jesus and Agape our neighbor as ourselves.

To Agape our neighbor, BDOJs need to know “Who is my neighbor”?

Jesus answered that question in Luke 10:25-37 in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

A Levite and a priest passed by on the other side

³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.

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Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-37 continued

³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.

³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him..

³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had **mercy** on him."

How do BDOJs show mercy in order to love our neighbors?

We follow Jesus commands in Matthew 7:12

¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

- BDOJs show mercy and compassion by mentally placing ourselves in the situation of others and then treating others as we would want to be treated.

How do BDOJs show mercy in order to love our neighbors? – continued

- Treating others as we want to be treated is essential to following Jesus commands to the apostles. (last six of the Ten Commandments)
- In fact, a **working definition of sin** in relation to other souls is “Treating others in a way that we would not want to be treated.”

We may learn more from Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan.

- On the way to Jerusalem, the Samaritan passed more souls who had needs and wants, but he only stopped to help the savaged soul.
- Some were probably hungry, some probably needed new clothes, some probably wanted a chariot, some probably needed a shelter

We may learn more from Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. - Continued

- So, what did the Samaritan provide to the savaged soul as mercy?
- The Samaritan obviously placed himself in the position of the savaged traveler and treated him as he wanted to be treated.
- The Samaritan gave the savaged traveler what he needed and what he **could not provide for himself.**

=> BDOJs show mercy (agape) by giving others what they cannot provide for themselves.

How did the early disciples of Jesus interact with those hostile to disciples to show them mercy as neighbors?

- BDOJs exist in a similar environment today: satanist, LGBTQ+ , transgenderist, anti-religionist, and the many denomination souls.
- BDOJs can give every soul what they cannot provide for themselves which is respect as a soul that is important to Almighty God and our Savior.

How did the early disciples of Jesus interact with those hostile to disciples to show them mercy as neighbors? –
Continued

- Respect is not agreement with or validation of those that oppose the words of Jesus with their theories and actions
- Agreeing with or accepting the theories and actions of those that disagree with Jesus words or the Bible is a sin. - Romans 1:31
- Respect is an opportunity to position ourselves as a spiritual resource in a gentle manner.

Who is the neighbor of a BDOJ ? Summary

- Everyone a BDOJ encounters is a neighbor
- BDOJs should seek to understand what everyone we encounter needs and cannot provide for themselves
- BDOJs should mentally place ourselves in the place of everyone we encounter and treat them as we want to be treated

Who is the neighbor of a BDOJ ? Summary - Continued

- Most souls need only to be considered as a lost sheep of Jesus with gentleness and respect
- Even those souls who are hostile to the words of Jesus and BDOJs who presently cannot find Heaven need basic respect so they have the opportunity to deny themselves and follow Jesus.
- BDOJs want to be encouraged and trained to faithfully follow Jesus words and gain an eternal home with Jesus.

Series summary :

- How to refer to Almighty God and His Son Jesus in our society
- How to represent ourselves in our multi and anti religious society
- How to represent the church that belongs to Christ in print, on-line and in conversations.
- How to become spiritually question proof and answer basic spiritual questions using the great commission of Jesus.
- How to answer questions about the greatest and most important commands of Jesus to the apostles
- How to identify our neighbors and show mercy as agape.