



# Chapter Two

## Part 3 – Devoted Discussion Guide

Last week, we had an opportunity to hear a message about being a Disciple Maker. Today we are looking at what it looks like to be “devoted.” The Apostles were devoted to the teaching of and living out the message of Jesus Christ. Being devoted means taking responsibility for our own spiritual growth with passion. As you begin to study, ask God to speak to you through His Word.

### Jump Start

1. Which would be more difficult for you to go a week without: your cell phone, your personal vehicle, or prayer?
2. Read [Acts 2:42 and Matthew 28:20](#). What is your understanding of “the apostle’s teaching”? How does this encourage and challenge you?
3. Read [Romans 15:4, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, and Hebrews 4:12](#). Why is it important to devote ourselves to this together according to these verses? What are some basic, biblical guidelines you’ve gotten away from prioritizing? Ask the Lord to bring them to mind. What is a tangible way to get them back?
4. This week’s message gave us some practical steps to commit to this week: *Listen every week to the message. Listen to MDWK Deep. Connect with your Life Group. Have a daily quiet time with our Cove devotions.* Read [Romans 12:3-8, Hebrews 10:25, Mark 1:35, and James 1:22](#). Discuss the Biblical basis for our commitments.
5. **Pray This Prayer:** Father, bless me with a door. A door that I may walk through and shut myself away in order to spend time with You. Bless me with peace of mind so that I might focus on spending time with You. Abba Father, I am weak, but in You I am made strong. Father, you are the King of Kings and The Lord of Lords. I repent of my sins, and I thank You for the Holy Spirit helping me live a life that is pleasing to You, Father. God give me Your desires. I want to be devoted to the things that You find valuable and lovely. Father, I am here, and Your servant is listening. Speak truth to me. What things do I need to start or stop? Counsel and lead me, God. Fill this quiet, solitary place with Your Holy Spirit. Remove any anxiety, fear, or depression, and replace it with Your joy. Heal my body, God. I am made whole in Jesus name. Every cell in my body is coming into obedience with the Word of God. Strengthen me: I receive Your healing! Heal my mind, Father. Refresh me with Your comfort and Spirit. May Your Will be done in my life. I surrender it all. Give me a hunger to seek after You, because You are the Living Water, the well that never runs dry. Thank You for Your presence. I love You, Lord. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen

## Deeper

In this season, we are reading the Scriptures and coding them as we read. Why we are doing this? To slow down and become aware of what the Holy Spirit is teaching us as we read. The voice of the Holy Spirit will take faith to follow. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the plans that God has for you. Ask Him for wisdom. Pray for awareness of His presence. There are also the **SOAP** questions to help guide you as well. (**SOAP** stands for **S**cripture **O**bservation **A**pplication **P**rayer.) There are lots of ways to study God's Word. The key is to just do it. As we spend time with God, we become more like Him.

### CODING GUIDE:

(If you do not have these colors adjust to what you have and make a coding guide in your study notebook.)

**Yellow Highlighter:** God is speaking personally to me.

**Green Highlighter:** Who I am to be or what I am to do.

**Red Underline:** Mind Blowing (something that stood out to you).

**Black Circle:** I do not understand this at all. HELP.

(Bring this up when you are in Life Group to discuss.)

6. **Scripture. Read Numbers 13 and 14.** Caleb and Joshua were devoted to seeing the promises of God fulfilled. They were set apart, different. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you as you read these passages?

*Take time to read this passage and allow God to speak to you. Jot down anything that made you stop and pause or anything that you questioned. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you and write it out fully in your journal.*

7. **Observe.** What is God saying to you in these verses? What overarching theme or promise did you see? What did the specific verse that you were drawn to teach you?

*What do you think God is saying to you, personally and specifically, in these Scriptures? (You can even have a short prayer at this point, asking the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Remember that He promised to give us wisdom and reveal truth to us when we ask.)*

8. **Application.** How will you apply what God showed you through these verses?

*Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or correction in an area of your life. For sure, God is challenging you to deeper passion and commitment to His Word this week! Write down how this Scripture applies to you today.*

9. **Pray.** Pray about what you read in Numbers 13 and 14. Pray about what God revealed to you in these verses.

*This prayer can be as simple as asking God to help you use this Scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so take time here! Be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out. Journaling your quiet time helps you to see what God is teaching you over time.*