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# PRACTICE OBEDIENCE

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## Skill

Practice Obedience is taking disciples out into the harvest field often to model for and assist them in learning the skills of Jesus' missionary kingdom together.

## Design

Practice Obedience (baton pass) > The picture of the baton pass in a team relay race illustrates the ultimate goal of discipleship: for our disciples to embrace obedience to the King and faithfully follow Him all their days. The **sketch** is a man and woman illustrating Jesus' instructions to go out into His harvest on teams to share the gospel and search for homes of peace.

## Story

Feeding 5,000 Families (John 6:1-15)

This story demonstrates Practice Obedience as a kingdom skill because we clearly see the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit working together as a team to model and assist Jesus' disciples into servant leadership by caring for the needs of a hungry multitude. Jesus intentionally involves His disciples with specific, practical assignments to nurture and shepherd this massive flock of followers, because discipleship is about partnering with God to be His feet, hands, and voice; not only growing in more knowledge about Him.

## Scriptures

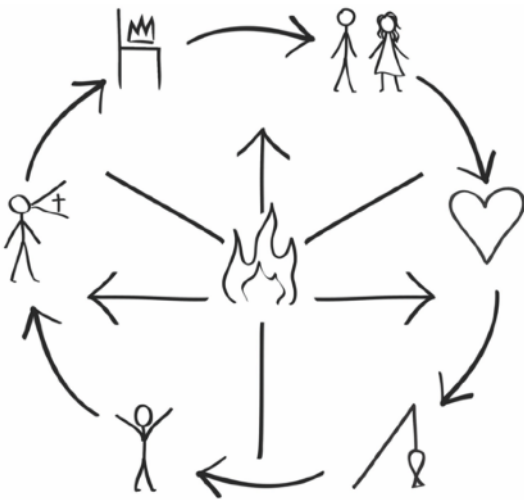
Jeremiah 7:23 > I gave My people this command: Obey Me, and then I will be your God, and you will be My people. You must follow every way I command you so that it may go well with you.

Philippians 2:12 > So then, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now even more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

## Lesson Summary

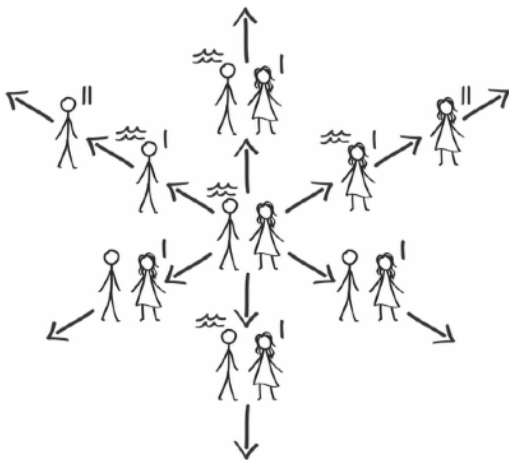
Practice Obedience is a lifelong commitment to accountability. Even the greatest and most faithful leaders are prone to eventually wander away from Jesus' lordship (Romans 7:15-24). Yet, we always have hope because Jesus has provided for us powerful spiritual weapons that equip us to overcome satanic attacks and obey the Master (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). A disciple who faithfully obeys Jesus has the same confession as the Apostle Paul who said his life belonged to the Lord Jesus, and his destiny was to testify to all the world about the gospel of Yahweh's grace through Christ (Acts 20:24).

## Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

## Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?