

# Organic Disciples



## SERMON NOTES

January 12, 2025

Speaker: Dr. Brian Bennett

### “Bible Engagement”

#### Organic Disciples: “Bible Engagement”

*Bible engagement grows us faster  
and takes us further with God than anything else.*

**The Bible is a gift and our \_\_\_\_\_ for growth.**  
[2 Timothy 3:16-17]

**Jesus loves the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.**  
[Matthew 4:1-4; Matthew 22:36-38; Matthew 27:46]

#### Four steps to Bible Engagement:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **the Bible** (Psalm 119:97)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **the Bible** (Psalm 1:1-3)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **the Bible** (James 1:22-25)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **the Bible** (2 Timothy 2:2, NIV; Matthew 5:14-16)

#### Next Step Questions:

- Do you know Jesus and are you growing with Jesus?
- Will you commit to the four steps of Bible engagement?

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## Pathway Group Discussion Questions:

- ❑ **How is God at work in and around your life?**
- ❑ **Understanding Bible Engagement:**
  - ❑ What does "Bible engagement" mean to you, and why do you think it is emphasized as a key component of spiritual growth in this sermon?
  - ❑ How does the sermon suggest Bible engagement can impact our daily lives and spiritual journey?
- ❑ **The Power of the Bible**
  - ❑ Reflect on 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How does this passage describe the role of the Bible in a believer's life?
  - ❑ The sermon mentions the Bible as a tool for growth. In what ways have you experienced personal growth through engaging with the Bible?
- ❑ **The Impact of regular engagement:**
  - ❑ The sermon highlights the "power of 4" days a week in the Bible. How do you think regular Bible engagement can influence behavior and emotions?
  - ❑ Can you share a personal experience where regular Bible reading has helped you overcome a specific struggle or emotional challenge?
- ❑ **Jesus and the Word:**
  - ❑ How did Jesus demonstrate His love for the Word of God during His ministry, as mentioned in the sermon? Read Matthew 4:1-4; Matthew 22:36-38; Matthew 27:46 and discuss how He was quoting the Old Testament.
  - ❑ Why is it important for us to follow Jesus' example?
- ❑ **Four Steps to Bible engagement:**
  - ❑ Discuss the four steps to Bible engagement outlined in the sermon: Love, Know, Follow, and Share the Bible. Which step do you find most challenging, and why?
  - ❑ How can we practically implement these steps in our daily lives to deepen our relationship with God?

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- **Sharing the Bible:**
  - Read 2 Timothy 2:2, NIV and Matthew 5:14-16.
  - Why is sharing the Bible an essential part of discipleship?
  - How can we effectively share the Bible with others in our community or social circles?
- **How did you answer the next step questions this week?**
  - Do you know Jesus and are you growing with Jesus?
  - Will you commit to the four steps of Bible engagement?
- **How can we pray for you and support you this week?**
- **Pathway reminder: please take the assessment to help yourself and Pathway?**
- [www.pathwayvb.com/survey](http://www.pathwayvb.com/survey)

Note for life group leaders: if you need additional support or resources due to the depth of the verses and topics covered don't hesitate to reach out: [zorom@pathwayvb.com](mailto:zorom@pathwayvb.com)

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**December 29 – January 4, 2024**

## **FINANCIALS**

\$126,986 down 48.1% to budget for W/E 1/4/25  
\$2,045,708 up 2.4% to budget for Year End 2024 only  
-\$29,833 Net Revenue after including other income through November 2024  
\$270,421 for Missions or 15.1% of General Giving YTD  
through November 2024

## **CONNECT**

Total Worship Attendance: 1393  
Online (Only): 356  
TWC Attendance Sunday: 0  
Kids Sunday: 0  
Students: 0

## **GROW**

Baptisms (YTD): 87  
Discipleship Groups: 0  
Salvations (YTD): 112

## **SERVE**

People Fed at Food Pantry (one day): 15  
Weekly Volunteers: 58