

2026-2027



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YEAR 5



2026–2027 SCOPE & SEQUENCE

BIBLICAL TEACHING FOR A YEAR

The **Deep Discipleship Students** yearly subscription comes with a year's worth of biblical teaching. Here's a preview of the series and lessons that you receive when you sign up for a Deep Discipleship subscription.

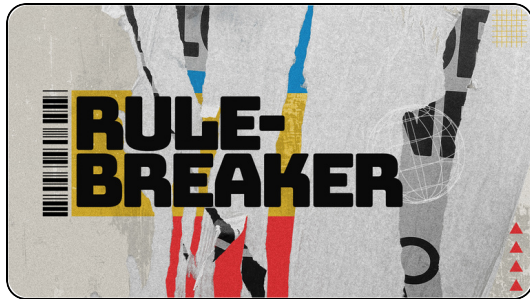
OUR SUGGESTED SEQUENCE

We have provided the entire scope of the teaching series and sequenced them in the order we think naturally flows well with the rhythm of the school year. But that doesn't mean it necessarily fits your ministry calendar or desired direction. Our list is a *suggestion*. You rearrange and teach these series in the way you feel best meets the needs of your students.

The **DETAILED VERSION** gives you an overview of each series, plus the takeaway and main passage from each individual lesson. This will give you a good idea of each series and lesson and help you decide when you will teach it in your calendar year. The **SHORT VERSION** gives you a quick peek into each series for a point of reference.

FALL 2026

AUGUST 2026



Rule-Breaker

This is a 4-week series in the Knowledge Root that examines how we sometimes blur the lines between following Jesus and following rules we've established about God. Following Jesus changes our hearts and lives, whereas following rules and traditions is merely behavioral modification. Church traditions can be great, but not greater than Christ.

Lesson 1: Empty Traditions

Disciples of Christ consistently choose God's way over their way (Luke 9:23).
Mark 7:1–13

Lesson 2: God's Sabbath, God's Rules

Disciples of Christ discern God at work in the world around them (John 5:17).
Luke 13:10–17

Lesson 3: Time to Honor God

Disciples of Christ seek God and his perspective (Matt. 6:33).
John 7:1–9

Lesson 4: By Grace through Faith

Disciples of Christ rely on God's grace (Eph. 2:8–9).
Acts 15:1–12

SEPTEMBER 2026



The Art of Forgiveness

This is a 5-week series in the Community Root that helps us understand the role of biblical forgiveness in the lives of believers. God's Word teaches us that we should love each other because "love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8)—that level of love must include forgiveness. God's love brings forgiveness to us; our love for him and others should drive us to forgive others.

Lesson 1: Again and Again

Disciples of Christ offer forgiveness and mercy to others (Ephesians 4:32).
Luke 17:1–4

Lesson 2: Feeling Misunderstood

Disciples of Christ seek God and his perspective (Matt. 6:33).
Luke 23:32–38

Lesson 3: Forgiven People Forgive People

Disciples of Christ share God's grace with the world (Acts 20:24).
Colossians 3:12–17

Lesson 4: The Possibilities Are Endless

Disciples of Christ rely on God's grace (Eph. 2:8–9).
Matthew 6:9–15

Lesson 5: Yes, You Can

Disciples of Christ offer forgiveness and mercy to others (Ephesians 4:32).
Genesis 45:1–11; 50:15–21

OCTOBER 2026



Origin Story

This is a 4-week series in the Apologetics Root that examines how everything started, how we ruined it all, and how God solved our problem. God's creation was perfect, including us. Then we chose our own way, a path away from him. Because of God's unfailing and unconditional love for us, he created a way back to him through Jesus.

Lesson 1: In the Beginning

Disciples of Christ discern God at work in the world around them (John 5:17).
Genesis 1 & John 1

Lesson 2: Image Bearer

Disciples of Christ find their meaning and purpose in the Lord (2 Cor. 5:17).
Genesis 1:26–31; 2:4–25

Lesson 3: Falling from Grace

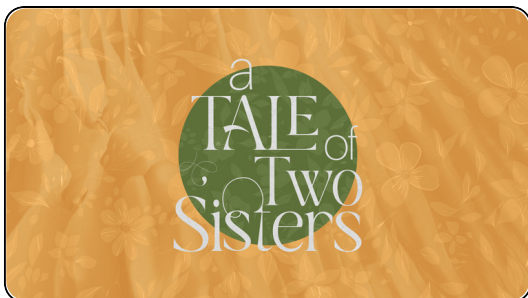
Disciples of Christ recognize their need for a Savior (Rom. 3:23).
Genesis 3; Mark 10:18; Romans 3:10–12

Lesson 4: Two Adams

Disciples of Christ depend on Christ for salvation (Acts 4:12).
Genesis 3; Romans 5:12–21

WINTER 2026–2027

NOVEMBER 2026



A Tale of Two Sisters

This is a 3-week series in the Worship Root that studies the lives of two sisters, Mary and Martha. Both of these women loved Jesus, but often differed in how they related to and spent time with him. Like us, these women chose ways that were comfortable to them to honor and worship the Lord.

Lesson 1: Choosing the Good Portion

Disciples of Christ make an effort to glorify God in all they do (1 Cor. 10:31).
Luke 10:38–42

Lesson 2: Why Not Sooner?

Disciples of Christ acknowledge God for who he is and what he's done (Pr. 3:5–6).
John 11:1–44

Lesson 3: Was It Worth It?

Disciples of Christ live a lifestyle of worship (Rom. 12:1–2).
John 12:1–8

DECEMBER 2026



Arrival

This is a 3-week series in the Rescue Root examining the prophecies Christ fulfilled in the first Advent, prophecies about his second Advent, and how we can be ready for his return. While we celebrate the birth of Jesus during the Christmas season, we can't forget that he's coming again. Most of the world missed Christ's first coming; the world won't be able to deny his second coming.

Lesson 1: Help Is on The Way!

Disciples of Christ recognize their need for a Savior (Romans 3:23).
Genesis 3:14–15; Isaiah 7:14–15, Micah 5:2, Isaiah 9:6–7, Genesis 49:8–10

Lesson 2: The Return of the King

Disciples of Christ depend on Christ for salvation (Acts 4:12).
Hebrews 9:27–28; Matthew 24:30–31; Revelation 1:7 & 19:11–16

Lesson 3: Ready or Not

Disciples of Christ share God's grace with the world (Acts 20:24).
Matthew 24:36–51

JANUARY 2027



Extraordinarily Ordinary

This is a 4-week series in the Identity Root that demonstrates how submitting all we are to God allows him to do incredible things through us. It's not our abilities that produce miracles for God's Kingdom; it's his work in us that does the impossible.

Lesson 1: They had Been with Jesus

Disciples of Christ share the truth about God through their words and actions (1 John 3:18).
Acts 3–4:14

Lesson 2: Sit and Feast with Jesus

Disciples of Christ follow Christ's example of sacrificial service (Phil. 2:5–8).
John 6:1–14

Lesson 3: Wash and Be Clean

Disciples of Christ share God's grace with the world (Acts 20:24).
2 Kings 5:1–14

Lesson 4: Deep Faith

Disciples of Christ seek God and his perspective (Matt. 6:33).
Mark 12:41–44

SPRING 2027

FEBRUARY 2027



The Ripple Effect

This is a 4-week series in the Community Root. Our actions rarely, if ever, affect only us. When we sin, it harms us and hurts those around us. When we are obediently following God, not only are our lives made better, but God blesses those around us through us. What we do and say matters.

Lesson 1: Ripples from Adversity

Disciples of Christ allow God to grow them in every circumstance (James 1:2–4).
Genesis 39 & 41

Lesson 2: Ripples from Disobedience

Disciples of Christ consistently choose God's way over their way (Luke 9:23).
Joshua 7

Lesson 3: Ripples from Blessing

Disciples of Christ seek God and his perspective (Matt. 6:33).
Genesis 30:25–36

Lesson 4: Ripples from Integrity

Disciples of Christ live a life of integrity (Psalm 15:1–3).
2 Samuel 11

MARCH 2027



Set Free

This is a 4-week series in the Rescue Root that examines the parallels between God delivering his people from the slavery of Egypt and him delivering his people from the bondage of sin. This series culminates in a lesson that's perfect for Easter.

Lesson 1: Sin's Trap, God's Rescue

Disciples of Christ recognize their need for a Savior (Rom. 3:23).
Exodus 1:1–22, Romans 6:15–23

Lesson 2: God Sees, God Saves

Disciples of Christ depend on Christ for salvation (Acts 4:12).
Exodus 3:7–12; John 3:16; 8:31–38

Lesson 3: The Choice is Yours

Disciples of Christ recognize their need for a Savior (Rom. 3:23).
Exodus 5:1–9, Luke 9:23–27

Lesson 4: From Doorpost to Cross

Disciples of Christ depend on Christ for salvation (Acts 4:12).
Exodus 12:1–27; 1 Corinthians 5:7; John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:13–21; 1 John 1:5–10; Ephesians 1:7; Romans 2:21–26

APRIL 2027



Faith in Action

This is a 5-week series in the Kingdom Root that walks through the book of James. The overall theme of James is for believers to live out their faith, “be doers of the word, and not hearers only” (James 1:22). James lays out several common circumstances and practical applications to move away from worldliness and toward faithfulness.

Lesson 1: Joy through Testing

Disciples of Christ allow God to grow them in every circumstance (James 1:2–4).
James 1:2–18

Lesson 2: Listening and Doing

Disciples of Christ apply God’s Word in their lives (James 1:22).
James 1:19–27

Lesson 3: Faith and Works

Disciples of Christ obey God’s commands (John 14:15).
James 2:14–26

Lesson 4: Talk, Talk, Talk

Disciples of Christ glorify God with their speech (Psalm 63:3).
James 3:1–12

Lesson 5: Friendship with the World

Disciples of Christ consistently choose God’s way over their way (Luke 9:23).
James 4:1–12

SUMMER 2027

MAY 2027



Who's My Neighbor?

This is a 4-week series in the Outreach Root that explores what it means to live out Christ’s call to love our neighbors. We tend to think of our neighbors as being the people closest to us, but Jesus’ definition of neighbor stretches far beyond proximity, similarities, or value systems. To love our neighbor is to love people.

Lesson 1: Neighbors Care

Disciples of Christ follow Christ’s example of sacrificial service (Phil. 2:5–8).
Luke 10:25–37

Lesson 2: Neighbors Show Grace

Disciples of Christ share the truth about God through their words and actions (1 John 3:18).
2 Samuel 9

Lesson 3: Neighbors Trust God

Disciples of Christ follow God in the big and small ways (Col. 3:17).
1 Kings 17:8–16

Lesson 4: Neighbors Partner with God

Disciples of Christ form deep relationships with other disciples (Heb. 10:24–25).
2 Kings 4:8–17

JUNE & JULY 2027



Practice Makes Perfect

This is a 9-week series in the Kingdom Root that examines different spiritual disciplines that grow our relationship with the Lord and strengthen our faith in him. Like all other disciplines in our lives, the more we do something, the more natural it becomes and the better we become at it. Practice makes us better and stronger. Practicing spiritual disciplines will benefit our faith for years to come.

Lesson 1: Prayer

Disciples of Christ spend time alone with God (Mark 1:35).
Matthew 6:5-13; Luke 11:1

Lesson 2: Fasting

Disciples of Christ seek God and his perspective (Matt. 6:33).
Ezra 8:21-23; Matthew 6:16-18; Luke 4:1-2; Acts 9:8-9

Lesson 3: Study

Disciples of Christ reflect on God's truth routinely (Phil. 4:8).
Psalm 119:9-16 & Psalm 1

Lesson 4: Service

Disciples of Christ follow Christ's example of sacrificial service (Phil. 2:5-8).
John 13:1-17

Lesson 5: Worship

Disciples of Christ make an effort to glorify God in all they do (1 Cor. 10:31).
Mark 12:30; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Lesson 6: Confession

Disciples of Christ rely on God's grace (Eph. 2:8-9).
1 John 1:5-10; James 5:16

Lesson 7: Sabbath (Rest)

Disciples of Christ follow God in the big and small ways (Col. 3:17).
Genesis 2:1-3; Matthew 11:25-30

Lesson 8: Stewardship

Disciples of Christ respond with thankfulness to God's many gifts (1 Thes. 5:18).
Matthew 25:14-30 & 1 Peter 4:10

Lesson 9: Community

Disciples of Christ form deep relationships with other disciples (Heb. 10:24-25).
1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Hebrews 10:24-25

2026–2027 SCOPE & SEQUENCE (SHORT VERSION)

FALL 2026

Rule-Breaker (August)

Knowledge Root

A 4-week series on the difference between following rules and following Jesus.

The Art of Forgiveness (September)

Community Root

A 5-week series that helps students understand biblical forgiveness.

Origin Story (October)

Apologetics Root

A 4-week series that walks through Creation, the Fall, and God's redemptive solution through Christ.

WINTER 2026–2027

A Tale of Two Sisters (November)

Worship Root

A 3-week series on what we can learn from Mary and Martha about different ways to honor and worship God.

Arrival (December)

Rescue Root

A 3-week series that explores Christ's first coming and His promised return.

Extraordinarily Ordinary (January)

Identity Root

A 4-week series that shows how God uses ordinary people for extraordinary Kingdom impact.

SPRING 2027

The Ripple Effect (February)

Community Root

A 4-week series that demonstrates how our obedience—or disobedience—affects others.

Set Free (March)

Rescue Root

A 4-week series that draws powerful parallels between the Exodus and the freedom Christ offers from sin. Includes an Easter lesson.

Faith in Action (April)

Kingdom Root

A 5-week series through the book of James, examining practical ways to move from worldliness to faithfulness.

SUMMER 2027

Who's My Neighbor? (May)

Outreach Root

A 4-week series that redefines what it means to love people the way Jesus does.

Practice Makes Perfect (June & July)

Kingdom Root

A 9-week series that explores different spiritual disciplines that grow our relationship with God and strengthen our faith.