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PRESENTS

RVL  
DISCIPLESHIP™  
THE STUDY

*"A disciple is one who knows God's path and chooses to walk in it, passionately." Ray Vander Laan*

## Season Four Episode Details

### OVERVIEW

The final season of The Study focuses on the practical role of disciples in the first century, unpacking cultural and scriptural implications and applying them to our lives as modern-day followers of Jesus.

#### Episode 1 - The School

From childhood, the Jews of the first century engaged in an evolving system of Scripture education—one that Jesus Himself probably participated in. In this first episode of Season 4, RVL outlines how that system likely worked, demonstrating how it not only centered communities around the Text, but prepared a select few to become disciples under a rabbi.

#### Episode 2 - The Dust

What did it mean to be a disciple to a rabbi in Jesus' time? What was a disciple's goal, and how would they work to accomplish it? In this episode, RVL begins to unpack these questions through the lens of the Jewish motto.

#### Episode 3 - The Friends

In Jesus' day, discipleship was rarely—if ever—carried out on an individual basis. Rather, Jewish teachers would gather groups of followers who would take on their role as a team. In this episode, RVL explores what we know about this method, applying it to the faith walk of Jesus-followers today.

#### Episode 4 - The Call

In this episode, RVL breaks down exactly how someone would become a disciple to a rabbi, noting how Jesus differed from tradition in His call to the Twelve. What did this mean for His original disciples, and what does it mean for us today?

#### Episode 5 - The Gennesaret

In Jesus' day, a disciple learned from the rabbi by experience, following the teacher's example in every aspect of daily life. In this episode, RVL examines one instance from the Gospels where the disciples' obedience landed them somewhere unexpected—something we can also learn from today.

#### Episode 6 - The Commandment

This episode kicks off the first of a three-part examination of Jesus' yoke—the interpretation of Scripture by which His followers imitate His example. RVL opens this discussion by identifying which commandment Jesus considered the greatest.

#### Episode 7 - The Neighbor

In the second part of the discussion of Jesus' yoke, this episode builds upon Jesus' teaching that "love God" and "love neighbor" are preeminent by considering the question, "What does it mean to love my neighbor?"

#### Episode 8 - The Samaritan

In this final part of the season's examination of Jesus' yoke, this episode considers the question, "Who is my neighbor?", breaking down Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan.

#### Episode 9 - The Kingdom

In this final episode of RVL Discipleship, RVL wraps up the entire course through the lens of Jesus' primary announcement: "The kingdom of heaven has come near."