

# The *Learning Circles* of Discipleship

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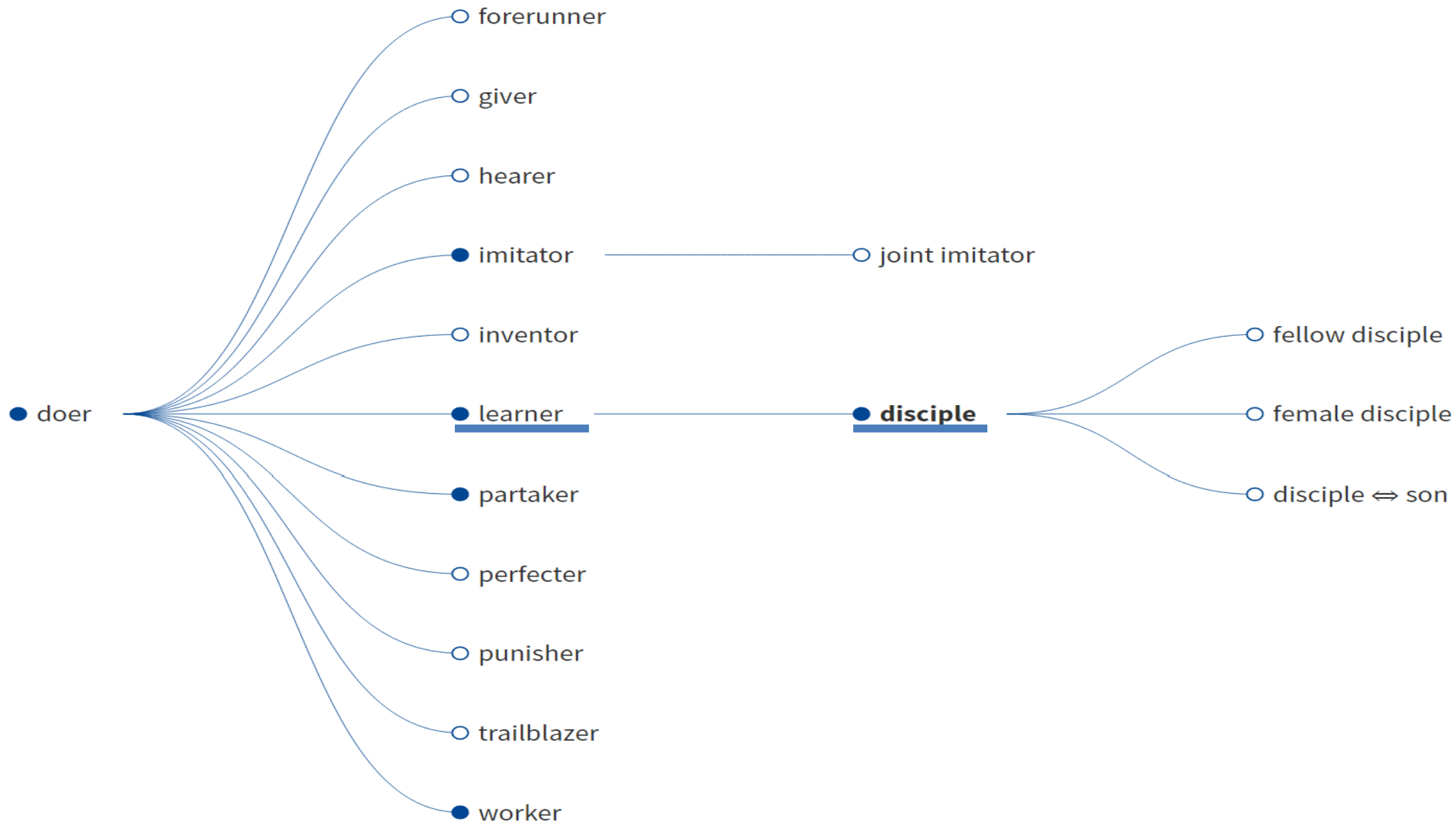
Matthew 28:19–20

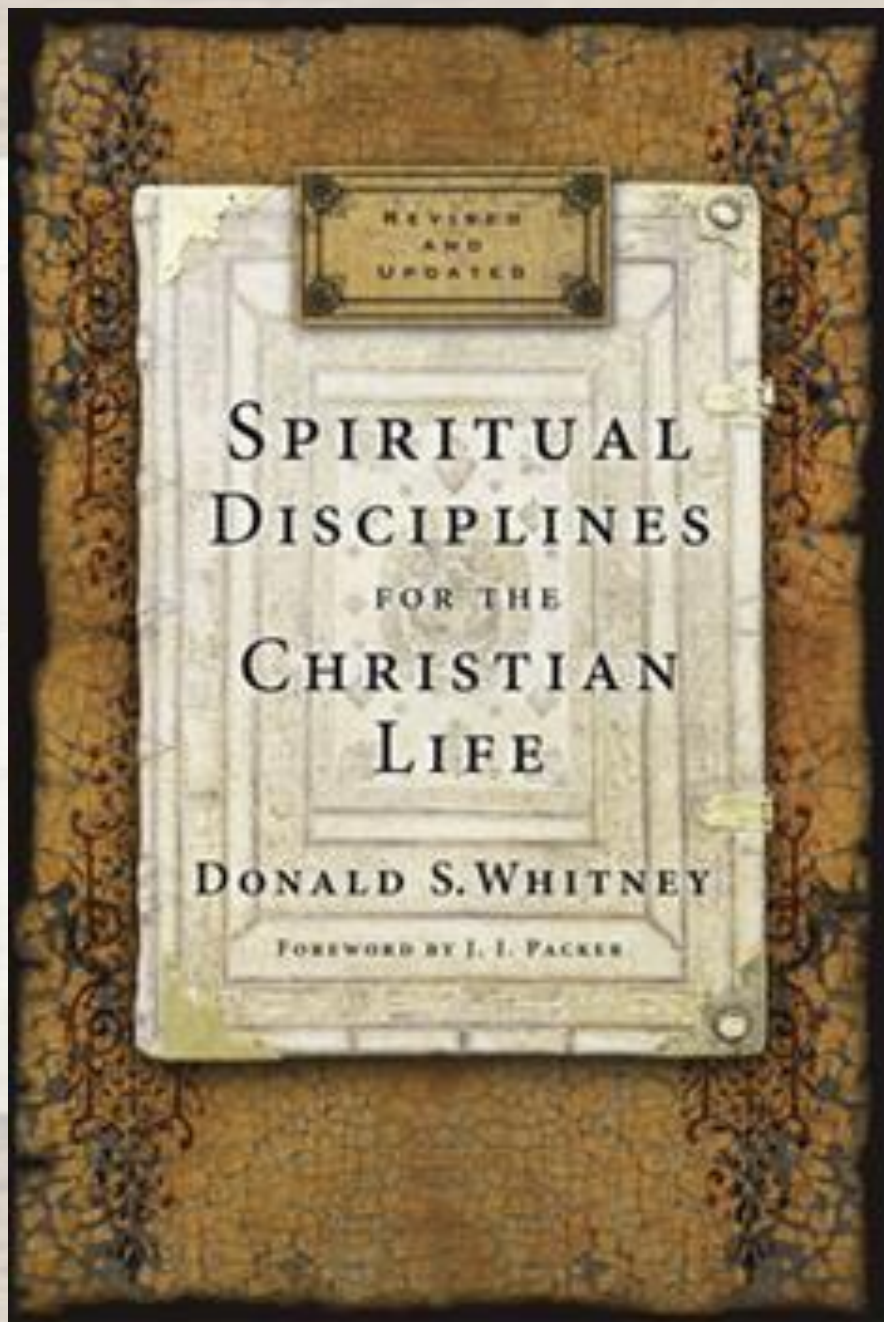
Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.



**DISCIPLE.** n. — a student who adheres to (and travels with) a teacher in a pedagogical relationship; especially used of students of spiritual leaders.





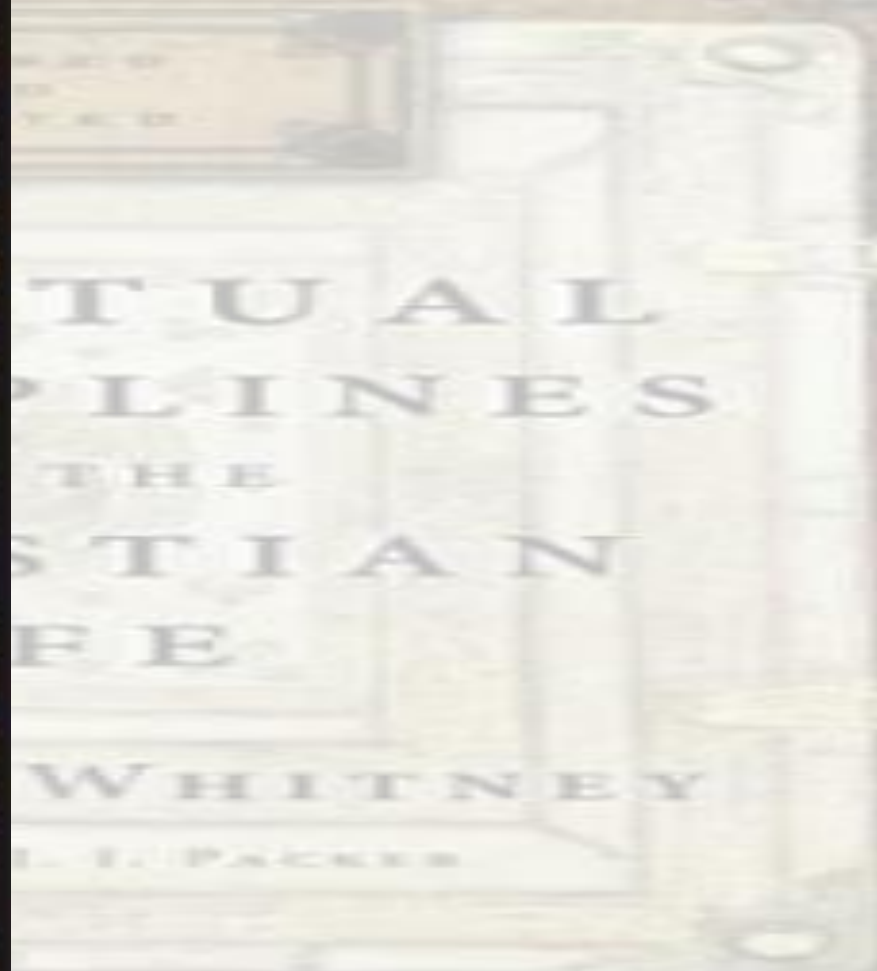


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- 1: The Spiritual Disciplines ... for the Purpose of Godliness
- 2: Bible Intake (Part 1) ... for the Purpose of Godliness
- 3: Bible Intake (Part 2) ... for the Purpose of Godliness
- 4: Prayer ... for the Purpose of Godliness
- 5: Worship ... for the Purpose of Godliness
- 6: Evangelism ... for the Purpose of Godliness
- 7: Serving ... for the Purpose of Godliness
- 8: Stewardship ... for the Purpose of Godliness
- 9: Fasting ... for the Purpose of Godliness
- 10: Silence and Solitude ... for the Purpose of Godliness
- 11: Journaling ... for the Purpose of Godliness
- 12: Learning ... for the Purpose of Godliness
- 13: Perseverance in the Disciplines ...



**“The alternative to  
discipline is disaster.”**

-Vance Havner



1 Timothy 4:13

Till I come, give attendance to  
(public) reading, to exhortation, to  
doctrine (teaching).





John 13:35

By this shall all men know that ye  
are my disciples, if ye have love  
one to another.



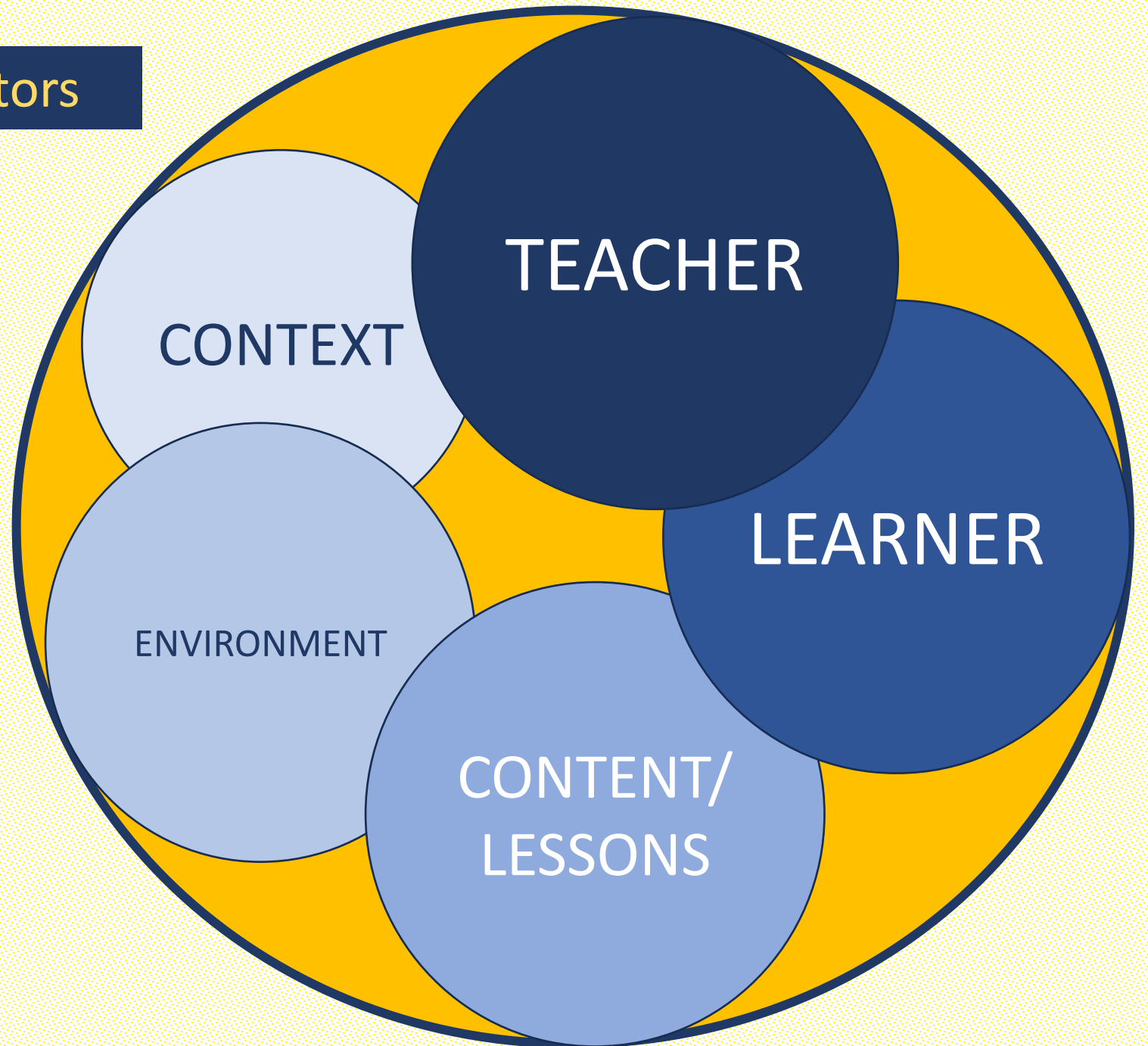
**Μαθητής (mathetes, disciple)** is the word for disciple, meaning "a learner, pupil, or disciple."<sup>[1]</sup> **Μαθητής** is different from another term in the education and academic world which is **διδάσκαλος (didaskalos, teacher)**, which refers to the one doing the teaching, or the master teacher.<sup>[2]</sup>



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## Five Learning Circle Factors



*What can we do to encourage healthy discipleship?*

**1. Engage in Consistent Personal Discipleship.**

**2. Expect More Than Outer Conformity.**

**3. Explore the Riches of God's Presence.**



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