

What Is Discipleship – 3 Illustrations

1 - Duckling Discipleship



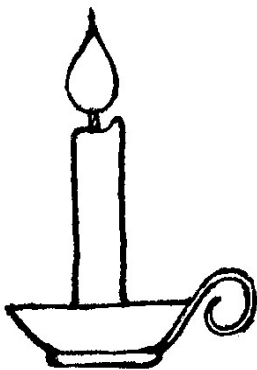
What are all of the young ducklings doing?

How far ahead does a duckling need to be for another duckling to follow? How does this apply to discipleship?

Who is the mother duck?

1 Corinthians 11:1, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

2 - Candle



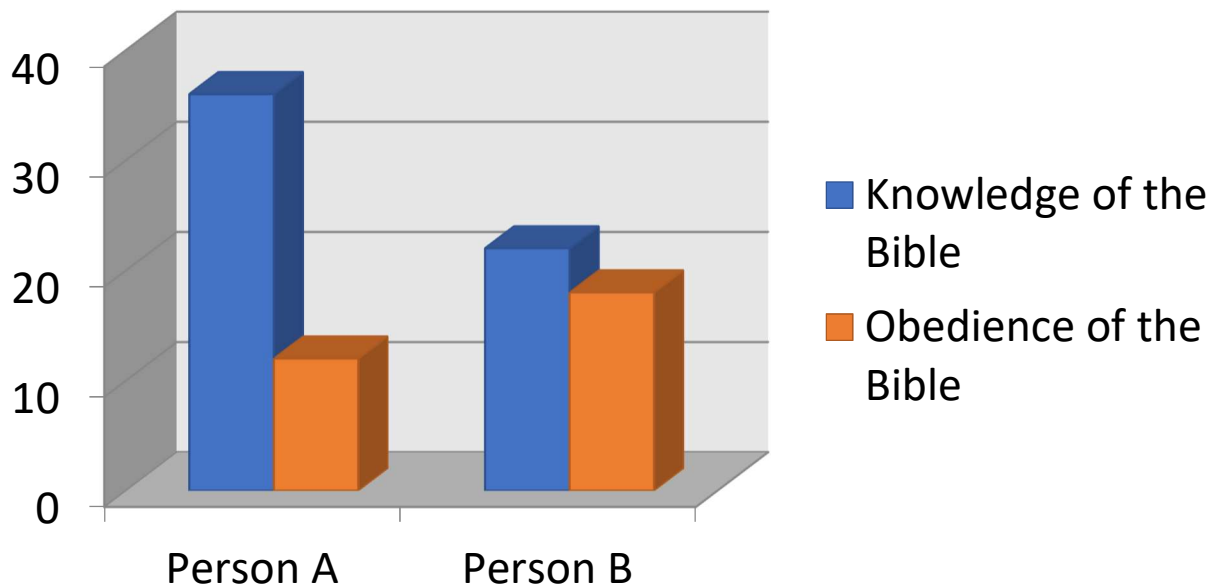
How long does the candle need to be lit to give off light?

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world..."

Open Bibles and read Mark 5:18-19, about a man whose demons Jesus cast out.

How does this story relate to the candle illustration?

3 – Mature Disciple



Who is really mature? Why?

Open Bibles and read John 14:21-24

What importance does Jesus attribute to obeying His commands?

What are the results/benefits/blessings of obedience?

Read Matthew 28:18-20.

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

What do we learn from Matthew 28:18-20 about discipleship?