**Personal action after Biblical teaching**1. ***O.R.I.D.***  
 Observe, reflect, Interpret, decision.   
  
2. Local church community   
  
3. Global issues to be addressed

***2 Timothy 3 : 16-17*  
*‘All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work’.*  
1**. What do you notice in this passage ?  
  
2. What will you do or change in the light of   
 what you have read and noticed ?

**Dare to dream**

Developing Holy Habits are not complicated or difficult, they can be lived out simply. They are a way of life to be lived; Love in action, embodied grace. To practice them we just need a willingness to follow Jesus, we don’t even need a church building, but we can invite people to develop Holy Habits together.

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Developing Holy Habits

**The Adventure of Discipleship**

Discipleship is an adventure, but there will be days when we are more enthusiastic about it and others when we would rather do spiritual equivalent of snuggling back under the duvet !

**The Aim of Discipleship**

The aim of Discipleship is to develop within ourselves a ‘Christ like character‘ as a focus to enable the transformation of the world, so the Kingdom of God can a visible and tangible presence here on earth. Discipleship is personal and relational. It flows from the relationship we have with the one who calls us to follow, Jesus.

**Sacrificial nature of Discipleship**

Sacrifice is at the heart of discipleship and suffering, and to a greater or less extent, it is inevitable on the adventure. Jesus was not slow in challenging Simon Peter and his companions to go beyond their experience and comfort zones, thereby helping them grow in confidence. Sometimes in our discipleship there will be those moments when we are called to go beyond our comfort zones and discover Gods resources in new ways, and there will be times when we need to encourage others to take steps of faith on the adventure of discipleship. However living sacrificially, in obedience to the call of Jesus, may also involve suffering because of our association with the one we follow. This could be in the form of snide comments, being excluded from conversation or activities, or to stand alongside the people whom the rest of society would exclude.

**The Nurture of Discipleship**

As we practice the art of discipleship, so the fruits of holiness and Christ like character emerge and blossom, along with resilience, strength and faith to keep going. We need to learn to live rhythmically if we are to nurture 10 Holy Habits.

**Holy Habits**

If we are to commit ourselves and to encourage our church community to live rhythmically and develop discipleship, then we need guidelines; we need to develop tools to enable us to be ‘Christ like’ in character and focus. In other words, to develop and nurture ‘habits’ and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us on the adventure and excitement of discipleship.

**The first Holy Habit is Biblical Teaching**

the first holy habit is mentioned in Acts 2  
 Preaching   
 learning Together

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**how do we attain biblical teaching?**   
***Biblical teaching … Preaching***

Spirit filled   
Biblically based

Christ centred

***Biblical teaching … Learning together***

*1. learning is … social   
  
2. Learning is … people take responsibility for their   
 own learning   
3. Learning is … mainly informal and life related  
   
4. LEARNING IS … SHARED and accessible*

*5. LEARNING IS … LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER   
6 LEARNING I S. mISSION ‘focus’.*

*disciples must go to the community to be involved in service, and then return to reflect (Theological reflection)*

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Jesus gave sermons and addressed the crowds, however he also encouraged discussions and gathered people in smaller groups

***Why do Biblical Teaching ?***

1. Biblical teaching helps us draw near to God   
2. we are all part of the gospel story, inspired   
 from the past, to be active in the present.  
3. We learn how to be ‘spirit filled’ disciples of   
 Christ.