

# Maize Plant Discipleship

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## A Practical, Relevant and Accessible Learning Resource

- Developed in consultation with missional leaders and learners in Burkina Faso, to be appropriate for use in African contexts
- Reliant simply upon facilitators willing to co-ordinate small-group study, reflection and discussion,
- With the goal of facilitating biblical learning that moves continuously outwards, drawing whole communities into patterns of scripturally-based discipleship, in living dialogue with contextual culture.



## Formulated in response to doctoral research

- Based upon analysis of qualitative data, from over seventy Burkinabé leaders and learners, from amongst five Christian groups
- Exploring significant tensions between modern, Western theological education and scripturally-based discipleship praxis
- Leading to the definition of a set of practical, relevant and accessible characteristics applicable to contextually-appropriate learning resources
- Resulting in the award of a Doctorate of Missiology, from Fuller School of Intercultural Studies (Pasadena, CA), in 2013.

## Presently being prepared for publication

- A series of short, low-cost, modular handbooks
- Incorporating reflective learning and group discussions
- Suitable for formal and informal study
- Accessible for translation into other languages
- Available for republication under a free-at-source license

The Maize Plant Discipleship website provides further background information, including the research and education philosophy guiding the development of Maize Plant Discipleship resources. Follow progress via Twitter: @MPDResource

# Syllabus

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1. The Eternal Purpose of God
2. Dynamics of Vocation, Part A: The Nations
3. Dynamics of Vocation, Part B: The Jewish People
4. Dynamics of Commissioning
5. Dynamics of Body Membership
6. Dynamics of Revival
7. Dynamics of Truth
8. Dynamics of Intercession
9. Dynamics of Cultural Transformation
10. Disciplines of Spiritual Maturity
11. Disciplines of Running the Race Marked Out For Us
12. Disciplines of Pressing Towards Our Vocation
13. Disciplines of Financial Faithfulness
14. Disciplines of Leadership
15. Disciplines of Living By Faith
16. Disciplines of Overcoming In The Arena of Spiritual Conflict

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