

Basic Discipleship Course (BDC)

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Purpose of the Course

The Basic Discipleship Course (BDC) is an entry level bible study series, designed to introduce soldiers to core elements of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Why a New Bible Study Series?

The BDC has been designed for Army Navigator ministries with three goals in mind:

- Helping to *unify our content* across our ministry network
- Providing a *compact series* for soldiers in today's high op-tempo Army
- Providing a tool that is *highly transportable* to active duty disciple-makers on deployment

1. *Unify Our Content*

Over the years we have tailored the way we present many of the basic themes of discipleship to soldiers. The intent has been to communicate in a way soldiers most readily identify with. This tailoring goes beyond content and includes the tone with which concepts are presented. A new series allows us to get the most out of what we have learned through years of experience. Unifying our content gives us *creative control* and *brings synergy* to our Army ministry by providing us with commonality across our network of ministries.

2. *A Compact Series*

The BDC series is twenty studies long. In addition, each chapter is designed so that it can be completed within an hour. The impetus behind this is an effort to make our introductory bible study series more 'introductory' than series like The Navigators' DFD. With today's high op-tempo environment, we are gearing the series with a 6-8 month completion window in mind. This is typical of how much time we have with a soldier between deployments.

3. *Make it Transportable*

Traditional bible study series are hardcopy and must be purchased through a vendor like NavPress. Soldiers trained using these series' have trouble acquiring them for use on deployment. By using a simple Microsoft Word format and posting it to the web, the BDC will be similar to 'freeware'. The idea is to have these studies available for download at no cost. Anyone with web access (typical on current deployments) and the ability to open and print Word documents can utilize the BDC when and where needed.

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Series Outline

The BDC is formatted in five modules, each containing four studies:

Following the Master

1. The Call to Follow
2. The Word and Prayer
3. Fellowshiping
4. Witnessing

Who is Jesus?

5. Son of God
6. Son of Man
7. Teacher
8. Lord

The Kingdom of God

9. A Fallen Race
10. A World Divided
11. A Disputed King
12. A God Who Rules

Marks of a Disciple

13. A New Identity
14. The Holy Spirit
15. Called to Maturity
16. Called to Character

The Mission of Christ

17. The Great Commission
18. The New Commandment
19. Spiritual Generations
20. Faith and Promises