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## Discipleship: Seeking the 'Kingdom and his righteousness'



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When membership of the faith community gets separated from Biblical concepts for us Christians the church is gradually and slowly getting into trouble. This is especially true when membership and discipleship are separated. In the first article I have mentioned that discipleship may have become unpoplar because of mainly two reasons: the wrong association with confrontational evangelism and secondly for the inconvenience of the radical nature of discipleship, especially in a situation where churches are still monocultural and still prefer the 'convenience' of a culturally constituted and dominated church. In this article, the focus will be on the role of the church in seeking the 'Kingdom and his righteousness' (Mt 6:33) and on what seeking might entail, with special reference to continuing formation of the membership on this journey of following the Christ. The background to my research problem and question is that the 'we' can just not afford that people, because of the church, not being serious about herself, turn away from the church – but turn to God! 'Everyday people are straying away from the church and going back to God' (Lenny Bruce 1966). This is just not normal.

### Prayer of confession

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes  
And our happiness than to your will.  
We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.  
We have spoken without an effort to understand others.  
We have kept silent instead of telling the truth.  
We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are judge and redeemer.  
We have acted in accordance with our opinions  
rather than according to your commands.  
We have not been your faithful servants.  
Forgive us. Have mercy on us. Redeem us.  
Help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ,  
your Son, our Savior. Amen.  
(Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, NJ., Bulletin, Sunday January 22, 2017)

### Introduction

In the previous article, I have stated the research problems or questions at stake:

- Whether, according to my observation, within the missional conversation, discipleship and especially discipling (as often referred to) are comprehensively dealt with?
- My deep conviction that we are struggling to be a blessing to the world: Is this because we have confused (and even equated) confrontational evangelism and (with) discipling? And now we are not doing anyone of the two!
- Whether we have shallowed the concept, and with its membership of congregations, to become a culturally safe and comfortable belonging to a community of the 'same'?
- Whether we are willing to be serious enough about the cost of discipleship, so much so that we do what the priority for disciples is – seeking the 'kingdom and His righteousness' (Mt 6:33) (NIV)?

In this series of two articles, I am focusing on the last two: in this one even more so on the role of the church and discipleship in seeking the Kingdom and its righteousness.

I was asked to lead a worship service in September 2016 on the Radio. I opted to preach on Philipians 1:27–31, focusing on the public behaviour of Christians. A behaviour, according to the

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