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DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

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This September at Calvary we are going to focus as a church on the topic of discipleship. Together we will explore this core concept at the heart of Jesus' teaching. Keep this journal and bring it with you each week as we discover what it means to truly be a follower of Jesus who helps others to follow Jesus.

Our prayer is that through this series you will be equipped and empowered to multiply your impact for the Kingdom of God and extend the love of Jesus to others by developing life-changing, Christ-centered relationships. May you see how God is inviting you to be a part of making a difference for His Kingdom through discipleship!

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A LETTER FROM PASTOR DAVE

When Jesus began His public ministry, he encountered two men, Peter and Andrew, as they were fishing by the Sea of Galilee. These men might be considered some of His first converts. But what strikes me most is what Jesus did not request from them. He did not ask them to “invite Jesus into their hearts,” nor “accept Him as their Savior,” nor “just believe in Jesus” for their salvation. His request was much deeper because His desire for their commitment was much longer than a mere decision of faith.

What Jesus did request from them included two basic words: “*Follow Me.*” He would then take responsibility to “*make*” them into “*fishers of men.*” Later Jesus found James and his brother John. They also chose to “*follow Him.*” This pattern has continued to this day.

Now there is nothing wrong with inviting people to “accept” Christ as their Savior. All do need to be truly saved by faith alone. But that request is incomplete if we are to fulfill the mission of Christ. There is something terribly wrong if a new convert does not “*follow*” Jesus. Jesus’ expectation for any that claim to believe in Him is that they follow Him.

Following Jesus means Jesus will “*make*” my heart, attitude, behavior, mind and relationships like His, so as I become like Jesus I too can reach others that will also “*follow*” Him. Simply put, following Jesus is allowing Jesus to “*make*” me like Jesus so I live like Jesus.

At Calvary, we believe in this calling because of Christ’s last command to us in us in Matthew 28:19-20: **“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”** So we are called to “make disciples” not just make decisions for Jesus.

Often many of us feel inadequate or ill-equipped for this calling. We think we don’t have what it takes or enough knowledge to

“SIMPLY PUT, FOLLOWING JESUS IS ALLOWING JESUS TO MAKE ME LIKE JESUS SO I LIVE LIKE JESUS.”

help make disciples that follow Jesus. I have some good news for you. As you join us in this new series you will be empowered and equipped to fulfill Christ's plan where we each are truly following Him and being made into those disciples that call other people to follow Jesus. I suspect many of you are already "making disciples" but do not realize how you are helping those around you to follow Jesus.

Please faithfully join us for each week of the Multiply series to learn how you can more fully participate in one of the most fulfilling and satisfying experiences of life as a follower of Jesus – helping people you love follow Jesus.



David Mitchell / Senior Pastor



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WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?



BY LAURA COPELAND / GROW MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

What are we talking about when we talk about discipleship? We are talking about a lifelong process of FOLLOWING Jesus. We are talking about not just acquiring information, but INTEGRATING our faith into every area of our life. We are talking about MULTIPLYING our impact for the kingdom of God through life-changing, Christ-centered relationships as we model and teach this life of following Jesus in a way that is transferable to the lives of others.

Discipleship is a call to learn to live in the way that Jesus did, following His teaching and example, loving people the way He loved people, and investing in people even when it takes a sacrifice on our part. Discipleship is not just learning to recite the right answer, but actually being transformed in such a way that we obey the teachings we have learned and live differently because of how we have encountered Jesus.

Discipleship is also about multiplication. If you want to know how your life can make an impact, and how you can maximize your effectiveness for the kingdom of God, discipleship is the answer.

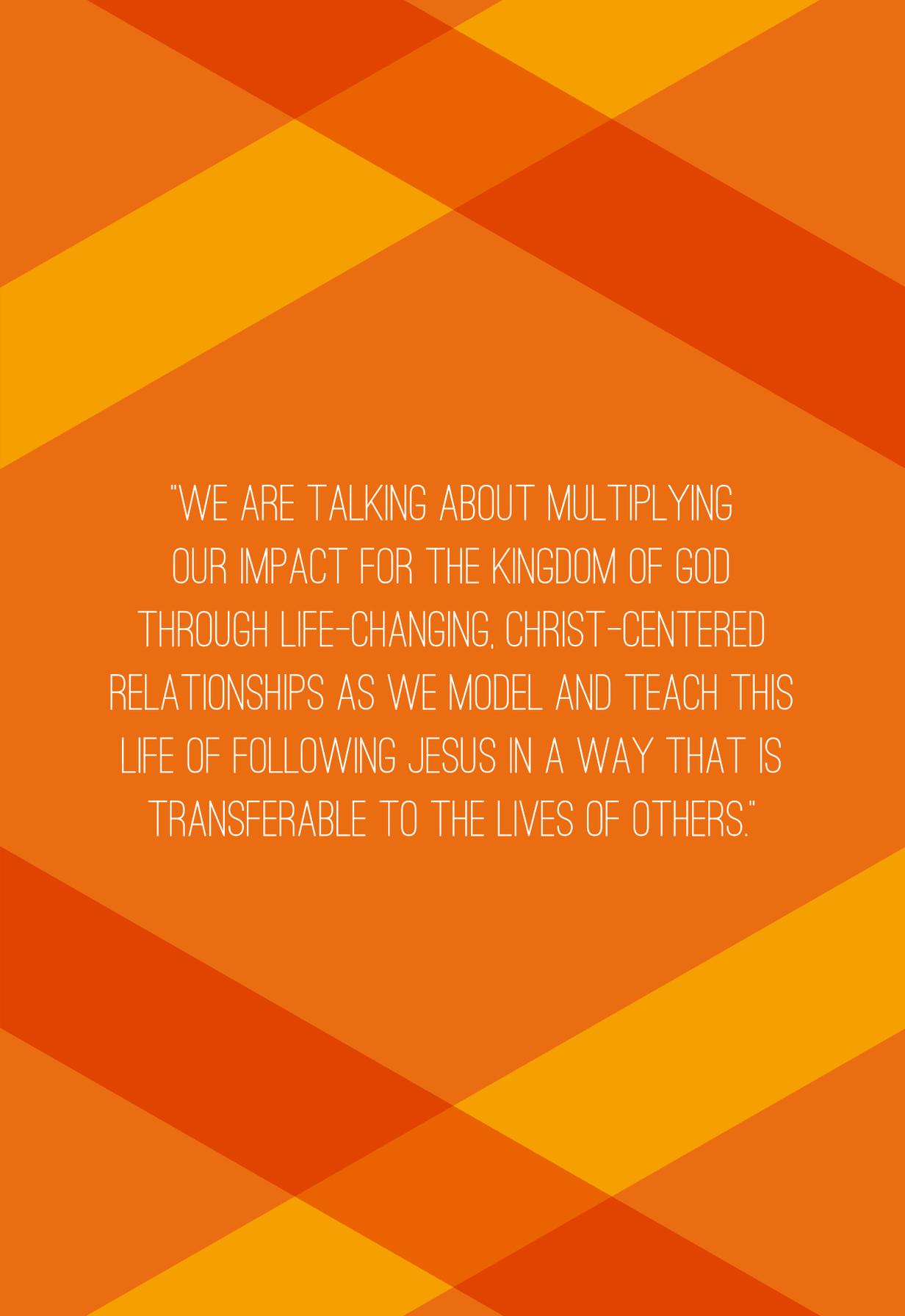
It's good if you've learned how to follow Jesus and walk in His ways.

It's better if you can also help those around you start walking in this kind of life.

It's best if you can reproduce the life of walking with Jesus with those around you, and expect them to multiply this life into others as well.

Discipleship matters. It's at the core of Jesus' teachings, and as His followers we're called to be about the business of making disciples. Because of the importance of this topic, we are setting aside an entire month at Calvary to create time and space to have some conversations, talk about what next steps we can pursue, call one another to follow Jesus, and learn how to make disciples who will make disciples. We are excited to have these conversations with you. Check out the schedule on pages 6-7 and consider joining us for as much as possible to get all you can out of this Multiply series.

We hope that by the end of this month you'll have a clearer understanding of how God is inviting you to be a part of making a difference for His Kingdom through discipleship!



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SCHEDULE: SUNDAY MORNINGS

Join us each Sunday in the Worship Center as we unfold the biblical vision for discipleship. Come discover how you can maximize your impact for the Kingdom by being a follower of Jesus who helps others to follow Jesus.

SEPTEMBER 7

8:45^{AM} +
10:45^{AM}

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Learn more about the special conference-style Sunday mornings on September 21 + 28 on page 19

SCHEDULE: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

This special 3-part Discippler Equipping Class will help demystify the discipleship journey. Join us Wednesday nights in the Worship Center Lobby to find practical insight and info for developing life-changing, Christ-centered discipling relationships.

SEPTEMBER 10 / WEEK 1

7:00PM

Learning to Listen, Ask Good Questions and Pray

SEPTEMBER 17 / WEEK 2

7:00PM

Learning to Help Other People Grow in Their Faith

SEPTEMBER 24 / WEEK 3

7:00PM

Panel Discussion on Discipleship: Putting it into Practice

LIFEGROUPS

Be a part of what everyone's talking about at Calvary. This month, all LifeGroups will continue the discussion on how to have the greatest impact and multiply our lives through discipleship.

This is an opportunity you don't want to miss! Join one of our LifeGroups today and be a part of the conversation. There are LifeGroups to connect with on Sundays and throughout the week, on campus and in homes all over Orange County.

For a full list of LifeGroups, pick up a LifeGroup Finder at Connection Point Central in the Lobby or click on 'LifeGroup Finder' at calvarylife.org/lifegroups



BIBLICAL CALL FOR DISCIPLESHIP

DAVID MITCHELL - SENIOR PASTOR / SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

Our mandate to make disciples comes from Jesus. Matthew 28:19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

- To make disciples means we “go”: Where?
- To make disciples means we “baptize”: Who?
- To make disciples means we “teach”: What?
- To make disciples means we do it until the “end of the age”: When?

One example of discipleship by the Apostle Paul is found in the church of Ephesus in Acts 20:17-38. We see how discipleship occurred through a personal connection that Paul had with the Ephesians. Check out the following points and discuss how these components are helpful in a discipleship relationship.

Discipleship:

- Involves quality time
Acts 20:18, 31 - *“with you the whole time.”*
- Requires emotional vulnerability
Acts 20:19, 31 - *“tears”*
- Walks with people through difficult times and opposition
Acts 20:19 - *“trials”*
- Needs an attitude of humility and not pride
Acts 20:19 - *“serving the Lord with all humility”*
- Happens in the context of homes
Acts 20:20 - *“from house to house”*
- Is willing to go to any person regardless of background
Acts 20:21 - *“both to Jews and Greeks”*
- Fosters genuine love toward each other
Acts 20:37-38 - *“they embraced Paul”*

Discussion Questions:

- How much time do you think “quality time” is? Why is this essential?
- Why do you think emotional vulnerability, on the part of Paul/disciple-makers, is important? What do you think healthy emotional vulnerability looks like?
- Which of these from the list would be most desirable in someone who you would want to disciple you? Why?
- Which of these is the most challenging for you to think about doing in your own relationships?



CALVARY CARE

ministries

Calvary Care Ministries are a resource of fellow believers who will come alongside and walk with you through challenging issues or seasons of life. Our purpose is to minister to the emotional and physical needs of hurting individuals, marriages and families by offering biblically-based, Christ-centered resources to help you grow in your faith. Below are highlights of a few of our ministries:

Celebrate Recovery

This Christ-centered, weekly twelve-step program is a safe haven where people can experience hope and healing in a Christian community. All are welcome to join us - **now meeting Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in S-7** (North Side of Samsvick Chapel).

Calvary Life Counseling Center

Located upstairs in the Worship Center, this biblically-based, short-term, non-fee ministry strives to effectively integrate God's Word, prayer and the best counseling tools and techniques with the approach of truth and grace utilizing non-professional lay counselors.

Support Groups

Guided by a trained facilitator, these are open-ended, felt-need groups of like-minded people who are all experiencing a similar life struggle to receive support, prayer, encouragement, and accountability.

Hope for Our Marriage

This ministry is for husbands and wives who are struggling in their relationship. Each couple meets with an Encourager Couple for 12-14 weeks. More than tips and techniques, it is about putting into practice the truth and power of God's Word in the marriage relationship.

Financial Counseling & Equipping

Do you need a little help moving from financial frustration to financial peace? Calvary's Financial Stewardship Ministry has trained volunteer Financial Coaches available to help you evaluate your financial situation, develop a budget, build a plan to get out of debt and achieve financial peace.

Contact Calvary's Care Ministries or learn more at:

calvarylife.org/care · 714.550.2334 · care@calvarylife.org

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES THE GATHERING

GROWING IN FAITH & MAKING DISCIPLES

THE GATHERING is a casual gathering of women for the purpose of experiencing God in community through Bible teaching, intergenerational friendships and honest sharing.

Join us once or come each time. No preparation is required; no commitment is needed. The Gathering meets seasonally, with an identical program available in the morning and evening.

WHO | Any woman who wants to connect with God and other women

WHERE | Fellowship Hall

DATES | Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Tuesday, January 6, 2015
Tuesday, May 5, 2015

TIMES | Morning / 9:00 - 11:00 am*
Evening / 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**A children's program is available for those 5 years old and younger at the Tuesday Morning Gathering only.*

Learn more about the Gathering, plus LifeGroups for women and moms at calvarylife.org/women

MOVING FROM MULTIGENERATIONAL TO INTERGENERATIONAL



BY TIM NELLIS / CONNECTIONS, MEN'S & YOUNG ADULTS PASTOR

I was recently speaking to 4th-6th grade students about “old man strength” - the strength that men develop, not from working out, but simply by living life. Years of taking out the trash, carrying kids on your shoulders, and countless home improvement projects help to develop this “old man strength”.

Calvary is a unique place that is full of men possessing this type of strength, not only physically but spiritually as well. As we are called to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us, we are entering a season at Calvary where we can do just that.

What would it look like if we started to utilize this incredible gift of life experience to impact the generations at Calvary? Imagine the transformation that could happen as men of multiple generations met together to learn from each other, pour into each other, and receive the blessings of doing life together.

A “6 PACK” is composed of six men with ages covering a span of six decades (teens, 20’s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60+) that meet once a month for six months. Imagine what will happen as we combine the wisdom of the old with the passion of the young. Join us as we move from a multi-generational to an intergenerational model in our Men’s Ministry and experience the blessings that come with it!

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How does it work?

The goal of a 6 PACK is to promote intergenerational relationships that lead to discipleship opportunities. 6 PACKs will meet according to mutual availability by all members in the group.

Learn more or sign up at
calvarylife.org/6pack

DISCIPLE LIKE JESUS - FOUR PHASES OF DISCIPLESHIP BY JESUS

ERIC WAKELING - EXECUTIVE PASTOR OF MINISTRIES / SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

Come and See John 1:38-39

- Jesus exposed them to the nature of his ministry in John 1:35 - 4:46.
- Jesus' model was to tell them what was involved and why this was necessary.

Come and Follow Me Mark 1:16-20

- Jesus was demonstrating interest to train them to follow him.
- Jesus' model was to show them how to do it and then do it with them.

Journal Questions:

How are you feeling about discipling someone or a few people after hearing more about Jesus' model of discipleship? Pray through any insecurities or hindrances.

Write down as many things as you can think of about how Jesus acted with His disciples. What did He do? What did He say? How did He treat them differently than others? How did He speak to them? How did He pray?

What can you glean from these things for your efforts in discipling others?

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As we were planning and praying for how we should unpack a topic as big and important as discipleship, we came to the conclusion that there are so many good things to share and amazing people to hear from that we couldn't contain it in a regular Sunday morning service format. Instead, we're going to do something a little different and we hope you'll join us for all of it!

Sundays, September 21 and 28, will have an engaging, conference-style format with several, shorter messages from a variety of speakers surrounded by times of worship, prayer, journaling and discussion. We encourage you to come each Sunday at 8:45 am and stay until noon to get the most out of this experience.

SEPTEMBER 21 / 8:45AM - 12:00PM



DAVID MITCHELL
Senior Pastor



DR. ERIK THOENNES
Guest Speaker
BIOLA University



SHANNON REESE
Women's Ministries
Director

SEPTEMBER 28 / 8:45AM - 12:00PM



BOB SHANK
Guest Speaker
Master's Program



MATT DOAN
Reach Ministries
Pastor



MATT DAVIS
Marriage & Family
Pastor



LAURA COPELAND
Grow Ministries
Director

Everyone, from junior high on up, will be together for these two Sundays in the Worship Center. Children's programs for Nursery - 6th grade will be available in Calvary Town for the entire morning, where kids will also learn how to be a follower of Jesus who helps others to follow Jesus.

Learn more at calvarylife.org/multiply

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION



BY DOUG BROWN / HIGH SCHOOL PASTOR

Sixty-six years ago, in the summer of 1948, Calvary hired their first youth pastor. Fifty-one years later, in 1999, I walked into the gym as a high school freshman. Fifteen years after that, I am now the pastor of Calvary's High School Ministry and I am honored to lead this group of wonderful students! I am writing this to ask you for something. Something that Student Ministries at Calvary has never had - a home.

It is in the very nature of any group to desire a home. Every family longs for a place that is their own. Every nation wants to know its borders. The Israelites wandered in anticipation for their promised land. Even you want your own space. When we have a home, we are free to live without the worry of having to leave. We build roots, we create tradition and we flourish.

For 66 years, Students Ministries has been wandering around Calvary. We move to whichever room is empty at the time, and we leave the moment we are done. There are obviously a lot of difficulties to moving and roaming around campus, hauling equipment, setting up chairs, meeting in spaces that are too large or too small, but those are not the things that bother me.

What bothers me is that students at Calvary do not have a place to call 'home' within their church body. They do not have a place to grow roots. They do not have a home to create tradition in. They live with the reality that they always have to leave. Never once on a Sunday morning have we been able say to our students, "This place is yours. Settle in and make it your home." Instead, every Sunday we ask over 300 students to leave. They don't have to leave our campus, but they are not welcome to stay in the place where they gathered for worship. They do not have a place. They do not have a home.

To invest in the next generation would be to give them a home, build them a room and allow them to move in, fully, to show them they are part of the family. God has been so faithful to Student Ministries at Calvary over the years. Let's take the vision that began 66 years ago to the next level - **to have a ministry for young people that brings them in, calls them home, and creates a space for them to plant life-long roots.** When we invest our resources in students to grow as followers of Jesus they will become the future of Calvary and the future of Christianity.



GENERATION VISION NIGHT

Wednesday, October 15
7:00 pm / Fellowship Hall

Discover the vision for the next generation by finishing the Restoration Project with the Student Underground. More at calvarylife.org/generation

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NINE TYPES OF MENTORS

DAVID MITCHELL – SENIOR PASTOR / SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

Active role:

- Discippler – train one in the basics of the faith
II Timothy 2:2, 3:14-15
- Spiritual – prayer and listening to the Lord
Acts 21:4, 9-14
- Coach – skill formation
Acts 11:25-26, 12:25, 15:36-41, II Timothy 4:11

Occasional role:

- Counselor – for emotional and psychological growth
Acts 27:3, 23-25, I Corinthians 16:18, II Timothy 1:16
- Teacher – gain knowledge from the Bible
Acts 18:24-26, 20:27, 28:30-31
- Sponsor – supports a person to help them grow and find their fit in the Body of Christ. Acts 9:26-27, 16:14-15

Passive role:

- Contemporary models – those we may watch on video or read their books
- Historical – learn from their writings and testimony
Acts 2:16, 26:22
- Divine contact – people God used expectantly to bring His truth and encouragement to your life. Acts 11:28, 23:11, 16

Discussion Questions:

- Which of these roles have you experienced from others? How?
- Which of these roles have you used with others? How?
- Which role is the most challenging for you to consider using?
Would you like to grow in that role?

DISCIPLING THE LOST GENERATION – WHY DISCIPLESHIP IS ESSENTIAL

DR. ERIK THOENNES – GUEST SPEAKER : BIOLA UNIVERSITY / SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

DR. ERIK THOENNES: Author of several articles and books, including “Life’s Biggest Questions,” Dr. Thoennes teaches theology at Biola University and pastors Grace EV Free Church in La Mirada. He strives to make connections between theology, obeying Jesus, and fulfilling the Great Commission.

Notes:

THE GREAT FEAR

SHANNON REESE – WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR / SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

The Great Discipleship Fear

- An underlying spirit of fear keeps us from being obedient to the call that Jesus has given us to be disciple-makers.

The Great Disciple-Makers

- Perfect Jesus

“Jesus said, ‘Come’... They came therefore and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day.” John 1:39

“A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.” Luke 6:40

- Imperfect Paul

*“For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you... in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, that you might follow our example.”
2 Thessalonians 3:7-9*

“Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 11:1

- YOU and ME!

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...” Matthew 28:19

THE URGENCY OF DISCIPLESHIP - DON'T WAIT, DO IT NOW

DR. ERIK THOENNES - GUEST SPEAKER : BIOLA UNIVERSITY / SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

Notes:

THE DISCIPLESHIP EXPERIENCE



BY SHANNON REESE / WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

Discipleship is not a program. Instead, it's a relationship in which two people journey through life together while learning to obey the teachings of Jesus.

Being a disciple requires an open, teachable spirit willing to spend time with someone who wants to help you follow Jesus and experience the best life possible. Being a disciple-maker doesn't require perfection; simply a life of character and obedience that reflects the Apostle Paul's words, "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1). Start praying today about whether or not God is calling you to be a disciple, a disciple-maker, or both!

Discipleship begins with a friendship. Whether you are called to be a disciple or a disciple-maker, consider making a new friend who could walk through life with you. You might identify this person in a LifeGroup, at a church event or by serving together. However you meet, get to know them in a casual way. Ask them questions, take a hike together, or sit with them in church and engage with them after the service.

Once you identify someone you connect with, take the next step to ask if they might want to enter into a type of a purposeful friendship called

Discipleship. While they might jump at the chance to spend more time with you, not everyone is ready or available to disciple or be discipled; some have yet to understand discipleship. Others may be committed to other things and unable to add one more thing to their already full plate. If they don't enthusiastically respond, don't be disappointed. Instead, look around to see who else God might have for you.

Once you have purposed to be in a discipling relationship, meet together, talk about your expectations and how you want to be growing. Then get started!

Begin with prayer. Ask God what role He has for you in discipleship.

Get involved. Join a LifeGroup. Attend an intergenerational event. Serve with others. Make friends at church.

Look around. Who is God putting on your heart? Which friendships in your life could become more purposeful?

Take the next step. Ask someone if they would like to enter a discipleship relationship with you, as a disciple or a disciple-maker. Be flexible. Be willing to ask someone else if this person is currently unavailable. And trust the Holy Spirit to guide you in this process.

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YOU FOLLOW JESUS AND EXPERIENCE THE BEST LIFE POSSIBLE."



MAXIMIZING YOUR LIFE BY MULTIPLYING YOUR DISCIPLES

BOB SHANK – GUEST SPEAKER : THE MASTER'S PROGRAM / SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

BOB SHANK: Bob is the Founder and CEO of The Master's Program, providing strategic life mentoring for Christian marketplace and ministry leaders. He has been a mentor to thousands of Kingdom leaders over the last 20 years and also currently serves on several non-profit ministry boards.

How is the Multiplier Effect triggered?

It is sourced in Jesus.

“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 11:1

It is demonstrated in you.

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:8-9

It is powered by grace.

“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 2:1

It is transferred by eligibility.

- Gen #1: a credible replication of the original (Paul)
- Gen #2: an accurate purveyor of the replication (Timothy)
- Gen #3: reliable recipients of the original objective (Timothy's disciples)

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” 2 Timothy 2:2

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever thought about the possible impact that your life could have? What, if anything, have you hoped your contribution to the world would be?

- How confident do you feel in your ability to have this kind of an impact in someone else's life? How does it help knowing that we have the power of Christ with us to help in the process?

- What barriers are keeping you from investing in the lives of others?

- What is the next step that you think God might be asking you to take in this area of your life?

JESUS' LIFE WITH PETER: THE MESSINESS OF DISCIPLESHIP

MATT DOAN - REACH MINISTRIES PASTOR / SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

Discipleship is more like a 'Jackson Pollack' than a 'Thomas Kinkade'

- Discipleship can be messy because people, life & relationships are messy
"But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, 'Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!'" (Luke 5:8)
- Some of Peter's abstract, unpredictable, frustrating and messy moments with Jesus:
 - Peter rebuked Jesus and was called 'Satan' (Matthew 16:21-23, Mark 8:32-33)
 - Peter stumbled in the water (Matthew 4:18-19)
 - Peter foolishly offered to build a tabernacle for Jesus (Luke 9:32-34)
 - Peter wondered whether following Jesus was worth it (Matthew 19:27)
 - Peter misunderstood Jesus at the Last Supper (John 13:6-9)
 - Peter fell asleep when Jesus asked him to pray (Matthew 26:40)
 - Peter fought in the garden (John 18:9-11)
 - Peter denied knowing Jesus (Matthew 26:69-74)

Discipleship is more about Grace than Production

- Grace in Failures and Doubt (Matthew 14:28-31)
- Grace in Commitment and Presence (John 16:6-7)

Discipleship is more about Jesus than about Us

- Look To Jesus As Our Savior and Leader, Not Another Person (John 20:20-21)

REFRAMING EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MATT DAVIS - MARRIAGE & FAMILY PASTOR / SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

*“Religion, but not faith, can be taught. Faith must be inspired within a faith community. The faith of children is most likely to grow when they have the opportunity to associate with adults who are growing persons who know and love God. The child’s faith is inspired when he or she belongs to an inclusive community that seeks to live out God’s love.” - Catherine Stonehouse, *Joining Children on the Spiritual Journey**

You Can’t Give Away Faith You Don’t Have Deuteronomy 6:5-6

Once You Have Faith, Give It Away Deuteronomy 6:7-9

- L’Dor V’Dor - “From generation to generation” (Psalm 106:28-31)

We want to be a part in developing a generation where:

- Students worship from the inside out, compelled by the Spirit, not through expected or mandated behavior, but see worship as a lifestyle, not a moment or event.
- Students possess a kingdom community mindset, and choose to usher in the realities of justice, mercy, love, the presence of God, forgiveness, humility, and service to life in everyday situations.
- Students live with a global awareness and feel responsible for their brothers and sisters around the world and feel compelled to make Christ known to every corner of the globe within their lifetime.
- Students are knowledgeable about God’s Word, but even greater, through it have come to know God personally. They have investigated the Scriptures for themselves and have concluded that God’s Word is Truth and are unashamed of it.
- Students know God’s voice, desire to obey it, and obey it in and through the power of the Holy Spirit as they depend on Him alone for strength.

Give it away in your family

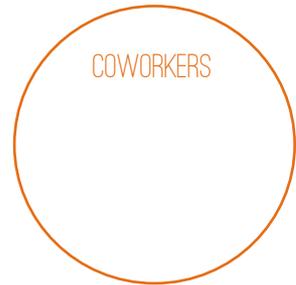
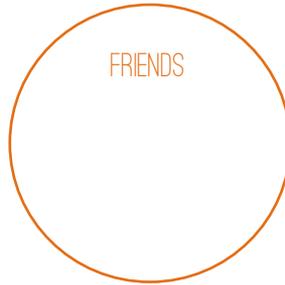
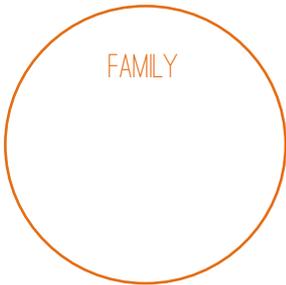
Give it away in your community

Give it away in the marketplace

God's Design Doesn't Require Perfection, But Faithfulness Psalm 78:5-7

Discussion Questions:

- Who are people in your life right now that you can initiate the process of reframing your relationship? Think in these three spheres...



- In what ways has your view of some of these relationships been limited?

- What are some good first steps at reframing already existing relationships to become more intentional?

THE DISCIPLESHIP EQUATION

LAURA COPELAND - GROW MINISTRIES DIRECTOR / SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

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- **Step 1: Follow** - John 6:68
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How can I help other people grow in their faith? John 1:14

- GRACE + TRUTH + TIME + HOLY SPIRIT

How can I communicate GRACE to the people I am discipling?

- Listen
- Ask good questions (see page 52)
- Pray

How do I lead others in learning TRUTH? John 17:17; John 8:31-32

- You DON'T need to know everything
- You DO need to know how to find the right answer

How much TIME is needed for growth? Mark 3:14

- Consistency
- Commitment
- Communication
- Creative ideas (see page 56)

What is the role of the HOLY SPIRIT? 1 Corinthians 3:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Discipleship Resources: To find resources that are available to help you grow in the area of discipleship, turn to page 42.

DISCIPLESHIP SELF-EVALUATION

Which of these statements do you identify with?

- **I need to FOLLOW Jesus.** I've learned about who He is, but I haven't fully committed my life to following Him yet.
- **I need to INTEGRATE my faith.** I've committed to following Jesus, but areas of my life don't reflect His way of life yet.
- **I need to MULTIPLY my faith.** I've found that the way of Jesus is the best life possible, and I want to help others figure this out as well.

Why did you choose that statement(s)?

What is the next step you need to take in the context of discipleship?

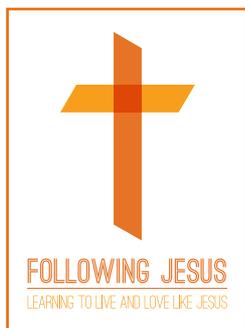
What are obstacles you might have to overcome?

What resources do you need?

If you don't have someone already, who is someone you could connect with and ask to help you grow in your faith? What is a specific step or plan to make this happen?

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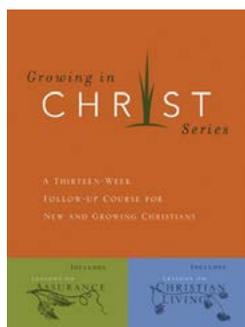
DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES



Following Jesus

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You can also download a PDF version for FREE online at calvarylife.org/discipleship



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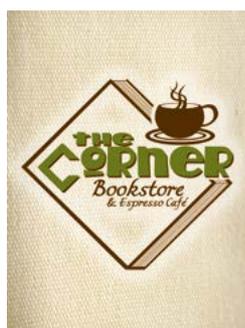
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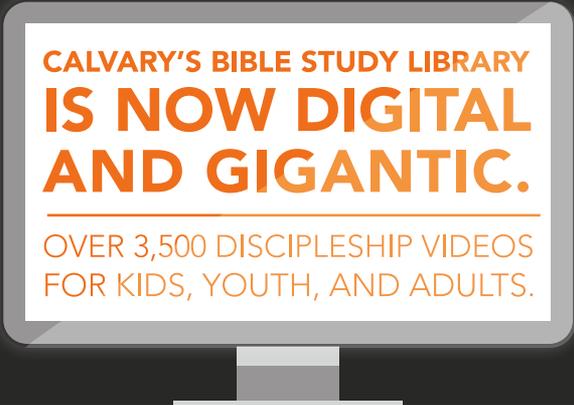
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'FOLLOWING JESUS' SAMPLE LESSON

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STEP
1

CONFIDENCE IN YOUR DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS

HOW CAN I BE SURE? DID I DO IT RIGHT? AM I REALLY GOOD ENOUGH?



STARTING THE CONVERSATION

- What are some of the big decisions you have made in your life?
- What gives you confidence that you have made a good decision?
- How would a relationship be affected if one of the people has doubts?
- If doubts affect our relationship with other people, how could similar doubts also affect our relationship with Jesus?
- What's your story of how you made the decision to start a relationship with Jesus?



TURNING TO SCRIPTURE

Hearing what God has to say can help build your confidence! Read the following verses and look for what God says is true for those who believe in Jesus. Make a list on the next page of what you find.

John 1:12

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to *those who believe in His name.*"

John 20:31

"These have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and *that believing* you may have life in His name."

Romans 10:9

"That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and *believe in your heart* that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Ephesians 1:13

"In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation- *having also believed*, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory."

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MAKE YOUR LIST HERE:



Food for Thought

THE WORD **CONFIDENCE** IS ROOTED IN THE LATIN WORD "FIDE" = FAITH. IT MEANS TO HAVE FAITH, FULL TRUST, CERTITUDE, ASSURANCE.



'FOLLOWING JESUS' SAMPLE LESSON

STEP 1 / CONFIDENCE IN YOUR DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS



TURNING TO SCRIPTURE

John 1:12 tells us that we become children of God.

How can knowing that your relationship to God is like a child to a parent help give you confidence?

John 20:31 tells us that we have life in His name.

We already have physical life, so this must be talking about some other kind of life that we have. What do you think this “life” is talking about?

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STEP 1 / CONFIDENCE IN YOUR DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS

Romans 10:9 tells us that we will be saved.

This tells us about the confidence we can have about our eternal destination. One of the crippling doubts for any relationship is the question, “Will it last?”. How can knowing the eternal status of your relationship with God give you confidence in your relationship with Him today?

Ephesians 1:13 tells us that we are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

In Biblical times, a king would put a wax seal, with his special imprint or stamp, on a document. This seal communicated that whatever was inside this document had the king’s seal of approval. It also carried with it the idea of ownership or identification. But we are not sealed with wax; God’s seal of approval and ownership is accomplished through giving us the Holy Spirit (Step 6 of “Following Jesus” will explain more about who the Holy Spirit is.) How can this image of being sealed with the Holy Spirit help further your confidence in this relationship?

Food for Thought

WHEN WE BELIEVE, GOD GIVES US HIS SEAL OF APPROVAL
BY SENDING THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE A PART OF OUR LIVES!

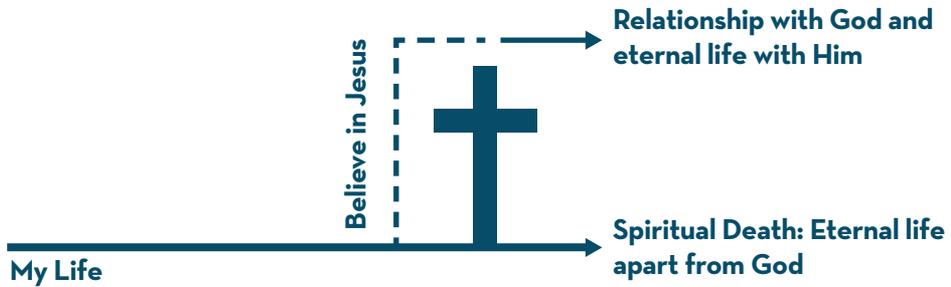


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GETTING THE PICTURE



Romans 6:23 says that “the wages of sin is death.” If a wage is something you earn, then what is earned by living our lives apart from God’s will is to spend the rest of our lives apart from God. This is the “death” talked about in Romans. This is the path that we were all on. The good news is that God has made it possible for us to have a right relationship with Him and made a way for us to have life!

Read 1 John 5:11-13. According to these verses, there are only two options: if we have the Son of God, we have life. If we do not have the Son of God, we do not have life. All we have to do is believe and put our trust in Jesus!

Where would you put yourself on the picture above? On a scale of 0% - 100%, how confident are you that you have a relationship with God?

If we believe in Jesus as the Son of God who lived a sinless life, died on the cross, was raised from the grave, and conquered sin and death, we can have 100% confidence that we have begun our new life with God, and that this relationship will continue into eternity in heaven!

1 John 5:11-13

“AND THE TESTIMONY IS THIS, THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE, AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON. HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS THE LIFE; HE WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE SON OF GOD DOES NOT HAVE THE LIFE. THESE THINGS I HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU WHO BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF THE SON OF GOD, SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.”

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STEP 1 / CONFIDENCE IN YOUR DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS

NEXT STEPS

As you have begun this new relationship and life with God, it is important to take steps and keep growing in your faith. A theology that stops at salvation is missing the full life Jesus offers. God invites us to grow up—to mature and become like Christ. Following Jesus is a process, a journey, not a one-time decision.

In any relationship, it is normal to experience doubts. Times will come when you may experience doubt in your relationship with God. And that's okay! When you experience doubts, it's important to be honest about them and seek the answers you need.

One answer you can always have confidence in is that if you have believed in Jesus, you can have 100% certainty that you have a relationship with God and have begun a new life with Him. *Our confidence for this is not because of anything we have done, but because of the complete work of Christ on our behalf!*

Here's a few things you can do this week to grow in your confidence:

- When we experience doubt, it is good to remember the truths of Scripture. Try to read John 1:12 every day this week to remind yourself of the confidence you can have as a child of God.
- Read the Gospel of John and look for evidence that Jesus is the Son of God. Also, keep an eye out for how many times Jesus says to believe in Him.
- If you want to examine the evidence for Jesus outside of the Bible, check out the book *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel, or *More than a Carpenter* by Josh McDowell.

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LEARNING TO LISTEN, ASK GOOD QUESTIONS AND PRAY

DISCIPLER EQUIPPING CLASS - WEEK 1: SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

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How can I communicate GRACE to the people I am discipling?

- Accept unconditionally
- Embrace messiness
- Model vulnerability
- Listen attentively

How can I be a better listener?

- **Attending:**
Listening in such a way that the person feels heard and understood
- **Reflecting:**
Responding compassionately with content and questions that show you heard them

HOW CAN I ASK GOOD QUESTIONS?

Try asking some of these:

- How is God inviting you into a deeper relationship with Himself?
- How is God inviting you into a deeper relationship with people in your life?
- How is God inviting you to trust Him more deeply in a circumstance or area of your life?
- Are there any relationships where you need to seek reconciliation?
- How do you see God being with you in your life right now?
- Is there something you think God is asking you to give up, either permanently or for a season?
- Can you identify any harmful patterns/habits God is inviting you to change?
- What would it look like to trust God more in a current challenge?
- Are there any relationships in your life right now where you think God is asking you to love or forgive someone who has hurt you?
- What have you been learning about God recently?
- What have you been learning about yourself recently?
- What have you been learning about healthy relationships recently?
- What are some things that you are thankful for right now?
- How are you actively pursuing God right now?
- What is an area of your life where God is inviting you to die to your self?
- How have you invested in the important relationships in your life this week?
- What is something you're looking forward to?
- Is there anything in life you are dreading right now?
- Is there anything in life you are anxious about right now?
- What steps are you taking to follow God more completely with your life?
- Is there anything in your life you are holding back from God?
- Is there anything God is asking you to take a step of faith in, but you are hesitant to take that step?
- Are there any areas of your life that feel out of balance?
- Are there any decisions you are wrestling with?
- What else is going on in your life?

What is the bottom line?

If you can **listen, ask good questions, and pray**, you have all that you need to begin discipling someone! These basic skills will equip you to walk alongside someone and provide a loving and gracious environment that will help them start growing in their faith!

LEARNING TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE GROW IN THEIR FAITH

DISCIPLER EQUIPPING CLASS – WEEK 2 : SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

How can I help other people grow in their faith? John 1:14

- GRACE + TRUTH + TIME + HOLY SPIRIT

How do I lead others in learning TRUTH? John 17:17; John 8:31-32

- You DON'T need to know everything; you DO need to know how to find the right answer.
- A simple method of study:
 - **Observe:**
What facts can I gather about this passage?
 - **Interpret:**
What was this passage communicating to the original audience?
 - **Apply:**
How can these truths apply to my life today?
- In any given passage, there is one correct **interpretation**, and many appropriate **applications**

- For many followers of Jesus, the problem is not that we don't know enough; the problem is that we do not know how, or we are not properly motivated to appropriately apply and live out what we already do know!
- John 9: A case study

How much TIME is needed for growth? Mark 3:14

- **Consistency:**
How often will we meet? How long should we meet each time?
- **Commitment:**
How long will this last? What are we committed to do during this season?
- **Communication:**
What expectations do we have of each other?
- **Creative ideas:**
Who says a meeting has to be in an office? All you need is something that allows for quality time and conversation.

CREATIVE IDEAS FOR MEETING

- A meal
- Coffee
- Exercise
- Walking or hiking
- Doing yard work
- Driving someone to the airport
- Serving together
- Going to a baseball game
- Walking your dog
- Surfing together
- Working on a project together
- At your kid's sporting event
- A double date
- Invite them over for family dinner
- Going to the beach
- Coaching a youth sports team together
- Cooking a meal together
- A play date for your kids
- Taking a class together (cooking, art, kickboxing, community college, etc.)
- Ride bikes to the beach
- Doing a craft project (scrapbooking, knitting, painting, etc.)
- Getting a pedicure
- Playing golf (or Frisbee golf!)
- Kayaking the harbor
- A mutual hobby or interest

What is the role of the Holy Spirit? 1 Corinthians 3:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:23

PANEL DISCUSSION ON DISCIPLESHIP: PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

DISCIPLER EQUIPPING CLASS – WEEK 3 : SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

Panel Discussion:

- How do I identify someone to disciple?
- How do I initiate a discipleship relationship?
- What should I do for our first time meeting?
- What should I do when I meet with them?
- Troubleshooting, tips, and techniques

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Where do I go if...

You are not on this journey alone! Hopefully you have someone investing in your life that you can always ask for help, or any of our church staff are also here to help you navigate what to do. If you have questions, you can always get in touch with Laura Copeland, Grow Ministries Director, at lcopeland@calvarylife.org

The Commission Matthew 28:18-20

“If we really want to help someone grow, we will have to help them in a way that fits their wiring. Our great model for this is God himself, for he always knows just what each person needs.

He had Abraham take a walk, Elijah take a nap, Joshua take a lap, and Adam take the rap. He gave Moses a 40-year time out, he gave David a harp and a dance, and he gave Paul a pen and a scroll. He wrestled with Jacob, argued with Job, whispered to Elijah, warned Cain, and comforted Hagar. He gave Aaron an altar, Miriam a song, Gideon a fleece, Peter a name, and Elisha a mantle. Jesus was stern with the rich young ruler, tender with the woman caught in adultery, patient with the disciples, blistering with the scribes, gentle with the children, and gracious with the thief on the cross.

God never grows two people the same way. God is a hand-crafter, not a mass-producer. And now it is your turn.

God has existed from eternity, but he wants to do a new thing with you. The problem many people face when it comes to spiritual growth is that they listen to someone they think of as the expert—maybe the pastor of their church—talk about what he does, and think that is what they are supposed to do. When it doesn’t work for them—because they are a different person!—they feel guilty and inadequate. They often give up. But spiritual growth is hand-crafted, not mass-produced. God does not do ‘one-size-fits-all.’”

-- John Ortberg, quoted in *You Lost Me* by David Kinnaman

“His concern was not with programs to reach the multitudes, but with the men whom the multitudes would follow.”

-- Robert Coleman, *The Master Plan of Evangelism*



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1 PETER 1:12

12. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us, they were ministering things which now have been reported to us through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things which angels desire to look into.

Living Before God Our Father:

- 13. Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
- 14. as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct;
- 16. because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."
- 17. And if you call on the Father, who will partially judge according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;
- 18. knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers;
- 19. but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish and without spot;
- 20. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifested in these last times for you;
- 21. who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Enduring Word

- 22. Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart;
- 23. having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever;
- 24. because "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the word of the Lord endures forever."

Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

2 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.

CALVARY MARRIAGE + FAMILY MINISTRY

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coupletalk

cracking the code
to an amazing relationship

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FAMILY MINISTRIES | CHILDREN + STUDENTS

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NEXT STEPS

Mentoring Meetup: October 5 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • Worship Center Lobby
An intentional time to help connect those looking to be mentors, and those looking to have a mentor over a casual evening of dessert. This is a great opportunity to meet someone and begin a discipleship relationship. Learn more at calvarylife.org/discipleship

The Alpha Course: Wednesdays, Oct. 1 - Nov. 19 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • Lobby
If you want to be grounded in the basics of Christianity, Alpha is the perfect context! Over the course of 8 weeks, you'll hear great content, have a safe place to ask questions and discuss your faith, and make some great new friends along the way. Dinner is included. Children's programs available. calvarylife.org/alpha

LifeGroups:

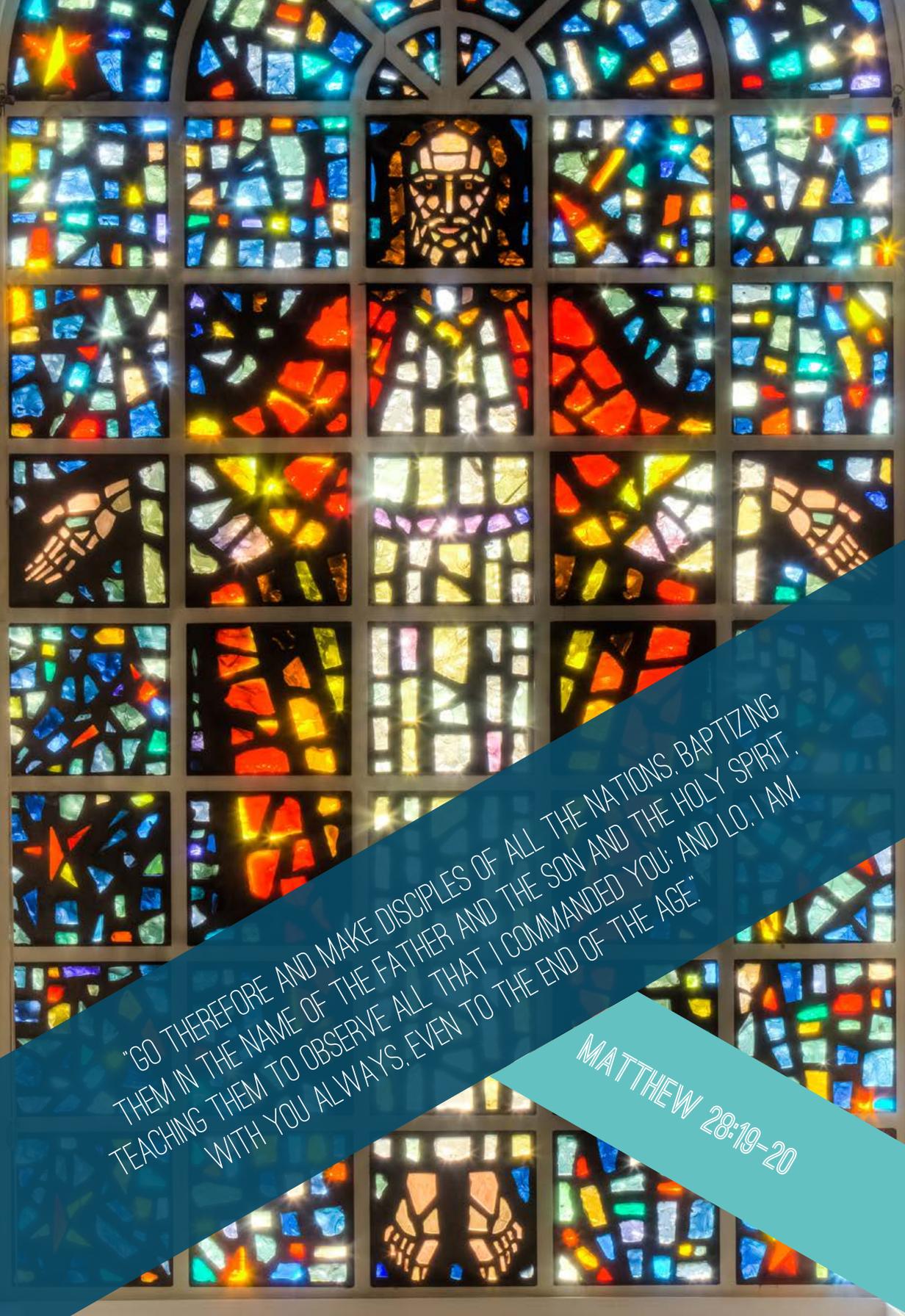
Join a smaller community where you can journey together as you help one another figure out how to follow Jesus and live your life completely integrated with your faith. These groups meet on Sunday mornings, or in homes throughout the week. It's a place to know and be known, find new friends, talk about God's truths and pray together. Learn more at calvarylife.org/lifegroups

Be Discipled:

Invite someone to speak into your life! Look for someone you trust and respect, and who could help you grow in your faith. Initiate a conversation with them, and ask them to be intentional in their time with you.

Multiply:

Look for ways to invest in the lives of those around you and help them grow in their faith. Start discipling someone. Start helping with a LifeGroup. Sign up to be a table leader for Alpha. Volunteer to be a LifeGroup leader for Children's or Student Ministries and invest in the upcoming generations. Get involved with Hope for our Marriage and be a mentor couple for other couples. The possibilities are endless!



"GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING
THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,
TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I COMMANDED YOU; AND LO, I AM
WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE."

MATTHEW 28:19-20



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