

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

February 24, 2019 8:30 AM & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude David Schmidt

Piano Wendy Baldwin

Announcements

Hymn 408 "How Firm a Foundation"

Scripture Reading Psalm 119:49-64 responsively

Prayer

Hymns 370, 372 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" "Our God Reigns"

Pastoral Prayer

Message

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

John 7:17

Pastor Cal VanderMey

Benediction Hymn 667 "Lord, Speak to Me"

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday- 6:30 pm

Tuesday Precept Bible study at 6:30pm. Wendy Baldwin teaching

Tuesday Bible study at 7pm. Just bring your Bible! Pastor Cal teaching

No Wednesday Choir Practice at 7pm

Thursday Precept at 9:15 on the book of Revelation with Margaret Was

Ladies fellowship Thursday at 10am

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell teaching

Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God

Psalm 119

⁴⁹ Remember the word to Your servant,

Upon which You have caused me to hope.

⁵⁰ **This is my comfort in my affliction,**

For Your word has given me life.

⁵¹ The proud have me in great derision,

Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.

⁵² **I remembered Your judgments of old, O LORD,**

And have comforted myself.

⁵³ Indignation has taken hold of me

Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.

⁵⁴ **Your statutes have been my songs**

In the house of my pilgrimage.

⁵⁵ I remember Your name in the night, O LORD,

And I keep Your law.

⁵⁶ **This has become mine,**

Because I kept Your precepts.

⁵⁷ *You are* my portion, O LORD;

I have said that I would keep Your words.

⁵⁸ **I entreated Your favor with my whole heart;**

Be merciful to me according to Your word.

⁵⁹ I thought about my ways,

And turned my feet to Your testimonies.

⁶⁰ **I made haste, and did not delay**

To keep Your commandments.

⁶¹ The cords of the wicked have bound me,

But I have not forgotten Your law.

⁶² **At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You,**

Because of Your righteous judgments.

⁶³ *I am* a companion of all who fear You,

And of those who keep Your precepts.

⁶⁴ **The earth, O LORD, is full of Your mercy;**

Teach me Your statutes.

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

Spiritual Reproduction is what Discipleship is all about

Discipleship is not:

1. _____
It's not about implanting information for knowledge's sake.
2. _____
Fellowship is to take place in the church; discipleship in the world.
3. _____
Intellectual exercise is not enough unless there is life change.

Discipleship is...

1. _____ (Matthew 28:20)
It's a command, not a suggestion, to imitate what Jesus did with the 12.
2. _____ (II Timothy 2:2)
We must "multiply" as Christians, because addition won't keep up with the population growth.
3. _____ (I Thessalonians 2:7-8)
Jesus lived with His men, and invested His life in them.

Disciple making involves a developmental relationship, where a mature Christian invests in (mentors) a willing "apprentice," so that he/she not only matures as well, but also becomes a multiplying Christian.

The Original Blueprint...

Jesus modeled for us a lifestyle of spiritual reproduction. It was "on the job training" in real life contexts. Here's Jesus' IDEA of spiritual reproduction:

- I- _____ in a real life context.
- D- _____ in a real life context.
- E- _____ in a real life context.
- A- _____ in a real life context.

This strategy worked right into the 4th century. Then we dropped the ball.

Why?

1. _____
2. _____