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GOALS OF THE CLASS:

1. To help you identify where you are on your spiritual journey to disciple-making
2. To give clear and applicable guidance from Scripture on how to progress to the next level of disciple-making
3. To encourage you and give you the tools you need to help OTHERS get to the next level of disciple-making also

TERMS TO DEFINE:

1. **Disciple** — Someone who is continually transforming their life into becoming more like Jesus
2. **Disciple Maker** — Someone who “disciples” someone else to help transform them into being more like Jesus. Either from a state of non-belief to belief, or, more importantly, to continually turn simple believers into true disciples—those who walk as Jesus walked.

THE 4 CHAIRS REPRESENT THE 4 CHALLENGES OF JESUS:

1. THE SEEKER — “Come and see” (John 1:39)
2. THE BELIEVER — “Follow me” (John 1:43)
3. THE WORKER — “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Mat. 4:19)
4. THE DISCIPLE MAKER — “Bear much fruit” (John 15:16)

LESSON 1: IF WE WANT THE CHURCH TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE, WE MUST MAKE DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES

1. Our church's vision is to be where Christ Lives, People Love, and Lives Change. All these require inside-out life-transformation.
2. Jesus commanded Christians to make disciples WHO make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20), otherwise the early church would have died out, and ours will too if we don't do as Jesus commanded.
3. The true biblical definition of a disciple is someone whose life is continually being transformed into the image of Christ.
4. Making disciples does NOT simply mean converting someone into a believer. It means walking them through the process of transformation to being like Christ, until they themselves are able to make disciples.
5. If we want Holly Hill to survive, then we MUST learn to make disciples WHO make disciples.

LESSON 2: JESUS' FOUR CHALLENGES – JESUS DEVELOPED PEOPLE FROM NON-BELIEVERS TO DISCIPLE MAKERS

1. Jesus' method of disciple making was to develop people in four distinct stages from a state of non-believer to becoming a disciple maker themselves. We must ALSO work on developing everyone in the congregation to the next level of disciple making.
2. Jesus challenged people who didn't know Him to "Come and See" (JOHN 1:39), a no-commitment invitation to learn about Him and consider who He is. These people are SEEKERS, but have not yet committed their lives to Jesus.
3. Jesus challenged those who developed a belief in Him by saying "Follow Me" (JOHN 1:43), an invitation to walk along side of Him and learn His way of life. These people are BELIEVERS, but have not yet learned to walk fully in step with Jesus.

4. Jesus challenged those who had been following Him by saying, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” (MATT. 4:19). This challenge is:

Relational — “Follow me”

Intentional — “I will make you”

Missional — “fishers of men”

This challenge invites believers into ownership of Jesus mission and work. We deepen our **RELATIONSHIP** with Jesus with the **INTENTION** of working toward His **MISSION**. The people who respond to this challenge of Jesus are **WORKERS**, but not yet fully trained in disciple making.

5. Jesus challenged those who were working alongside Him to “Go And Bear Fruit” (JOHN 15:16). At this point, Jesus no longer calls his disciples “servants,” but “friends,” (v. 15) because now they have been fully trained, and their agenda aligns completely with that of Jesus. The people who respond to this challenge become **DISCIPLE MAKERS**, and will train others to be disciple makers as well.

LESSON 3: CHAIR 1 — PEOPLE IN CHAIR 1 (LOST/SEEKERS) ARE SPIRITUALLY DEAD AND NEED A JESUS FOLLOWER TO ENTER THEIR LIFE RELATIONALLY

THE REALITY OF THOSE IN CHAIR 1 — WHAT WE MUST UNDERSTAND IN ORDER TO TRULY CARE ABOUT SOULS:

1. **They are dead** — Ephesians 2:1 — “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins”
2. **They follow the “course of the world,” and follow the prince of the power of the air** — Ephesians 2:2 (ESV) — 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—
3. **They are “children of wrath”** — Ephesians 2:3 (ESV) — 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
4. **They are hostile to God, and CANNOT submit to Him** — Romans 8:7 (ESV) — 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot.

5. **They cannot please God** — Romans 8:8 (ESV) — 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
6. **They are destined to eternity separated from God** — Revelation 20:15 (ESV) — 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

JESUS' PROCESS TOWARD SEEKERS (MUST BE OUR PROCESS, TOO):

1. **He left His heavenly home and entered into our world — He gave up things in order to minister to seekers.**
Philippians 2:6–8 (ESV) — 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
2. **He prepared Himself, learning the context and culture in which He was sent — He was prepared to minister to seekers**
Luke 2:52 (ESV) — 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.
3. **He made Himself available to the will of His Father — He was “on call” to pick up everything and minister to seekers**
Matthew 3:13 (ESV) — 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.
Luke 22:42 (ESV) — 42 saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”
4. **He intentionally developed relationships — He built friendships with seekers**
John 1:39 (ESV) — 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.
5. **He responded to those who showed interest — He looked for and waited for a response from seekers to go deeper with them**
John 1:38 (ESV) — 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”
Mark 10:51 (ESV) — 51 And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.”
6. **He challenged seekers to repent, believe, and be baptized — He followed up and made sure people understood their need for salvation**
Matthew 3:2 (ESV) — 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
Matthew 4:17 (ESV) — 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Mark 16:16 (ESV) — 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN CHAIR 1:

I. Chair 1 people need Christ followers in their lives who are willing to enter into their world relationally.

- A. Who has God placed right around you?
- B. How can you get more involved in the lives of the people around you?
- C. How can you build influence and trust within your relationships?

II. Chair 1 people need Christ followers who have prepared themselves

- A. Do you have a relationship with Jesus yourself?
- B. Do you understand the context and culture of the society around you?
- C. Have you made it a habit of speaking freely about spiritual things?
- D. How can we prepare ourselves better?

III. Chair 1 people need Christ followers who make themselves available to the will of the Father

- A. How can we better make ourselves available to the will of the Father?
- B. What stands in our way to keep us from being available for God's work?

IV. Chair 1 people need Christ followers who invest in friendships

- A. What is preventing us from investing more time and effort into relationships?
- B. What are some ways we can make investing in friendships more of a priority?

IV. Chair 1 people need someone to present the gospel clearly to them.

- A. Do you know how to convey the gospel message on the spur of the moment?
- B. Do you yourself have a clear understanding of the gospel message so that you can convey it clearly to others?
- C. What are some ways we can be prepared to present the gospel?

PRINCIPLES FOR MINISTRY TO PEOPLE IN CHAIR 1:

I. The challenge to "come and see" is a simple challenge.

- A. Why is it simple?
- B. How can we make it more commonplace?

II. Outreach is a process. Many Chair 1 people will need to hear the good news several times before they are ready to receive it. They need

SPIRITUAL CPR:

- C = Cultivate
- P = Plant
- R = Reap

III. We must wholeheartedly believe that JESUS is the ONLY way someone can be in a relationship with God and be saved

- A. John 14:6 (ESV) — 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- B. Acts 4:12 (ESV) — 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
- C. If we don't reminder ourselves regularly that Jesus is the ONLY way to a relationship with God, how will that hamper our disciple making?

IV. Evangelism is most effective when we are motivated by love.

- A. “Fulfilling the great commission with a great commandment heart”
 - 1. Great commission — Matt 28:18-20
 - 2. Great commandment — Matthew 22:36–39 (ESV) — 36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
- B. How can loving God and loving others make us better disciple makers?

V. Disciple making is a byproduct of a healthy body.

- A. John 15:1–2 (ESV) — 1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- B. What does it say about our congregation if disciple making is at the core of our mission?
- C. What does it say about our congregation if disciple making is left left to a select few in the congregation?

VI. Evangelism is best achieved through relationships.

- A. Jesus fostered relationships — John 1:39 (ESV) — 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.
- B. How can we get more relationally focused?

VII. We reap in proportion to what we sow.

- A. What would happen if we never planted the seed of the gospel?
- B. Is more or less likely that we will harvest many souls for God if we are constantly involved in disciple making?

LESSON 4: CHAIR 2 PEOPLE ARE INFANTS IN CHRIST, AND NEED TO LEARN HOW TO LIVE A CHRISTIAN LIFE BY HAVING IT MODELED TO THEM BY MORE MATURE DISCIPLES

DESCRIPTION OF PEOPLE IN CHAIR 2:

1. They receive the Holy Spirit when they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:38)
2. They are made “alive together with Christ” (Ephesians 2:5).
3. They have passed from “death” to “righteousness” (Rom. 5:17-19)
4. They are a “new creation” (2 Cor. 5:17)
5. They now are following Jesus, learning to walk as He walked (John 1:43)
6. However, they are spiritual infants, requiring the nurture of more mature disciples to help them grow (Hebrews 5:12-14)
7. Discussion Questions:
 1. WHY DO SO MANY DISCIPLES FAIL TO MATURE IN CHRIST, AND REMAIN INFANTS INSTEAD?
 2. ARE WE MATURE *ENOUGH* TO ACCEPT THE DIFFICULT FACT THAT MANY OF US IN THIS ROOM ARE STILL SPIRITUAL INFANTS?
 3. WOULD YOU HAVE ENOUGH HUMILITY TO REALIZE THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE FAILED TO MATURE IN CHRIST?
 4. WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE MAY STILL BE SPIRITUAL INFANTS?

JESUS SPENT TIME WITH HIS FOLLOWERS, AND GOT TO KNOW THEM AND MODELED THE CHRISTIAN LIFE FOR THEM IN ORDER TO HELP THEM GROW FROM SPIRITUAL INFANCY

1. He took His followers to a wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)
2. Spent a “few days” in Capernaum with His followers (John 2:12)
3. He “spent time with them” in Judea (John 3:22)
4. Discussion Questions:
 1. WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY DID OR TALKED ABOUT DURING THESE TIMES?
 2. DO WE SPEND TIME WITH PEOPLE IN CHAIR 2 AND GET TO KNOW THEM? WHY OR WHY NOT? WHAT SHOULD THE RESULT BE?
 3. HOW CAN WE BECOME MORE INTENTIONAL ABOUT SPENDING TIME TOGETHER?
 4. ARE WE MODELING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AS WE SPEND TIME WITH PEOPLE IN CHAIR 2?
 5. HOW DO CHILDREN LEARN WHAT TO DO, AND HOW TO DO IT?

JESUS' MODELED SIX FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING FOR HIS FOLLOWERS TO GROW INTO:

1. Jesus modeled full dependency on the Holy Spirit

1. Jesus was conceived by the Spirit (Luke 1:35)
2. Anointed by the Spirit (Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38; Isa. 61:1)
3. Filled with the Spirit (Luke 4:1, 14; John 3:34)
4. Sealed by the Spirit (John 6:27) (Eph. 1:13)
5. Led by the Spirit (Luke 4:1)
6. Rejoiced in the Spirit (Luke 10:21)
7. Gave commands by the Spirit (Acts 1:2)
8. Performed miracles by the power of the Spirit (Matt. 12:28; Luke 4:14–15, 18)
9. Was resurrected by the Spirit (Rom. 8:11)
10. Through the Spirit presented Himself fully obedient (Heb. 9:14)
11. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
 1. ARE WE FULLY DEPENDENT ON THE HOLY SPIRIT? WHY OR WHY NOT?
 2. WHAT IS IT THAT KEEPS US FROM DEPENDING MORE ON THE SPIRIT IN OUR CHRISTIAN WALKS?
 3. WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN LIFE LED BY THE SPIRIT LOOK LIKE?
 4. HOW DO YOU PLAN TO BE LED MORE BY THE SPIRIT THIS WEEK?

2. Jesus modeled the centrality of prayer in His life and ministry

1. His ministry began in prayer (Luke 3:21)
2. His ministry ended in prayer (Luke 23:46)
3. Shortly after His baptism the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness, where He launched His ministry with forty days of fasting and no doubt, lots of prayer (Luke 4:1)
4. Jesus slipped away to pray when things got busy (Mark 6:31)
5. Before the major decision of appointing his twelve apostles, Jesus spent all night in prayer (Luke 6:12-13)
6. Jesus would "OFTEN" slip away into the wilderness to pray (Luke 5:16)
7. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
 1. WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE JESUS PRAYED SO OFTEN?
 2. HOW WOULD OUR LIVES BENEFIT FROM MORE PRAYER?
 3. HOW CAN WE GET MORE INTENTIONAL ABOUT PRAYING DURING THE TOUGH AND BUSY TIMES?

3. Jesus modeled the importance of obedience to His Father's will

1. Jesus was obedient to His earthly parents, Mary and Joseph (Luke 2:51)
2. For His entire life He was obedient to His Heavenly Father, which caused suffering, but through the suffering, He learned obedience (Heb. 2:18; 5:8)
3. Jesus Himself said, "I seek not to please myself but him who sent me" (John 5:30)

4. Jesus said that His will was to do what the Father desired, “Yet not my will, but yours be done” (Luke 22:42)
 5. Jesus taught His disciples the importance of obedience, telling them to “go and make disciples ... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matt. 28:19–20)
 6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
 1. WHY ARE WE SO OFTEN MORE CONCERNED WITH OUR WILL THAN WITH GOD’S WILL?
 2. WHAT MUST WE REALIZE AND ACCEPT ABOUT THE RESULTS OF TRUE OBEDIENCE, AS JESUS REALIZED AND ACCEPTED?
 3. HOW CAN WE BECOME LESS SELFISH AND MORE SACRIFICIAL IN OUR OBEDIENCE?
- 4. Jesus modeled God’s Word as central to His life and ministry**
1. He used Scripture to handle temptation (Matthew 4:4)
 2. He understood that He came to fulfill the O.T. Law (Matthew 5:17)
 3. Jesus asked the Pharisees to refer back to Scripture (Luke 6:3)
 4. He rebuked people for not knowing the Word of God (Mark 12:24)
 5. Jesus recognized Scripture as His guide for knowing the Father’s will and understanding His own role in the world (John 19:28)
 6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
 1. WHAT PREVENTS US FROM HAVING A FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE?
 2. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE, LIKE JESUS, FULLY LIVED THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SCRIPTURE SHOULD BE THE GUIDING STANDARD IN OUR LIVES?
 3. DO WE DEMONSTRATE THAT WE BELIEVE SCRIPTURE SHOULD BE THE LENS THROUGH WHICH WE UNDERSTAND OUR ROLE IN THE WORLD? WHY OR WHY NOT?
- 5. Christ consistently modeled the pattern of exalting His Father in every area of life**
1. He made sure His disciples knew that everything He had been given had come from the Father (John 17:17)
 2. Again and again, Jesus claimed, “I do nothing on my own.... Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work” (John 8:28; 14:10)
 3. Jesus acknowledged that His entire ministry was to bring glory to the Father (John 17:1–4)
 4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
 1. IS EVERYTHING WE DO BRINGING GLORY TO THE FATHER? IF NOT, WHY NOT?
 2. HOW DO WE SOMETIMES DEMONSTRATE THAT WE SEEK THE GLORY INSTEAD OF GIVING IT TO GOD?
 3. HOW CAN WE TRANSFORM OUR LIVES TO BRING GLORY TO GOD IN EVERY MOMENT?

6. Jesus modeled intentional relationships of love and integrity throughout His life

1. Part of the reason for Jesus' coming to earth was so that deity could dwell among us, and relate to us (John 1:14)
2. Jesus built loving relationships with a core group of people who were transformed in love through those relationships (John 13:34–35)
3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
 1. IF THIS WAS THE MODEL JESUS USED IN MAKING DISCIPLES, WHY DO WE NOT DO IT MORE OFTEN?
 2. HOW CAN WE BECOME BETTER AT INTENTIONALLY BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER BELIEVERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCIPLE MAKING?

THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN CHAIR 2 (NOTICE THEY ARE ALL THE SAME THINGS A CHILD NEEDS TO LEARN):

1. Children in Christ need to learn their identity in Christ

1. **(WHAT?)** Identity = the fact of being who are what a person or thing is
2. It is important for a child to know their identity in the family **(WHY?)**
 1. So they know whose authority they fall under
 2. X So they learn to embrace family values
 3. So they don't align themselves with a different family
 4. So they are confident of, and comforted by, who their parents are
 5. So they can contribute to the good of the family
3. **WHEN WAS JESUS REMINDED OF HIS IDENTITY?** Jesus was reminded of His identity at His baptism (Matthew 3:17)
4. We must be reminded, because our identity is so different from what it was in the world (Ephesians 2)
 1. **What were some aspects of our identity in the world?**
 2. **How are we now identified in Christ?**
5. We have a completely different identity in Christ
 1. SIN HAS NO POWER OVER US — Romans 6:1-14
 2. THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION — Romans 8:31-39
 3. JESUS IS WORKING ON OUR BEHALF — Hebrews 4:14-16
 4. WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE — Romans 6:23
 5. WE HAVE BLESSINGS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT — Galatians 5:22-23; Acts 2:38
 6. WE HAVE TRUE PEACE AND HOPE — Romans 15:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 7. WE ARE PART OF GOD'S FAMILY — Ephesians 2:19-22
6. Being aware of our identity is not just knowing WHO we are, but WHOSE we are

7. Satan tempted Jesus' identity right after baptism (Matthew 4) — We must not be fooled into thinking he doesn't do the same with us

1. How has Satan tempted YOUR identity, or how might he tempt the identity of believers?

8. According to Ephesians 2, how can we embrace our identity?

1. By participating in the work of God — Ephesians 2:10

9. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT WERE SOME OF THE ASPECTS OF OUR IDENTITY IN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO EPHESIANS 2?

2. HOW ARE WE NOW IDENTIFIED IN CHRIST ACCORDING TO EPHESIANS 2?

3. HOW DO SOMETIMES DEMONSTRATE WE FAIL TO SEE OURSELVES THROUGH THE LENS OF OUR NEW IDENTITY IN CHRIST?

4. HOW WOULD OUR LIVES CHANGE IF WE STARTED OWNING OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST?

2. Children in Christ need to learn how to walk on their own

1. * What are the stages of children learning to be mobile from infancy onward?**

1. They first learn to roll over

2. Then they learn to sit up

3. Then they learn to scoot themselves around

4. Then they learn to crawl

5. Then they learn to stand

6. Then they learn to take their first wobbly steps

7. Then they learn to walk

8. Then they learn to run

2. *What is the normal attitude of parents with each of these stages?**

3. *What should be our attitude when new believers take the same steps spiritually?**

4. *What are some of the stages of development that new believers need to go through to learn to walk on their own? (We've already discussed them)**

1. Learning to trust in the Holy Spirit

2. Learning to pray

3. Obeying through difficulties

4. Becoming Word-Centered
5. Exulting God in everything
6. Then building new relationships of love and integrity

5. *Why do children learn to walk?**

1. Because they see other people doing it!
 2. Parents
 3. Grandparents
 4. Older siblings
6. But without models demonstrating this journey, it can take MUCH longer
1. We must encourage new believers to learn to walk
 2. We must model it for them
 3. We must celebrate the little victories on the way
 4. We must help them when they fall
7. If infants in Christ do not learn to walk in Christ, they WILL walk in darkness (1 John 1:5-10)
1. We all will learn to walk in something — It takes intentionality to walk in Christ
 2. 1 John 1:5–10 (ESV) — 5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1. *What are the two choices here?**

1. Walking in light
2. Walking in darkness

2. *What are the characteristics of “Christians” who walk in darkness?**

1. Lie
 1. What are they lying about?
 2. How many lying “Christians” do we have out there?
 3. Could you be lying to yourself?
2. Do not practice the truth

3. *****What would you expect the tell-tale signs to be of a “believer” in the church who is still walking in darkness?**
 1. No Fellowship
 2. Not living in good works — Ephesians 2:10

4. *****What does it mean to “practice the truth”?**
 1. To live out the things the truth indicates

5. *****WALKING IN THE LIGHT — What does it NOT mean to “walk in the light” according to this context?**
 1. It doesn’t mean to not sin, since we are told that we all sin
 2. And we must confess our sins

6. *****What does it mean to “Walk in the light”?**
 1. It means we “get behind Jesus” we align ourselves with Him
 2. John 8:12 (ESV) — 12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
 3. We walk in the light when we follow Jesus — When we keep striving for the things Jesus modeled

7. *****What are the characteristics of believers who learn to walk in the light?**
 1. They have fellowship with one another
 2. The blood of Christ cleanses them from all sin

8. *****What should be the signs of someone who is learning to walk in the light?**
 1. Will start living out the things Jesus modeled
 1. Learning to trust in the Holy Spirit
 2. Learning to pray
 3. Obeying through difficulties
 4. Becoming Word-Centered
 5. Exulting God in everything
 6. FELLOWSHIP — Then building new relationships of love and integrity

9. *****How Are You Doing At Learning To Walk?**

10. **How Can We Practically Model Walking To Fellow Believers?**
 1. Service projects
 2. Being more spiritual with each other

1. praying together
2. talking about the Holy Spirit
3. Praising God to each other
4. Reading the Bible together
3. By confessing our sins to each other and telling each other of our weaknesses
4. What Else?

3. Children in Christ need to learn how to TALK

1. A child learning to talk
 1. They start with incoherent babble
 2. When they do form words, they are not always the correct words at the correct time — Kids say the funniest things
 1. Gideon in Walmart: “Lady, you’re so old! Your face is so wrinkly!”
 3. Teaching kids to talk can be as funny as it is challenging
 4. How many of us as Christians have learned to “talk”?
 5. How many of us still have not learned to “talk”?
2. Once a child learns to talk, what do they talk about?
 1. About their needs (to their parents)
 2. About their friends
 3. Their mommy and daddy
 4. Talk about their imagination
 5. THE THINGS THAT MATTER TO THEM — THEIR WORLD
 6. What should be a disciple’s “world”?
3. What does it mean to “talk” in a spiritual sense?
 1. To communicate our needs to God
 2. To communicate our “world” to others
 3. Anything else?
4. Communicating With God
 1. TEXT: Matthew 6:9–13 (ESV) — 9 Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 2. Questions
 1. What aspects of communication with God do you see here?
 1. Desire for God’s exultation (Hallowed be your name)
 2. Desire for God’s rule to grow (Your Kingdom come)
 3. Desire for God’s will to be done (your will be done)
 4. Request for daily needs (Give us this day our daily bread)
 5. Request for forgiveness (and forgive us our debts)
 6. Request for help in temptation (Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil)

2. What do our prayers tend to look like a lot of the time?
3. In what ways do we need to learn how to better “TALK” with God, using this passage as a guide?
5. Communicate Your “World” To Others
 1. Psalm 71:14–21
 1. TEXT: Psalm 71:14–21 (ESV) 14 But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more. 15 My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. 16 With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone. 17 O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. 18 So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come. 19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you? 20 You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again. 21 You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.
 2. QUESTIONS:
 1. What things do you see the psalmist wants to communicate to others about his “world”?
 1. v. 15
 1. God’s righteous acts
 2. Deeds of salvation, the amount of them
 2. v. 16
 1. God’s righteousness (No one else’s — Magnify God over others)
 3. v. 17
 1. His younger years and How God worked during them (“from my youth”)
 2. Wondrous deeds
 4. v. 18
 1. That he doesn’t plan to stop anytime soon (“even to old age”)
 2. God’s might/power to future generations
 5. v. 19
 1. The great things God has done
 2. That there is no one else like God
 6. v. 20-21
 1. Of God’s past guidance and discipline
 2. Of God’s future resurrection and glory

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2. What things should we be learning to TALK about to others regarding our story and God's story using this passage as a guide?

APPENDIX: PRESENTING THE GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

THE STORY OF GOOD NEWS

1. JESUS IS MY GOD AND MY CREATOR — John 1:1-5
2. JESUS BECAME HUMAN TO RELATE TO ME, BUT DIDN'T SIN — Jn. 1:14; Heb. 4:15
3. JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO PAY FOR MY SINS — 1 Pe. 2:24; Rom. 5:8-11; Heb. 9:22
4. JESUS ROSE AGAIN TO GIVE HOPE THAT HE CAN RAISE ME, TOO — Rom. 6:1-7; 1 Cor. 6:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14; Lk. 24:6-7
5. JESUS WENT TO HEAVEN TO WORK ON HIS BELIEVERS' BEHALF — Heb. 4:14-16
6. JESUS IS COMING TO REWARD HIS CHURCH, BUT PUNISH EVIL — Matt. 25:31-33
7. JESUS IS KING OF HIS CHURCH, AND WANTS ALL TO ENTER — Col. 1:15-23

BENEFITS OF BEING A DISCIPLE (A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH)

1. SIN HAS NO POWER OVER US — Romans 6:1-14
2. THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION — Romans 8:31-39
3. JESUS IS WORKING ON OUR BEHALF — Hebrews 4:14-16
4. WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE — Romans 6:23
5. WE HAVE BLESSINGS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT — Galatians 5:22-23; Acts 2:38
6. WE HAVE TRUE PEACE AND HOPE — Romans 15:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
7. WE ARE PART OF GOD'S FAMILY — Ephesians 2:19-22

NOTE: THE OPPOSITE OF ALL THESE IS TRUE IF WE ARE NOT A MEMBER OF JESUS' CHURCH:

1. SIN DOES HAS POWER OVER US — Ephesians 2:1-3
2. THERE WILL BE CONDEMNATION — John 12:48; Revelation 20:11-15
3. WE ARE NOT ON JESUS' TEAM, WE ARE HOSTILE TO GOD — Romans 8:5-8
4. WE FACE ETERNAL DEATH — 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; Matthew 25:46
5. WE DO NOT YET HAVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT — Acts 2:38
6. WE CAN NEVER HAVE TRUE PEACE — Isaiah 48:22; 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3; Luke 19:41-42
7. WE ARE NOT PART OF GOD'S FAMILY — 1 John 3:10; John 8:44

HOW TO BECOME A DISCIPLE (ENTER THE CHURCH)

1. **BELIEVE IN JESUS** — *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” — Jesus (John 3:16)*
2. **REPENT OF YOUR SINS** — *“From that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’” — Jesus (Matt. 4:17)*
3. **BE BAPTIZED AND BE OBEDIENT TO EVERY COMMAND OF JESUS** — *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” — Jesus (Matt. 28:19-20)*