

PRAYER EMPHASIS 2019 SEPTEMBER
PART 4 - HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES

1. Go in the authority of Jesus

Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Feeling weak, powerless, fearful, and intimidated thinking about fulfilling the Great Commission?
No need to fret: this task wasn't commanded in order for you to accomplish it by your own ability and power.
Who has the authority to command us to go and make disciples?
Who has the authority to give us the grace and power needed to accomplish this task?

Lord, thank You for the task You have given me to go and make disciples. Help me to remember that I am not required to accomplish it by my own ability and power. You are the One with authority and power. Please give me the grace and power needed to accomplish the task You have given me.

2. Make disciples of all nations

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What does "make disciples of ALL the nations" mean?
Is there any room provided in this command for exclusion of individuals based on appearance, race, culture, location, life experiences, language, social status, finances, education, popularity, or any other societal qualification we can concoct?
Have you excluded anyone from your list of those with whom you are willing to share the good news of Jesus?
Let's go deeper. Making disciples requires teaching, time, and the love of Christ. Is there anyone in whom you are unwilling to invest these things?
If so, why?

Lord, I confess that sometimes I take on an exclusive outlook when seeking to fulfill the Great Commission. Will You please forgive me? Help me to see others with Your eyes, to understand the eternal possibilities You have in store for them, and to love them as You love them.

3. Baptize them

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What is the purpose of being baptized?
How can we encourage new believers to go beyond their initial decision of salvation to take that first step of obedience as disciples: baptism?

Lord, as others come to know You, please remind me make time to encourage them to take that first step of obedience as disciples: baptism. Let the public witness of their baptisms speak loudly for the whole world to see. Let it influence the people around them to be drawn to You. Let it give them opportunities to share their testimonies of what You have done for them.

4. Teach them to observe God's commands

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In addition to baptizing new believers, what else should we be doing for them as part of disciple making?
In order to teach new believers to observe what Christ has commanded, what will we need to do?
Do you know the things Christ has commanded?
Are you obeying the things Christ has commanded?
Are you teaching others to observe what Christ has commanded?

Lord, help me to devote myself to learning, obeying, and teaching all that You have commanded.

5. Remember God is with you

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What great promise does Christ give us as disciple makers?
How can that promise help us to fulfill the task He has given us to be disciple makers?

Lord, thank You that You are always with me, even to the very end. Let Your wonderful presence provide me with all that is needed to accomplish the task of being a disciple maker for You.

6. Spread God's word

Acts 6:7 - The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

How can we spread God's Word?
According to this verse, what is the result of spreading the Word of God?

Lord, please help me to learn Your Word, and then use me to spread Your Word so that more people will become Your disciples and become obedient to the faith.

7. Preach the gospel

Romans 10:14-15 - "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

What is the good news that we, as believers, have to share with others?
How can others know that good news if we DON'T share it?
What does this verse say about those who share the good news of Jesus?

Lord, others are waiting to hear the good news of Jesus so that they can believe. Send me, O Lord. Send me, and empower me to boldly tell the good news of Jesus to those who are waiting to hear.

8. Teach repentance

Acts 3:19 - "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;...."

The apostles and prophets have all taught repentance. What should we, as disciple makers, also be teaching? According to this verse, what is the result of repenting and returning to the Lord? Isn't this something you would like to see happen for every person? Is there anything that could change our world more than this?

Lord, please give me the strength, the courage, the love, and the words to encourage others to repent and return to You, so that their sins may be wiped away, and so that times of refreshing may come from You. May every person I know and meet come to have this experience with You.

9. Speak to those who are receptive and to those who are unreceptive

Acts 13: 46-48 - Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. 47 For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I have placed You as a light for the Gentiles, That You may bring salvation to the end of the earth.'" 48 When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.

There were two different kinds of people listening to Paul and Barnabas speak the Word of God: those who were receptive and rejoiced, and those who were unreceptive and refused to accept it. Will it be any different for us when we share the Word of God?

Did the refusal of those who were unreceptive keep Paul and Barnabas from sharing God's Word? Should we let a poor reception keep us from sharing God's Word?

Lord, help me not to be discouraged or disillusioned when others are not receptive to hearing Your Word. Grant me grace and power to continue to speak Your Word boldly so that those who ARE receptive may rejoice, believe, and glorify You.

10. Introduce family members to Jesus

John 1:41-42 - One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Whom did Andrew introduce to Jesus?
How was he related to Andrew?
Are you introducing family members to Jesus?

Lord, give me the courage and love needed to introduce family members to You. Give me obvious opportunities to speak about Jesus to family members who don't know Him.

11. Introduce friends to Jesus

John 1:44-51 - Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49 Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel." 50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Whom did Philip introduce to Jesus?

Was this a friend, or a family member?

Are you introducing your friends (or acquaintances) to Jesus?

Notice that Philip didn't try to answer Nathanael's question. He wasn't interested in debating the issue with Nathanael. Philip merely said, "Come and see." We don't have to answer every question a person might have, or get into big debates with them. We need only invite them to come learn and decide for themselves.

Lord, which of my friends or acquaintances would You like to meet today? Open a door for me to introduce that person to You. Prepare the way before me and help them to be willing to come and see You for themselves.

12. Introduce strangers to Jesus

Acts 2: 38-41 - Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." 40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" 41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Acts 14:21 - After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,

Peter and Paul both frequently met with strangers, both privately and publicly, in order to tell them about Jesus.

Are you introducing strangers to Jesus?

If not, why not?

What are some possible opportunities to speak to strangers about Jesus?

Are you taking advantage of those opportunities?

Lord, please open my eyes to see the opportunities You provide for me to speak to strangers about Jesus. Remove from me a spirit of timidity, and replace it power, love, and self-discipline so that I will take advantage of the opportunities to share Christ with people I meet on a daily basis.

13. Intentionally find people to introduce to Jesus

John 1:45 - "Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'"

John 9:35-40 - Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you." 38 And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him.

Philip intentionally sought out Nathanael in order to tell him about Jesus. Jesus, Himself, intentionally sought out the man who was born blind in order to speak to Him about his faith.

Are you intentionally seeking out people with whom you can share Christ?

If not, why not?

How can you make that intentionality a greater priority?

Lord, You have already prepared someone's heart to receive You. They are waiting for me to seek them out and bring them to You. Please show me who that person is and help me to obediently, lovingly, lead that person to You.

14. Be open to unusual opportunities

Acts 8: 26-39 - But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.) 27 So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." 30 Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: "He was led as a sheep to slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He does not open His mouth. 33 "In humiliation His judgment was taken away; Who will relate His generation? For His life is removed from the earth." 34 The eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. 36 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 37 And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing.

What are some unusual aspects of Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch?

What are some things God did to prepare for this encounter?

What are some things that Philip likely did to prepare for this encounter?

What were the results of this preparation?

How are you preparing for unusual encounters, or "divine appointments", that God places in front of you?

Will you immediately obey, as Philip did, when presented with a "divine appointment"?

Lord, please remind me to daily pray and study Your word so that I can be ready for Your divine appointments. Help me to clearly recognize those divine appointments. Prepare my heart and mind to be willing and obedient. Give me wisdom, insight, and discernment so that I will know how to share Your Word in the best way with those I encounter.

15. Be flexible and available

Matthew 9:18-26 - While He was saying these things to them, a synagogue official came and bowed down before Him, and said, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live." 19 Jesus got up and began to follow him, and so did His disciples. 20 And a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak; 21 for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His garment, I will get well." 22 But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well." At once the woman was made well. 23 When Jesus came into the official's house, and saw the flute-players and the crowd in noisy disorder, 24 He said, "Leave; for the girl has not died, but is asleep." And they began laughing at Him. 25 But when the crowd had been sent out, He entered and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. 26 This news spread throughout all that land.

Jesus was constantly met with fresh requests to help others, often interrupted with new needs in the midst of answering those requests. How did Jesus respond to the constant barrage of needs?

Sometimes, we are bombarded with the needs of those around us. How do you respond to the constant barrage of needs?

Lord, You responded with calmness, graciousness, and kindness when bombarded with needs. Please help me to do the same so that others can see You in me.

16. Speak with boldness

Acts 4:23-31 - When they [Peter and John] had been released, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is You who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them, 25 who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, 'Why did the Gentiles rage, And the peoples devise futile things? 26 'The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the Lord and against His Christ.' 27 For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur. 29 And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, 30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

According to verse 29, what did the early church pray that God would help them do?

How did God answer their prayer?

Can God also enable us to speak the word of God with boldness?

Have you prayed for God to enable you to speak His word with boldness?

Lord, grant that I, Your bond-servant, may speak Your word with boldness.

17. Point others to God

Acts 3: 11-16 - While he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called portico of Solomon, full of amazement. 12 But when Peter saw this, he replied to the people, "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, the one whom you delivered and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. 14 But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses. 16 And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

Did Peter and John take credit for the healing of the lame man?

What did they tell the people about the healing of the man?

Do you point others to God when He works in wonderful ways, or do you take credit for yourself?

What are some ways you can point others to God?

Lord, You are the Great and Good God. You do all things well. You are gracious and answer my prayers, providing for me in many wonderful ways. Help me to remember to point others to You as I see You at work. Help me to remember to claim no glory for myself.

18. Explain God's way accurately

Acts 18:26-28 - and he [a Jew named Apollos, who had come to know Christ] began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace, 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

What did Priscilla and Aquila do for Apollos?

Why was this an important and beneficial thing to do?

Are you accurately explaining the way of God to others?

Will you be able to do that if you don't know Scripture?

How can you be better prepared to accurately explaining God's way to others?

Lord, help me to study Your Word diligently so that I can accurately explain Your way to others. Grant me wisdom, discernment, and understanding as I study.

19. Obey God

Acts 5: 19-21 - But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them [the apostles] out he said, 20 "Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life." 21 Upon hearing this, they entered into the temple about daybreak and began to teach.

Acts 5: 27-32 - When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man's blood upon us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross.31 He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

The apostles were arrested and put in prison for teaching about Jesus. What did the angel of the Lord command them to do after delivering them from prison?

What did the high priest command them to do?

How did the apostles respond?

When your faith is challenged, who will you choose to obey: God, or men?

What might choosing to obey God rather than men look like in our own society?

What is the result of obeying God rather than men in many parts of the world today?

Lord, You are the One who has granted repentance and forgiveness of sins to me. May Your Holy Spirit help me to obey You rather than men.

20. Teach and proclaim the resurrection of the dead

Acts 4:1-4 - As they [Peter and John] were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them, 2 being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

What were Peter and John doing that got them arrested?

What was the result of the message they taught?

Are you teaching others and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead?

What might the result be if you do?

Lord, please grant me boldness and power to teach others and proclaim to them in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. May many who hear the message believe!

21. Strengthen and encourage other believers

Acts 14:22 - strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

This verse is found in a passage about Paul and Barnabas. How were these two men strengthening the souls of the disciples?

How are you strengthening the souls of other believers?

What are some ways you can do that?

Lord, please use me to strengthen the souls of other believers by encouraging them spiritually.

22. Encourage believers to stand firm in the faith

Acts 11: 23-24 - Then when he [Barnabas] arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord; 24 for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.

What did Barnabas do when he saw the grace of God at work in others?
What was the result of rejoicing and encouraging others to remain true to the Lord?
Do you rejoice when you see God's grace at work in others?
Are you encouraging others to remain true to the Lord?
How can that help grow the kingdom of God?

Lord, open my eyes to see Your grace at work in other people that I may rejoice. Help me to encourage others to remain true to You. May Your kingdom grow as a result.

23. Encourage believers to continue on in the Lord

Acts 13: 42-43 - As Paul and Barnabas were going out, the people kept begging that these things might be spoken to them the next Sabbath. 43 Now when the meeting of the synagogue had broken up, many of the Jews and of the God-fearing proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in the grace of God.

What were Paul and Barnabas encouraging others to do?
Are you continuing in the grace of God?
Are you encouraging others to continue in the grace of God?

Lord, help me to continue in Your grace and encourage others to do the same.

24. Spend time together with believers telling what God has done

Acts 14:27-28 - When they [Paul and Barnabas] had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 And they spent a long time with the disciples.

What was the first thing Paul and Barnabas did when they arrived?
Once the church was gathered together, what did the two men say?
Was it a brief meeting?
Do you purposefully gather together with your church?
When gathering together with other believers at your church, do you tell the things that God has done in and through you?
Do you tell about opportunities God has given you to share Christ, and how God has opened doors for others to believe?
How much time do you spend with others believers telling what God has done?

Lord, as the church gathers together this week (and each week) give us each a testimony to tell about how You have worked this week, opportunities You have given us to share Christ, and how You have opened doors for others to believe. Keep me from being distracted by the clock, and help me to focus on sharing the wonder of You.

25. Live a life of devotion and sincerity

Acts 2:43-47 - Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. 44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; 45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. 46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

How did the early believers demonstrate lives of devotion and sincerity?

What was the result?

Are you demonstrating a life of devotion and sincerity in similar ways?

If not, why not?

What needs to change?

What will be the result if you choose to live a life of devotion and sincerity?

Lord, help me to keep a sense of awe as I see You at work. Help my faith to overflow into action, maintaining a spirit of generosity, compassion, unity, gladness, and sincerity of heart, praising You always for all things. As I live a life of devotion and sincerity, may many see You at work and be saved.

26. Spend special time teaching them

Matthew 20:16-18 - So the last shall be first, and the first last." 17 As Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them, 18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death,

Jesus took the twelve disciples aside by themselves and taught them. He spent special time with them.

Are you spending special time teaching others who are seeking to follow Christ?

How do you need to rearrange your schedule in order to make that a priority?

Lord, help me to purposefully rearrange my schedule in order to spend special time teaching others who are seeking to follow You.

27. Walk the walk

Matthew 23:1-3 - Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples, 2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses; 3 therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things and do not do them.

What was one of the main problems of the scribes and Pharisees?

It is easy to see hypocrisy in others. The question is, can we see it in ourselves?

What are some ways you may be talking the talk, but not walking the walk?

What needs to change?

Lord, please forgive my hypocrisy. I have been talking the talk, but not walking the walk, when I _____. Help me to live a life of genuine Christ-likeness.

28. Encourage and support

Acts 9: 26-27 - When he [Paul] came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.

How did Barnabas support Paul in his new found faith?
How can we support those who have recently put their faith in Christ?

Lord, guide me to new believers who need encouragement and support. Help me to spend time mentoring them and introducing them to other believers.

29. Do your part

Ephesians 4:16 - "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

What is your part in the body of Christ?
What special gift has the Holy Spirit given you to be used in building up the church?
Are you using your spiritual gifts to build up the church?

Lord, help me to do my part in building up the church by using my spiritual gifts for You.

30. Teach in God's house

Acts 13: 13-16 - Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; but John left them and returned to Jerusalem. 14 But going on from Perga, they arrived at Pisidian Antioch, and on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. 15 After the reading of the Law and the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it." 16 Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen:

It was Paul's habit on his journeys to find a meeting place for worship. He looked for opportunities to teach in God's house.

Are you faithfully meeting with other believers each week?
Do you go prepared to teach God's Word?
If not, why not?

Lord, I will meet faithfully with other believers each week, looking for opportunities to teach others Your Word. I will prepare for those opportunities by studying Your Word each day. Give me the wisdom and the words needed as I teach so that You may be glorified.