

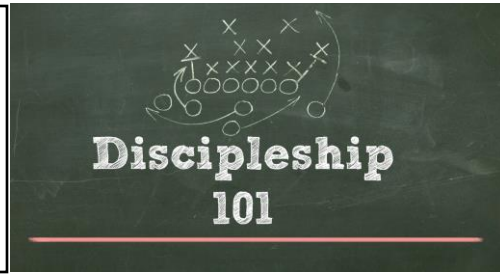
Discipleship 101.

2/5 What it Means to Be a Disciple

2/12 What it Means to Make Disciples

2/19 What it Means to Serve like a Disciple

2/26 What it Means to Love like a Disciple



Intro:

- The three most difficult years
 - Year 3- The Honeymoon is over
 - Year 7- Stuck in a rut, but am I Stuck with you
 - Year 11- Same 'Ol ways and that is OK.
- Who am I and Why am I here?
- Vision casting and Brainstorming on Feb 19th

I. What is a Disciple (Matthew 28:16-20)

- Wrong concepts of discipleship
 - Get out of Jail free
 - I know the answers!
- Greek = mathetes (a disciple); matheteuo (to make disciples)
- Disciple = follower, learner, pupil, apprentice of a master; implies a training relationship.
 - We are called "disciples" over 250 times in the New Testament.
 - • We are called "Christians" three times.
- Surrender, Follow, Learn, Emulate, Invite
- We are called not to just believe but to follow and be like Him (1 John 2:6)
- Self Examination: Are we growing more like Christ and are we helping others to do the same?

II. United Methodist mission statement.

"We exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

- What impact did Jesus have? How did He live?
- Zombie faith? (James 2:14-17)
- Self Examination: What impact are we making on the world around us for Christ's sake? Can the people around us feel the impact that the Gospel has because of what they see in us and through us?

III. My Own Mission Statement

"My mission as a follower of Jesus Christ is to develop an honest and sincere faith that deepens my love and desire for God and for others, that is lived out in such a way that attracts and invites others to follow Christ, to live in grace toward others around me, and to make an impact on the world around me."

- Easier way of saying it: I want to love God, love others, and I want to make a difference by showing others Jesus in me and inviting them to follow.
- What's it mean?
 - Honest and Sincere faith
 - Pep Rally Faith vs Deep and Steady faith
 - Are we allowed to ask, seek, and Knock?
 - Attractive to Others (Titus 2:10)
 - Make 'em thirsty!
 - Living in grace toward others
 - Golden Rule
 - Overlooking Quirks
 - Love those you disagree with
 - Never be UnChristlike
 - Forgive, Forgive, Forgive
 - Makes an Impact
 - Self Examination: If we were gone, who would notice and who would care?

Conclusion:

- Is it possible some of us aren't growing in Christ-likeness because we actually don't want to be like Jesus?
- If that is you, if you don't want to be like Jesus, do you at least want to want to be like Jesus?

PRAYER

Dear Father, I want to be like Jesus. Or at least, I want to want to be like Jesus. I confess that at many times and in many ways I have not lived like his disciple. I admit I need help, I need training, I need support, I need encouragement and accountability. Today I am ready to take the next step in my own growth and in helping others grow. Amen.

