

“Putting it All Together”

Becoming the People God Wants Us to Be #7

INTRODUCTION

This week we conclude our series on the 6 Qualities of a Disciple. The series is subtitled “Becoming the People God Wants Us to Be” because as Christ’s disciples we are all in the process of becoming. In this study we consider who we were, who we are and who we will become as followers of Jesus.

Ice Breaker (Optional): What is the longest trip you have ever taken?

STUDY QUESTIONS (45 MIN)

Q1. Read Ephesians 2:1-3, Romans 12:2, 2 Peter 1:3-4, Our journey as disciples of Christ means that we are undergoing transformation. Where did we begin this journey according to Ephesians 2:1? How does Romans 12:2 tell us we can determine God’s will along the way? 2 Peter 1:3-4 tells us we rely on God’s power to receive his great and precious promises and become partakers in the divine nature. What do you consider God’s great and precious promises to you?

We want to be disciples who SEEK GOD

Q2. Read Luke 9:23, Romans 15:4 and definitions of Passionate Devotion and Biblical Perspective

We seek God through cultivating both our Passionate Devotion and our Biblical Perspective. Which of these came first for you; passionate devotion to God which motivated you to seek out His word, or study of God’s Word, that revealed why you should have passionate devotion for the one it speaks of? Which of these two qualities is most developed in you? Which is least developed? How will you seek to strengthen that area?

We want to be disciples who SERVE OTHERS

Q3. Read Matthew 28:18-20; John 13:34; Definitions

Jesus’ commission to make disciples is found in Matthew 28:20. What have you found to be the most effective way to teach other followers to obey God’s commandments? How does the “Great Commandment” to love one another, find expression through the application of the stewardship of our various resources (money, time, spiritual gifts...)?

We want to be disciples who live TOGETHER

Q4. Read 1 Peter 3:8; John 13:34; 1John 3:16; Definitions

In the book of 1 Peter chapter 3 details the specific authority and responsibilities of husbands and wives. Verse 8 however is addressed to “all of you”. What is it that all of us need to practice in order to maintain healthy family relationships? As members of the family of believers we are commanded to love one another (John 13:34). What did Jesus tell us, and demonstrate, as the greatest display of love? What are some of the practical ways that we can lay down our lives for our friends?

WRAP-UP

New Life’s mission statement is simple, yet profound because it captures the essence of who God has called us to be and what He has called us to do. Discipleship is more than just “knowing,” or even “doing” the right things. Discipleship is about “becoming” the people God wants us to be. As disciples of Jesus, we should live in a way that demonstrates each of the six qualities identified in our series; Passionate Devotion, Biblical Perspective, Responsible Stewardship, Missional Mindset, Healthy Family and Authentic Community.

Memory Verse

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23 ESV

PRAYER (20 MIN)

Ask your group to pray for you regarding one area where you can apply this study in your life: _____

Pray for your group members’ needs:

Challenge: Determine one active step you will take to partner with God in living as a disciple of Christ and tell someone who will encourage you in it.

Q1.

Ephesians 2:1-3 ESV - 1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 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 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.

Romans 12:2 ESV - 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Read 2 Peter 1:3-4 in your Bible

Q2

Luke 9:23 ESV - 23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

"Passionate Devotion- We want to be people who are not just redeemed from our sin, but who live in relationship with our Savior - people who are passionately devoted to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ."...

Romans 15:4 ESV - For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

"Biblical Perspective- Believing that the Bible is God's inspired Word; we want to evaluate everything in our lives in the light of God's Word and seek to build our lives on the foundation of His Truth."...

Q3

Missional Mindset - Believing that life is not "all about us," but all about knowing God and doing his will, we will seek to spend our lives fulfilling Christ's Great Commission – "to Make Disciples," (Matthew 28:18-20) and, Christ's Great Commandment – "to Love One Another," (John 13:34.) This will mean seeing the people in our lives – our family, our friends, our neighbors, our co-workers, our community, and our world as people we are called to love and serve. ...

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

John 13:34 ESV - 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

Responsible Stewardship- Knowing that all we have has been given by God, and that we are but mere "stewards and managers," we will become personally responsible to steward our resources well. We believe that biblical stewardship begins in our hearts as a loving intent, but extends through our hands in loving action....

Q4

Healthy Family As the family is our primary source of nurture, our first school in life, the foundation of our society, and our first priority in ministry, we commit ourselves to the development of healthy marriages and families. ... We all will seek to develop a true sense of "family" within the fellowship of our church.

Authentic Community Understanding that Christ's command to "love one another" (John 13:34) is more than just a suggestion, we will actively involve ourselves in relationships that seek authentic community....

1 Peter 3:8 ESV - 8 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

John 13:34 ESV - 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

John 15:13 ESV - 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

1 John 3:16 ESV - 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

Prayers Con't: _____
