

- **GOALS & GUIDELINES:**
- **ICEBREAKER:** Name something someone taught you that you use frequently...
- **AGREEMENT PRAYER**
- **Praise**
- **SCRIPTURE READ**

Jesus has called us to be his Disciples. ‘Disciple’ is one of the most frequently used words in the Gospels: Mathew, Mark, Luke, & John. Clearly this is a noun Jesus wants us to understand. A disciple is one who learns at the feet of Jesus. We talked in our last gathering about disciples are identified by spending time with Jesus.

Jesus gives another identifier of a disciple in John 8. **Q- Name this identifier in our John 8 scripture. Q- What do you think is the point Jesus trying to drive home here?**

Believing in Jesus is incredibly important. There are many places where Jesus teaches us the importance of believing. John 3:16 is one of these most quoted verses, and in it Jesus says, “Whoever believes in Him (Jesus the son) shall not perish but have everlasting life.” Belief is very important, yet Jesus requires His disciples to take a step beyond professing a belief.

A disciple must do more than believe. A disciple must do more than have a bumper sticker or a t-shirt. A Disciple must do more than attend a meeting. Jesus says, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.”

Q- What are Jesus’ teachings?

It may be difficult for us to name the teachings of Jesus. To be fair, Jesus taught a lot, but as disciples shouldn’t we know what He taught? Jesus is asking His disciples to do more than know His teachings, He is asking them to hold to His teaching. **Q- What does it mean to “hold” to a teaching?**

For example, Jesus taught us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. To hold to that teaching means to put that lesson into practice no matter the circumstance. Holding to the teaching means we love others even when they are not easy to love. Living the lesson is at the same time more difficult and more life changing than professing a belief.

Disciples should know and hold to the teachings of Jesus. Then Jesus tells us about the ‘end’ result. **Q- What does John 8:32 tell us about the ‘end’ result of holding to Christ’s teaching?**

When we hold to His teaching, Jesus says, “Then we will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free.” The teachings of Jesus are not a bondage of rules, but they are freedom from sin, death, and destruction.

As disciples who spend time WITH JESUS and AT THE FEET OF JESUS; we must be found holding to His teaching.

Q- What does Jesus tell us about “his words” in Matthew 7:24, and can anyone tell us about this parable?

This is the well-known parable of the wise man who built his house upon the rock, and the foolish man who built his house upon the sand. The rock is His teaching. Hearing Jesus’ word and putting into action is how you build a house that will stand against the storms of life. The sand is building your life on anything else...

Q- What does Jesus proclaim about His teaching in John 14?

Loving Jesus requires obeying Jesus. Are we loving disciples? Are we obedient disciples? Are we knowing the truth? Are we holding to His teaching? I am sure we could all improve in this area. **Q- Before we pray, let’s share some ways we could do better at knowing and keeping the teachings of Jesus?**

Internal Question- Are you a disciple of Jesus? Are you learning, holding, and obeying His teaching? Jesus, we invite you to convict our hearts. Help us to do better at knowing You and following You. Help us to hide Your Word in our hearts and live it out every day in Your Spiritual freedom. {PRAY}

Vision – Disciples hold to the teaching of Jesus. Spend time learning His teaching and living His teaching. Start a Gospels Reading Plan! A 90 day plan to read chronologically through the Gospels is on the back of the scripture sheet.

Goals and Guidelines

1. Grow in relationship with each other
2. Grow in relationship with God
3. Grow in number and multiply
 - This is a non-denominational meeting where everyone's thoughts, ideas, and opinions are to be respected. Everyone is welcome and we encourage all to share their feelings.
 - We will not argue or debate!
 - We place God's Word as the highest authority.
 - We all share equally in the ownership of this Connect Group, therefore we will all participate in hosting meetings from house to house on a weekly basis.
 - We will be committed to attendance and arriving on time.
 - When sharing, we follow 3 simple rules...
 - Stay on subject, keep it short & Keep all comments appropriate.
 - We will build confidence and trust with each other and become transparent.
 - What is said in here, stays in here! No gossip!
 - Last but not least... We will invite others to our Connect Group!

John 8:30-32(NIV) 30 Even as he spoke, many believed in him. 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Matthew 7:24 (NIV) "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

John 14:23-24(NIV) 23 Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

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Harmony of the Gospels in 90 Days

- Mt 1:1-17; Lk 1:1-4; Jn 1:1-18
- Lk 3:23-38; Lk 1:5-38
- Lk 1:39-80
- Mt 1:18-25; Lk 2:1-38
- Mt 2:1-23; Lk 2:39-52
- Mt 3:1-17; Mk 1:1-11; Lk 3:1-23
- Mt 4:1-11; Mk 1:12-13; Lk 4:1-13; Jn 1:19-34
- Jn 1:35-2:25
- Jn 3:1-36; Mt 4:12; Lk 3:19-20
- Jn 4:1-45
- Mt 4:13-22; Mk 1:14-20; Lk 4:14-31; Jn 4:46-54
- Mk 1:21-39; Lk 4:31-44; Mt 8:14-17; Mt 4:23-25
- Lk 5:1-26; Mk 1:40-2:12; Mt 8:1-4; Mt 9:1-8
- Mt 9:9-17; Mk 2:13-22; Lk 5:27-39
- Jn 5:1-47
- Mt 12:1-14; Mk 2:23-3:6; Lk 6:1-11
- Mt 12:15-21; Mk 3:7-19; Mt 5:1-12; Lk 6:12-26
- Mt 5:13-48; Lk 6:27-36
- Mt 6:1-7:6; Lk 6:37-42
- Mt 7:7-29; Lk 6:43-49
- Mt 8:1, 5-13; 11:2-19; Lk 7:1-35
- Mt 11:20; Lk 7:36-8:3; Mt 12:1-12:32
- Mt 12:33-50; Mk 3:20-35; Lk 8:19-21
- Mt 13:1-23; Mk 4:1-20; Lk 8:4-15
- Mk 4:21-34; Lk 8:16-18; Mt 13:24-46
- Mt 13:47-53; 8:23-37; Mk 4:35-41; Lk 8:22-25
- Mt 8:28-34; Mk 5:1-20; Lk 8:25-39
- Mt 9:18-26; Mk 5:21-43; Lk 8:40-56
- Mt 9:27-38; 13:54-58; Mk 6:1-6
- Mt 10:1-42; Mk 6:7-11; Lk 9:1-5
- Mt 11:1; 14:1-12; Mk 6:12-30; Lk 9:6-10
- Mt 14:13-21; Mk 6:31-44; Lk 9:10-17; Jn 6:1-13
- Mt 14:22-36; Mk 6:45-56; Jn 6:14-21
- Jn 6:22-71
- Mt 15:1-20 Mk 7:1-23; Jn 7:1
- Mt 15:21-38; Mk 7:24-8:9
- Mt 15:39-16:20; Mk 8:10-30; Lk 9:18-21
- Mt 16:21-17:9; Mk 8:31-9:10; Lk 9:22-36
- Mt 17:10-21; Mk 9:11-29; Lk 9:37-43
- Mt 17:22-18:6; Mk 9:30-41; Lk 9:43-50
- Mt 18:7-35; Mk 9:42-50
- Jn 7:2-31; Lk 9:51-62; Mt 8:19-22
- Jn 7:32-8:20
- Jn 8:21-59
- Lk 10:1-42
- Lk 11:1-44
- Lk 11:45-12:34
- Lk 12:35-13:21
- Jn 9:1-41
- Jn 10:1-42
- Lk 13:22-14:24
- Lk 14:25-15:32
- Lk 16:1-17:10
- Jn 11:1-44
- Jn 11:45-54; Lk 17:11-37
- Mt 19:1-15; Mk 10:1-16; Lk 18:1-17
- Mt 19:16-30; Mk 10:17-31; Lk 18:18-30
- Mt 20:1-28; Mk 10:32-45; Lk 18:31-34
- Mt 20:29-34; Mk 10:46-52; Lk 18:35-19:10
- Lk 19:11-28; Jn 11:55-12:11; Mt 26:6-13; Mk 14:3-9
- Mt 21:1-11; Mk 11:1-11; Lk 19:29-44; Jn 12:12-19
- Mt 21:12-17; Mk 11:12-18; Lk 19:45-48; Jn 12:20-36
- Jn 12:36-50; Mt 21:18-27; Mk 11:19-33; Lk 20:1-8
- Mt 21:28-46; Mk 12:1-12; Lk 20:9-19
- Mt 22:1-22; Mk 12:13-17; Lk 20:20-26
- Mt 22:23-40; Mk 12:18-34; Lk 20:27-40
- Mt 22:41- 23:36; Mk 12:35-40; Lk 20:41-47
- Mt 23:37-24:14; Mk 12:41-13:13; Lk 21:1-19
- Mt 24:15-31; Mk 13:14-27; Lk 21:20-28
- Mt 24:32-51; Mk 13:28-37; Lk 21:29-36
- Mt 25:31-26:16; Mk 14:1-11; Lk 21:37-22:6
- Mt 26:17-20; Mk 14:12-17; Lk 22:7-13; Jn 13:1-20
- Mt 26:21-25; Mk 14:18-21; Lk 22:21-38; Jn 13:21-38
- Mt 26:26-29; Mk 14:22-25; Lk 22:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Jn 14:1-31
- Jn 15:1-16:15
- Jn 16:16-17:26
- Mt 26:30-46; Mk 14:26-42; Lk 22:39-46; Jn 18:1
- Mt 26:47-56; Mk 14:43-52; Lk 22:47-53; Jn 18:2-12
- Mt 26:57-68; Mk 14:53-65; Lk 22:54; Jn 18:13-24
- Mt 26:69-27:10; Mk 14:66-72; Lk 22:55-71; Jn 18:25-27; Acts 1:18-19
- Mt 27:11-14; Mk 15:1-5; Lk 23:1-12; Jn 18:28-38
- Mt 27:15-26; Mk 15:6-15; Lk 23:13-25; Jn 18:39-19:16
- Mt 27:27-34; Mk 15:16-23; Lk 23:26-32; Jn 19:17
- Mt 27:35-44; Mk 15:24-32; Lk 23:33-43; Jn 19:18-27
- Mt 27:45-58; Mk 15:33-45; Lk 23:44-52; Jn 19:28-38
- Mt 27:59-28:8; Mk 15:46-16:8; Lk 23:53-24:8; Jn 19:39-20:1
- Lk 24:9-12; Jn 20:2-18; Mk 16:9-11; Mt 28:9-15; Mk 16:12-13; Lk 24:13-32
- Lk 24:33-43; Mk 16:14; Jn 20:19-21:25; 1 Cor. 15:3-5
- Mt 28:16-20; Mk 16:15-20; Lk 24:44-53; Acts 1:3-12; 1 Cor 15:6-7