

Hebrews 10:22-23-²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

REVIEW

WEEK 1-The Original Messengers

WEEK 2- The Original Church

WEEK 3- The Original Ministers

ORIGINAL DISCIPLES – Week 4

- The first disciples were the best of the best
- He invited them to respond

Matthew 4:18-22-¹⁸ One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. ¹⁹ Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”²⁰ And they left their nets at once and followed him. ²¹ A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. ²² They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

- Do we respond like this or do we get distracted?
- He took them through a process
- S.C.M.D.
- His disciples testified to this process
- John 13:1
- Jesus commanded them to go (Matthew 28:10)
- He didn't say go find someone else to disciple you
- The message (Acts 2:42-47)
- We are called to make disciples which means we have to learn to be one
- Refusing to enter into God's designed process is refusing Jesus
- Hebrews 5:11-14

HUMILITY

Being a disciple and making disciples starts with Humility

1 Timothy 1:15-17-¹⁵ This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all. ¹⁶ But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.

- Not that I have arrived but I press on- (Philippians 3:12-14)
- I am the least deserving of all Gods people- (Ephesians 3:8)

Psalms 51:16-17- You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. ¹⁷The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

- Pour into reliable men with humility

2 Timothy 2:1-2- Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. ²You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

CLOSE

- 1) What are you hearing today?
- 2) Are you responding to God to be a disciple and make disciples?
- 3) Should you be teaching others now but instead are needing to be taught? Cry out to God.
- 4) Do you have a heart of humility?
- 5) Do you need to accept Jesus?

Small Group Discussion & Personal reflection:

Opening Question: Who is someone that you would want to model your life after?

Main Point: *Jesus commanded His followers to make DISCIPLES of others. As we grow in spiritual maturity, we are to bring others along with us.*

Read/Tell the Story: 1 Kings 19:19-21, 2 Kings 2:1-15 (Elisha succeeds Elijah)

Questions:

1. Why do you think Elijah kept asking Elisha to stay behind?
2. Being tested reveals what we are committed to. How have you been tested recently? What did you learn about yourself?
3. What area of your life do you wish you were more committed to?
4. How did Elisha model his life after Elijah?
5. What qualities have you observed in others that you would like to make a part of your own life?
6. What does it look like to disciple someone?
7. How can you encourage others to serve the Lord, particularly when you're not there to help them?
8. What do you hope someone will take from your life and reproduce with others?

Supporting Scripture:

- Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Timothy 1:13, 2 Timothy 2:2

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