

CLEMSON FOOTHILLS CHURCH: CORE4

THE GOSPEL
DISCIPLESHIP
COMMUNITY
DISCIPLEMAKING

THE GOSPEL

AT THE CLEMSON FOOTHILLS CHURCH EVERYTHING WE BELIEVE BEGINS AND ENDS WITH THE GOSPEL.

READ PHILIPPIANS 1:27 ← NO REALLY, READ THIS

THE GOSPEL ANSWERS THE QUESTION OF WHY:

- WHY SHOULD I BE DEVOTED TO READING AND LIVING OUT THE WORD OF GOD?
- WHY SHOULD I HAVE A SEXUALLY PURE DATING RELATIONSHIP?
- WHY SHOULD I FORGIVE MY BROTHER?
- WHY SHOULD I LOVE THAT JERK IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?
- WHY SHOULD I INVEST IN MY LOCAL CHURCH COMMUNITY?
- AND SO ON....

WE BELIEVE THE GOSPEL SIMPLIFIES EVERYTHING WE DO AND EMPOWERS US TO ENJOY BEING HIS DISCIPLE!

- WHEN IT COMES TO MARRIAGE...LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL
- WHEN IT COMES TO DATING...LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL
- WHEN IT COMES TO REACHING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND CO-WORKERS...LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL
- WHEN IT COMES TO REPENTANCE...LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES OUT LOUD

JOHN 3:16

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-10

MATTHEW 4:17-20 (THIS IS TRICKY CAN YOU FIND THE GOSPEL MESSAGE?)

WHY DOES IT MATTER SO MUCH?

1) THE GOSPEL FREES US FROM A PERFORMANCE BASED RELIGION

CHRISTIANITY GENERALLY IS PRACTICED IN A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT WAYS. BOTH OF THESE FOOL US INTO A LIFELESS, BURDENED STYLE OF RELIGION THAT IS SIMPLY ONE BIG CHORE.

- GOD DOESN'T REALLY LIKE ME OR APPROVE OF ME. I MUST DO GOOD THINGS TO GET CLOSE TO HIM
- OR
- I NEED GOD TO MAKE MY LIFE GOOD AND EASY. IF I SAY CERTAIN THINGS AND DO CERTAIN THINGS HE WILL GIVE ME GOOD THINGS.

THE GOSPEL SAYS THAT JUST DOING GOOD THINGS ISN'T WHAT MAKES HIM LIKE YOU, IN FACT HE LOVED YOU AND ME WHEN WE WERE IN COMPLETE REBELLION TO HIM. HOW WOULD THIS FACT CHANGE THE WAY WE FOLLOW JESUS?

Being able to articulate the gospel with accuracy is one thing; having its truth captivate your soul is quite another. The gospel is not just supposed to be our ticket into heaven; it is to be an entirely new basis for how we relate to God, ourselves, and others. It is to be the source from which everything else flows.

-J.D. Greear

BUT WON'T THIS MAKE ME APATHETIC SPIRITUALLY AND CAUSE ME TO NOT TAKE SIN SERIOUSLY?

THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE IS TRUE!

“AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER” -JESUS

BEING PASSIONATELY CAPTIVATED BY THE GOOD NEWS, CATAPULTS US INTO A LIFE OF DEVOTION AND LOVE. OR SOMETHING CALLED:

DISCIPLESHIP

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WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

- SOMEONE WHO HAS DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS
- SOMEONE BEING CHANGED BY JESUS (MOVING ON TO MATURITY)
- SOMEONE WHO IS ON A MISSION TO MAKE OTHER DISCIPLES
- SEE MATTHEW 4:19

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

- THE PRACTICAL DAY TO DAY LEARNING, LIVING AND TRANSFORMATION AS A STUDENT OF JESUS
- SEE MATTHEW 4:19

JESUS TEACHING METHODS ARE VERY SIMPLE

- FEED ON THE WORD OF GOD
 - JOHN 1:1-5
 - JOHN 1:14
 - JOHN 6:35-51
- OBEY THE WORD OF GOD
 - 1 JOHN 5:1-5
 - JAMES 1:22-25
 - DO YOU READ THE BIBLE WITH OBEDIENCE IN MIND?
- DISCIPLESHIP IS MEANT TO BE DONE IN COMMUNITY NOT ISOLATION
 - ACTS 2:42-47
 - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26
- DID THE EARLY CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THIS?
 - 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17
 - HEBREWS 4:12-13
- IF WE ARE NOT FEASTING ON HIS WORD WE HAVE VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE TO OBEY HIM
- THE BEAUTY OF JESUS' CALLING IS THAT IT IS MEANT TO BE LIVED OUT WHERE WE LIVE, WHERE WE WORK AND WHERE WE PLAY
- IF YOU HAVEN'T YET BEGIN BUILDING SOME HEALTHY SPIRITUAL HABITS
 - DAILY BIBLE STUDY
 - DAILY PRAYER
 - DAILY INTERACTION WITH OTHERS FROM THE CFC

MEN & WOMEN TAKING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO LIVE A VIBRANT LIFE OF
DISCIPLESHIP

NATURALLY LEADS TO HEALTHY

SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY OF FAITH

COMMUNITY OF FAITH...HOW ABOUT CHURCH?

- LOCAL COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS
- ACTS 2:42-47
- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31
- ROMANS 12:1-21

NOT JUST HAVING THE HEAD KNOWLEDGE

- STRIVING TO LIVE THIS OUT DAILY
- REJECTING CONSUMERISTIC CHRISTIANITY BY
 - CONTRIBUTING TO MY SMALL GROUP
 - INTENTIONALLY PARTICIPATING IN GROUP GATHERINGS
 - STRIVING TO KNOW OTHERS AND TO BE KNOWN BY OTHERS

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTION:

IF I WERE TO STOP MEETING WITH THE CHURCH WOULD ANYONE NOTICE A DIFFERENCE?

EXCELLING IN THE ONE ANOTHER WAY

1. "...LOVE ONE ANOTHER..." (JOHN 13:34)
2. "BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER IN BROTHERLY LOVE..." (ROMANS 12:10)
3. "...HONOR ONE ANOTHER ABOVE YOURSELVES. (ROMANS 12:10)
4. "LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER..." (ROMANS 12:16)
5. "...LOVE ONE ANOTHER..." (ROMANS 13:8)
6. "...STOP PASSING JUDGMENT ON ONE ANOTHER." (ROMANS 14:13)
7. "ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER, THEN, JUST AS CHRIST ACCEPTED YOU..." (ROMANS 15:7)
8. "...INSTRUCT ONE ANOTHER." (ROMANS 15:14)
9. "...HAVE EQUAL CONCERN FOR EACH OTHER." (II CORINTHIANS 12:25)
10. "...SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE." (GALATIANS 5:13)
11. "CARRY EACH OTHER'S BURDENS..." (GALATIANS 6:2)
12. "...BE PATIENT, BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE." (EPHESIANS 4:2)
13. "BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER..." (EPHESIANS 4:32)196.
14. "SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER OUT OF REVERENCE FOR CHRIST." (EPHESIANS 5:21)
15. "DO NOT LIE TO EACH OTHER..." (COLOSSIANS 3:9)
16. "BEAR WITH EACH OTHER..." (COLOSSIANS 3:13)
17. "...FORGIVE WHATEVER GRIEVANCES YOU MAY HAVE AGAINST ONE ANOTHER." (COLOSSIANS 3:13)
18. "TEACH...[ONE ANOTHER]" (COLOSSIANS 3:16)
19. "...ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER (COLOSSIANS 3:16)

20. "...ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER..." I THESSALONIANS 5:11)
21. "...BUILD EACH OTHER UP..." (I THESSALONIANS 5:11)
22. "...SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TOWARD LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS." (HEBREWS 10:24)
23. "...DO NOT SLANDER ONE ANOTHER." (JAMES 4:11)
24. "DON'T GRUMBLE AGAINST EACH OTHER..." (JAMES 5:9)
25. "CONFESS YOUR SINS TO EACH OTHER..." (JAMES 5:16)
26. "...PRAY FOR EACH OTHER." (JAMES 5:16)
27. "OFFER HOSPITALITY TO ONE ANOTHER WITHOUT GRUMBLING." (I PETER 4:9)
28. "EACH ONE SHOULD USE WHATEVER GIFT HE HAS RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS..." (I PETER 4:10)
29. "...CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH HUMILITY TOWARD ONE ANOTHER..."(I PETER 5:5)

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY OF FAITH LIVES OUT THE MISSION OF JESUS AS

DISCIPLEMAKERS

DISCIPLE MAKING

DISCIPLE MAKERS...MATTHEW 28:18-20

- TEACH JESUS IS LORD
 - MATTHEW 7:21- WE MUST WANT THE WILL OF GOD TO BE DONE, NOT JUST DOING SPIRITUAL THINGS
 - MATTHEW 4:17-20
 - MUST REPENT OF SELF-LORDSHIP
 - FOLLOW JESUS
 - BE TRANSFORMED BY JESUS
 - HELP OTHERS BECOME HIS DISCIPLES
- BAPTIZE IN THE NAME OF JESUS
 - ACTS 2:36-40
 - ROMANS 6:1-11
- WALK WITH THEM TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING JESUS COMMANDED
 - ONE ANOTHER WELL
 - COLOSSIANS 3:16

PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLEMAKING

- SPECIFIC HUMBLE PRAYER
 - FATHER, ALLOW US TO JOIN YOU IN THE WORK YOU ARE ALREADY DOING
 - FATHER, LEAD ME TO PEOPLE OF PEACE (LUKE 10:1-12)
- MUST BE ABLE TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL IN PLAIN LANGUAGE
 - IF BEING A DISCIPLE ISN'T GOOD NEWS TO YOU, IT WON'T BE FOR ANYONE ELSE
- MUST GET TO KNOW WHERE PEOPLE ARE STARTING. (ACTS 8:35)
 - SOMEONE STRIVING TO FOLLOW JESUS (APOLLOS)
 - SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T PROFESS CHRISTIANITY AT ALL
 - SOMEONE WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH CHRISTIANITY BUT NOT LIVING IT OUT.
- MUST PRACTICE HOSPITALITY
 - THIS INCLUDES OPENING YOUR HOME TO OTHERS
 - THIS INCLUDES INVITING FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS TO ANY AND ALL CFC ACTIVITIES
 - WE ALWAYS HAVE ROOM FOR ANOTHER CHAIR AT THE TABLE
 - THIS INCLUDES BEING WARM AND WELCOMING TO ANY AND ALL PEOPLE JOINING US

- **CHOOSE A RESOURCE BASED ON THE STARTING POINT**
 - ALREADY A DISCIPLE BUT MOVING IN?
 - CFC BASICS
 - CORE4
 - SOMEONE STRIVING ALREADY TO LIVE AS A DISCIPLE
 - CORE4
 - SOMEONE WHO IS UNCERTAIN ABOUT MANY OF THE BASICS OF CHRISTIANITY
 - CFC FIRST PRINCIPLES
- **WALK WITH THEM.**
 - MEET WEEKLY
 - BE INTENTIONAL IN TEACHING EVERYTHING JESUS COMMANDED
 - DON'T LEAVE THEM OR TRY TO FIND MORE PEOPLE
 - WE STRIVE TO MAKE DISCIPLES ONE PERSON AT A TIME