

w/b 6th November 2016 **ONE-ANOTHER-ING: Disciple one another**

LIFE APPLICATION: Becoming Disciples (Mike Gilson)

Introduction

Read Matthew 28:19 (the 'great commission'), then Luke 14:25-35.

Ask if any of your group have been discipled or done a discipleship course.

What was it about it they liked? Has it helped?

(**NB** - I'd love to hear back from you generally what people's experiences have been like, to help develop a way of growing people that would be best for us at Jubilee)

Ask people what they think discipleship is?

Do you think some people need discipleship more than others?

Discovery

What were the 12 disciples like? Why did Jesus choose them? Why did he choose us?

Read Ephesians 1: 4 (Mssg) *'Long before he laid down earth's foundations, God had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.'*

What do you think of that!?

Read out this quote from Greg Laurie at Harvest Ministries: 'if you are a true disciple your Christian walk will be challenging and exciting, and you will have a sense of purpose and direction. but if your Christian experience can be described as dull, unfulfilled, and even boring at times, you need to seriously examine the statements Jesus made concerning what it means to be a disciple. How can we fulfil the Great Commission if we don't know what one really is?'

Take a bit of time to honestly share how your lives are, and be prepared to pray with any who need it, or wait till the end to do so.

One definition of 'disciple' is: *'learner, pupil, one who comes to be taught.'*

But is it a passive thing?

No! It requires attention and intention - a desire to apply what has been learned.

Mike suggested on Sunday that without the Spirit, discipleship could only be done by mature/knowledgeable Christians. But he reckoned with the Spirit everyone can speak powerful, life giving words to someone else that can help them move along the path to Christian maturity. He called this having 'conversations that matter'. Discuss.

Luke 14:25-35 - Jesus laid out his requirements to be a disciple. Refer back to it, and discuss the following...

It feels like Jesus is trying to get rid of most of the crowd, or at least some of them.

Why would he do that? Jesus said a few times *'If ... then you cannot be my disciple.'*

Think about some of these. Can we disqualify ourselves from being his disciples?

Application

What is the 'greatest commandment'? Get someone to read Matthew 22:37-38.

So what is the greatest sin of all? Not doing that? As it is impossible, without Jesus we'd be sunk! Obviously! So take a moment to thank him, and ask him to increase our understanding of his grace in this, and to increasingly want to honour and follow and glorify him, above all else.

Read this - Eph 1:17-19 (Mssg) *'I ask ... the God of glory to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!'*

Pray for each other for this, and for others you are closely involved with, that you'll be a help to them as they follow Jesus.