### Monday, August 29, 2022

### Following the Example of the Rabbi

What do the following verses reveal about **WHO** Jesus wanted His disciples to be and **WHAT** He wanted them to do – **HOW** He wanted them to live out their faith?

Read: Mark 3: 13 – 15; Luke 6:40; Luke 9: 1 - 6; Luke 14: 27; John 8: 31; John 13: 13 – 17

1. What do these verses show us what it meant to be like the Rabbi?

2. In what ways is the picture of discipleship illustrated by these descriptions, teachings, and commands similar to or different from what we may understand discipleship to be?

**3.** What specific changes in our thinking and practices of discipleship might we need to make if we desire to make the kind of difference in our world that Jesus' disciples made in their world?

# Tuesday, August 30, 2022

### Jesus the Rabbi

1.	As the disciples observed Jesus' teaching and interacting with people, how did they respond? <b>READ:</b> Mark 10: 37 – 28
2.	What did Jesus do to ensure his disciples "got it" – that they understood the meaning behind His parables? READ: Mark 4: 33 & 34
3.	How did Jesus respond when His disciples requested teaching on prayer, and what does this say to you about what Jesus valued in His relationship with them?  READ: Luke 11: 1 – 13

## Wednesday, August 31, 2022

### Jesus the Rabbi

- 4. Jesus also taught His disciples through the circumstances of life. What lessons did Jesus teach His disciples through each of the following experiences?
  - a. Matthew 14: 22 33

b. Mark 4: 35 - 41

c. Mark 5: 1 – 13

**d.** Do you think the disciples ever forgot these lessons? Why or why not?

### Thursday, September 1, 2022

### **Teaching in Ways People Understand**

1.	Which word pic	ture did Jesus use when calling Simon Peter and Andrew
	to follow Him?	Why do you think this image would have been meaningful
	to them?	READ: Matthew 4: 18 - 20

- 2. READ: Matthew 16: 1 4 Jesus used the familiar images of sunrise and sunset to rebuke the Pharisees and Sadducees who had come to test Him regarding miraculous signs from heaven. Do you think they understood what he was saying? Why or why not?
- 3. After the encounter of Matthew 16: 1 − 4, Jesus used another common word picture as a metaphor to describe the pharisees and Sadducees, but the disciples did not understand hi meaning. (READ: Matthew 16; 5 − 12) What message(s) was Jesus conveying by using this image?
  - **a.** How did Jesus respond to His disciples' confusion?
  - **b.** What do you think they learned from this experience?

# Friday, September 2, 2022

## **Teaching in Ways People Understand**

4.	<b>READ Matthew 13: 24 – 50.</b> Jesus used a series of images to tech about the kingdom of heaven. What does each image teach about the kingdom? What would these images have communicated to the people of Jesus' day? What significance do these images have to you?			
	a. A man who sowed good seed, but			
	<b>b.</b> A mustard seed			
	c. Yeast mixed into dough			
	d. A treasure hidden in a field			
	e. A merchant looking for fine pearls			
	f. A net let down into the lake			

#### Saturday, September 3, 2022

### **Being A Disciple**

### What do the following verse teach you about being disciple?

Luke 24: 45 – 48 (NLT)

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. <sup>47</sup> It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of all these things.

### Matthew 5: 14 – 16 (NLT)

"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

### Mark 8: 34 (NLT)

Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.