

# GoDeeper



CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION WITH YOUR SMALL GROUP, FAMILY, OR IN YOUR PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY TIME.

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## Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19 NIV

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

This morning, Pastor Corey continued the important discussion of discipleship--what that really means and who is supposed to do it. We talk about the importance of discipleship, small groups, and sharing our faith often. Some of us act on it and some don't. Why? Pastor Corey reminds us sometimes the thing holding us back is fear, laziness, or assuming it is not "our job" (whether we are leaving it for someone else or) believing and focusing that God is sovereign and, in His sovereignty, He will make it happen. What if He is "doing the job"- but it is through you? Together, we will Go Deeper into the things that might be keeping us from fulfilling God's will for our lives and truly being His Disciple.

## Fear

- What is something you have been afraid of-that keeps you (or could keep you) from discipling someone?
- Is it more time than you are willing to put in? You feel you have nothing to offer or you are inadequate? Or the fear of showing your own faults and weaknesses?

## Weakness

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10** "9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

- How do you feel about the word weakness?
- Do you feel like you are afraid of being perceived as weak?
- Do you really believe what these verses say?
  - What do you do that shows it? Or what does that look like?
  - What can you change to reflect your faith and disciple others using or in spite of your weaknesses?

## Failure

Sometimes fear of failure is what causes us to not begin discipling. **Romans 3:23-24** says : "23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." This morning, Pastor Corey told us of a saying he likes "Fail Fast"- that failure is necessary and we need to remember God knows our weaknesses, fears, and failures and we need to acknowledge our sins (failures) and then repent quickly. Pastor Corey further reminded us that we all have sinned and fall short and it is our failures and weaknesses that unlock the power of God. It is our pride (a sin) that keeps us from acknowledgement, repentance and in turn keeps us from unlocking this power. We are Paralyzed by Pride.

- Have you ever been Paralyzed by Pride?
- When has your pride stopped you from discipling? (Starting a small group, one on one with someone, serving in the Church, sharing your faith at work or with a friend)

## "I'm not a mature enough believer." Or "I Haven't been called to do this."

The Bible very clearly tells us these are both lies. We are all called to sharpen one another and to make disciples.

**Proverbs 27:17**, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

**Matthew 28:19** "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

- Have you ever felt "not mature enough" to disciple someone else?
- How could/did you overcome that feeling?
- What steps can you take to grow so you feel more prepared to share your faith and disciple others?

"I don't think I'm spiritually qualified."

**1 Peter 2:9:** “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” Pastor Corey breaks this verse down very clearly to help us understand why and how we are qualified THROUGH Jesus to proclaim all He has done.

- 1.) You are chosen for His possession.
- 2.) You are to proclaim Him and what He has done. 1 Peter 3:15
- 3.) Because HE chose you, and because HE calls you to proclaim Him, you do so not of your own authority, but on HIS authority. 2 Corinthians 5:20a

We are all called to share our faith. What are the steps to Discipleship?

**Step 1: Spend time with God.**

- He is where we get our strength and renewal.
- Pray about the encounters you will face and the chances you will have to share His word. Pray He leads you and gives you the words to say.
- Pray that He keeps the lies the enemy tells you away and strengthens your faith and understanding of His word.

**Step 2: Spend time with people.**

- Spending time with God will prepare you for the discipleship moments you will have.
- Pray for the encounters you will have.
- Pray for those you have shared your faith with.
  
- What is missing from your discipleship life?
- How can you improve the time you spend with God?
- How can you improve the time you spend with people?
- What is your next step? (Possibly Small group leader or join a small group)