

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class
General Adult & Basic Concepts Study - Bro. Lester Carter, Instructor
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The Purpose of Discipleship: The Gospel of Christ

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The last few weeks on Sunday Mornings, Lester has been reviewing "The Relationship of Discipleship" and recently "The Requirements of Discipleship".

In our study today we will discuss "The Purpose of Discipleship" and primarily the great commission (Make Disciples). Our **Purpose Statement** as a congregation is that we are striving to have a **great commitment** (Col. 3:23-24) to a **great commandment** (Matt. 22:36-40) and to the **great commission** (Matt. 28:19-20) in order to BE a **great church** (Eph. 5:27-28). To do this there can be No Rival, No Refusal, and No Retreat in our commitment to the requirements of discipleship. We **transform lives to the glory of God thru Jesus Christ** (Rom. 12:2, 1 Peter 4:11) by first starting with our own lives. The call to discipleship is a call to surrender all to God (Luke 5:1-11). We begin this journey by helping people to **find Jesus**, helping other believers to **become committed disciples**, Loving God **without limitations**, and loving each other **without reservations**. The answers to the following questions come directly from the Power Point presentation we are going over in class today.

Class Discussion Questions

Can you explain "Grand Slam Discipleship" and how the "Baseball diamond" approach to remembering our fourfold church purpose can be directly applied to some things we are doing here locally at Colonial Village?

How should we view the world in terms of making disciples? _____

What does the term "discipleship" mean? _____

Why should "discipleship" making be our top priority as a church family (use the scripture we discussed today)? _____

Name 3 good reasons why we should be concerned about making disciples:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

According to the bible, the MAIN reason we should persuade the lost is what? _____

If we don't persuade our F.R.A.N.'s about where they will spend eternity, who will? _____

Name 4 BAD benefits of going to Hell:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

Knowing the "terror" of the Lord, we persuade men. Is there a solution to our "hellish" predicament??? _____

What does AWANA stand for? _____

Do we have any reason to be ashamed of the Gospel? _____

ARE there reasons why people are ashamed (Christians)? _____

(The Gospel Outline Presentation Starts here with a diagnostic question...)

What if the Lord were to come right now? Would you know for sure, nothing doubting, that you would go to heaven? _____

Where are some eternal life and death statements in the bible? _____

Who is Jesus? _____

Is Jesus being the son of God all we must believe concerning His identity? _____

When Jesus came to earth, did He leave His Godhead in heaven? _____

Who does Jesus claim Himself to be? _____

So we must believe Jesus is God or we will die in our sins. But what about the Holy Spirit, where does it fit in with this "Godhead"? _____

How does Jesus fit in as part of the Godhead? _____

Why do we need a mediator? _____

We're separated from God? What can save us? _____

What is the power of God to save us? _____

What is the Gospel? _____

Why did Jesus have to do these things to save us? _____

Do we have a sin problem? _____

Can Jesus take care of our sin problem? _____

What can wash away my sins? _____

Questions for Slides 22 - 40 will be handed out next week...

How wonderful is this forgiveness? _____

Do we have another problem? _____

How does Jesus take care of that problem? _____

Can you **draw a diagram** of what the **Gospel of Christ** is all about? (Hint, an upside down triangle):

Now that we **see** what the gospel is, how do we respond to it? _____

What about repentance? Do I have to change the way I live in order to obey the gospel?

What if I don't? What if I choose not to obey the gospel? _____

What must we do to escape God's vengeance and everlasting destruction? _____

How do we obey the gospel? _____

How do I obey the death, burial & resurrection of Jesus? _____

Before we obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine that has delivered us we were slaves to _____, but after we have obeyed the _____ of Jesus Christ, we have now become slaves to _____.

Where does one actually become a Christian? _____

Once we become a Christian, will we face persecution? _____

Should we count the costs? _____

Please read Acts 22:16 and give God your answer today! _____

Acts 8:36 - "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?"

(The Gospel Outline Presentation ends here...)

My dear brothers and sisters of the Colonial Village church family, if we commit to memory pages 3 thru 6, and stay prepared for God to use us as a chosen vessel, we won't have to worry about being ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have the power; the question is ARE YOU READY for a "divine appointment"??? (See 1 Peter 3:15)