

REJOIN

Re:Church Week 1: Community

Sermon Notes

I. God Lives In Community.

1. God is _____ in _____.
2. God created us to _____ Him in Community.
3. Jesus Came to Invite us to _____ Him.

II. Jesus Connects His Disciples in Community

1. They Lived, Ate, Worked, Traveled Together
2. Jesus never sent anyone out alone.

III. God Places His People in Community

1. The Church—Acts 2:42-47

What part of your involvement in church would lead you to say to your friends, “You have got to come and see this and be a part of it, because it is wonderful and you won't believe it!”?

Application Idea: Get involved in a Discipleship Group here at New Life because there you will find Community with fellow believers. Several are starting up at the end of this series. Simply mark on your Connection Card that you would like to join a Discipleship Group OR tell Steve Broughton and we will get you connected.

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Discipleship Week 1: Community

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Acts 2:40-47

1. Read Acts 2:40-47. What adjectives would you use to describe this group of people and the way that they are interacting? Would you want to be a part of such a group? Why or why not?
2. If you were a member of this group, in what ways would you be made to feel loved and accepted? In what ways would you be challenged to grow spiritually? In what ways would you be stretched relationally?
3. What does it mean to be devoted to something? Give some examples of devotion from the lives of people you know. (maybe a husband taking care of his terminally ill wife.)
4. This passage says that these people as a group were devoted to several things. List them and then discuss what it would mean to be devoted to that thing
5. In what ways does our church structure (Sunday worship & Sunday School) promote devotion to these things? How does it fail to promote devotion? What are some ideas of things we could do as a church to better promote such devotion and community.?
6. What things in your life, either priorities or activities might you have to change to put some of these ideas into practice? Would it be worth it? Why or Why not?

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Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37

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Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

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Thursday: Galatians 6:1-10

Notes:

Friday: Colossians 3:1-17

Notes:

Re:Think, Re:Focus, Re:View

Re:Church Week 2: Evangelism

Sermon Notes

I. The Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20

1. The Single Command is to _____.
2. The first descriptor: _____
3. The second descriptor: _____
4. These two together make: _____

Evangelism is the _____ Step of Discipleship.

II. The Purpose of Jesus Luke 19:10

1. Oikos Evangelism
2. Xenos Evangelism

III. Ambassadors for Christ.

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What kind of impact could we have if each Discipleship group identified a group of people that they wanted to be “one of” and then figured out how to be Jesus to that group of people?

Application Idea: Make an Oikos list (You will be getting help to do this in Sunday School Class) and begin by praying as you begin to share the gospel with the people on your list.

Re:Think, Re:Focus, Re:View

Discipleship Week 2: Evangelism

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

A. Oikos Evangelism

What is oikos?

"Oikos" is the Greek word most often translated as **house** or **household**

- ❖ Acts 16:31
- ❖ Matt. 9:9-12
- ❖ Acts 10:21-24, 44-45
- ❖ Mark 5:18-20

Definition: An **oikos** is your sphere of influence consisting of friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors.

Oikos List (people in your life who do not yet follow Jesus):

FRIENDS	FAMILY	CO-WORKERS	NEIGHBORS

EMBRACING YOUR Oikos

(Matthew 5: 13-15) “You are the salt of the earth ... you are the light of the world. Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

1. Identify Your Oikos (*Luke 19:10*)

- A. Write out an oikos list in your Bible.
- B. Give your name and get theirs.
- C. Relate with people, not their roles.
- D. Risk your comfort zone.

2. Pray For Your Oikos (*James 5:16*)

- A. Share your oikos list with two people.
- B. Pray as a team.
- C. Ask to pray for, and with, people.
- D. Note requests and follow up.

3. Serve Your Oikos (*Mark 9:41*)

- A. At critical times
D.O.O.R.S. of opportunity! (Romans 12:15)
Death, Open to help, Open to celebrate, Recovery, Significant change
- B. At any time
Acts of Kindness (Romans 2:4)
Phone calls, e-mail, cards, notes, unexpected gift, your time, help, skills, money, see need and meet it, prepare a small celebration, prepare a meal, photocopy articles or cartoons, lend your resources.

4. Engage Your Oikos (*Ephesians 2:19; John 15:14*)

“Hospitality isn’t just what you do within the walls of your home. It’s an attitude of helping people feel, when they are around you, that they are your treasure, your prize.”
—Chris Crossan

5. Share Jesus with Your Oikos (*Romans 10:13-15*)

- A. Listen to their spiritual journey
 1. Identify with believe, belong or become
- B. Tell your story
 1. Before I knew Jesus
 2. How I met Jesus
 3. What Jesus has done in my life.

Xenos Evangelism

What is xenos?

“**Xenos**” is a Greek word most often translated as **stranger, foreigner, or alien.**

Matthew 25: 31-46

Ephesians 2: 17-20

3 John 5

Definition: Xenos is your expanding sphere of influence created through unplanned encounters and personal initiative with strangers.

Impacting your Xenos

(John 15:13&15) “The greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives for their friends. Now, you are my friends.”

Follow Jesus’ Example (John 4:1-42)

1. Start the conversation.

(We must tear down dividing walls)

2. Treat people with respect and kindness.

(We must communicate God’s love to people)

3. Share Jesus’ story in their language.

(We must prove Jesus is real and relevant)

4. Make people thirsty for God.

(We must plant a growing curiosity about a relationship with Jesus)

5. Tell it like it is.

(We must share truth, in grace with people)

6. Invite people to follow Jesus personally

(We must offer the gift of God clearly and directly to people)

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Week Two: Re:Think, Re:Focus, Re:View-Evangelism

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Tuesday: Mark 4:1-9

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Wednesday: Mark 12:28-34

Notes:

Thursday: Colossians 4:2-6

Notes:

Friday: Acts 10:34-43

Notes:

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Re:Church Week 3: Making Disciples

Sermon Notes

I. The Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20

1. The Single Command is to _____.
2. The First and Second descriptors discuss bringing someone to Christ. (_____)
3. The third descriptor (_____) discusses helping someone to _____ in Christ.

II. What is a Disciple: Matthew 4:19

1. A _____ of Jesus Christ
2. Who is actively making _____.

Each one of us is to be both a Disciple and a Disciplemaker.

III. Some Perspective on Fear: Matthew 4:19

1. Equipping: The responsibility of Church Leaders
2. Trusting Jesus and the Spirit.

IV. Some Perspective on Courage: 1 Samuel 30:1-6

Who personally invested in helping you grow Spiritually? What is keeping you from helping someone to grow?

Application Idea: Pray for God to point you to a person whom you could disciple. Look for this person or persons in your discipleship group or in other places. Act on your prayers by establishing a purposeful relationship once you have heard God's answer to your prayer.

RETRAIN

Discipleship Week 3: Making Disciples

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

PART ONE: WHAT IS A DISCIPLE

1. “What is your definition of a Disciple?”

Read Matt. 4:19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

A disciple is someone who follows Christ, who is being changed by Christ, and who is committed to the mission of Christ.

Thinking About—Following Christ (*Come follow me*)

3. Read John 12:26. What is Jesus saying in this verse about His position in the discipleship process?
4. Read Ephesians 1:22, 4:15, Colossians 2:10. What position is Jesus?
5. When we think about following Christ, we are talking about having Jesus as our Lord. What is the difference between Jesus as savior and Jesus as Lord?
6. Have you made the commitment to accept Jesus as BOTH savior and Lord and that you will follow him? What fears does such an absolute commitment raise in you? Read Luke 9:23-24. What is Jesus asking them to leave? What in my life is he asking me to leave? What did He ask them to pick up? What is He asking me to pick up?

Thinking About Being Changed By Christ (*I will make you*)

7. Read Romans 12:1-2. What does this passage say I should do? What does it say that God will do in me?
8. Read Acts 4:13. Why were the people amazed? What brought about the change in Peter and John?
9. Read John 15:5. What does this passage tell us we need to do in order to experience the changing power of Jesus in our lives? Brainstorm some ways you can connect with Jesus.

Thinking About—Being Committed to the Mission of Christ (*fishers of men*)

10. Read Luke 19:10. Based on this verse and in your own words, what was Jesus mission?
11. Read Matthew 4:19. What did Jesus say was our mission? Now read John 21:15-19. What additional roles does Jesus add to our mission.

12. If our mission is to seek and save the lost and to take care of the sheep, what must change about the way we live? With this mission how should we view people?

PART TWO: THREE KEYS TO MAKING DISCIPLES

1. An Intentional Disciple Maker

Read the following Scriptures: Luke 10:1, John 6:5-6, Luke 22:7-13, Matthew 14:28-31

Match the scriptures with the actions of Jesus

- _____ Jesus sent out a team that had to trust Him by following specific instructions.
 _____ Jesus presented a challenge in order to see how His disciples would respond.
 _____ Jesus allowed a disciple to fail in order to teach a lesson about faith.
 _____ Jesus organized teams to prepare for the next stage of His ministry.

Do you think that Jesus was intentional in each of these actions? What do you think was His goal in these sorts of interactions with His disciples? If Jesus had not done these sorts of things do you think His disciples growth would have been hindered? Why or Why not?

How intentional was someone in your own life to help you grow as a disciple? Pick the closest answer.

- I had no one to lead me so I picked it up on my own.
 Those who I followed were not nearly this intentional.
 I had leaders who were very intentional with me.
 Even though they were never trained in disciple-making, were still lead by Jesus.
 Other --

2. A Relational Environment

Consider an authentic person. What convinces me that they are being authentic? How does such a person generally treat me? How do I feel when I am around them?

Consider a transparent person. What does such a person usually tell me? This person usually listens to me like (or with)? How do I feel when I am around them?

3. A Reproducible Process

We are defining this process through 4 actions words. Share, Connect, Minister, & Disciple. These four actions are measurable, repeatable, and Biblical. A quick overview of these 4 concepts is given below.

Share:

Connect:

Minister:

Disciple:

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

WEEK THREE: Re:Train—Making Disciples

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Notes:

Tuesday: Mark 3:13-21

Notes:

Wednesday: Acts 18:24-28

Notes:

Thursday: John 1:43-51

Notes:

Friday: John 13:1-20

Notes:

RENEW

Re:Church Week 4: Growing in Christ Sermon Notes: Hebrews 5:11-6:3

I. The Need For Something More

1. Slow to Learn
2. Expected to be a Teacher?

II. The Need of Infants: Milk:

1. R_____
2. F_____
3. B_____
4. L_____
5. R_____
6. E_____

III. The Need of the Mature: Solid Food:

IV. How Do We Get From Infants To Mature

1. Target
2. Process
3. Relationship

Application Idea: Commit yourself to being intentional in your spiritual growth. Go to your discipleship group or group leader for help in finding your next step.

RENEW

Discipleship Week 4: Growing in Christ

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Discipleship Target: A Life-long Process of Spiritual Transformation

A commitment to discipleship involves...

I DENTITY – *Who am I?*

(See Ephesians 1:3-14.)

2. I have made a commitment to be a Christ follower (Acts 2:38)
3. I choose daily to place Christ's desires ahead of my own (Luke 9:23-25)

MIND – *What do I believe? What motivates me?*

(See 1 Corinthians 2:9-16)

3. I love God (Matthew 22:37)
4. I love people (Matthew 22:39)
5. I am obedient to God's authority (Philippians 2:5-11)
5. I model a living faith (Matthew 5:1-12)

CHARACTER – *How do I live? What are my priorities?*

(See Matthew 4:1-10.)

- I am knowledgeable about God's Word (1 Timothy 3:16)
- I am focused (1 Corinthians 2:2)
- I am teachable (Philippians 4:9)
- I demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23)

HABITS – *What should I know, so I can use it when I need it?*

(See Luke 2:41-52 and Hebrews 5:8)

- I spend time in prayer (Matthew 6:5-13)
- I regularly practice spiritual disciplines (e.g., silence, fasting) (Matthew 6:16-18)
- I adhere to Christ's teaching (John 8:31, 32)

RELATIONSHIPS – *How do I treat others?*

(See John 13:34, 35.)

- I am: merciful, compassionate, influential, encouraging, caring, grace-filled, and unselfish (Matthew 5:43-48)
- I seek to understand before I am understood (James 1:19)

INFLUENCE – *How do I reproduce new disciples?*

(See Matthew 28:16-20.)

- I readily share the Gospel (Romans 1:16)
- I am accountable (1 Peter 3:10-12)
- I am intentional in reaching lost people (Luke 19:10)

SERVICE – *How do I minister?*

(See Mark 10:25-39, 45.)

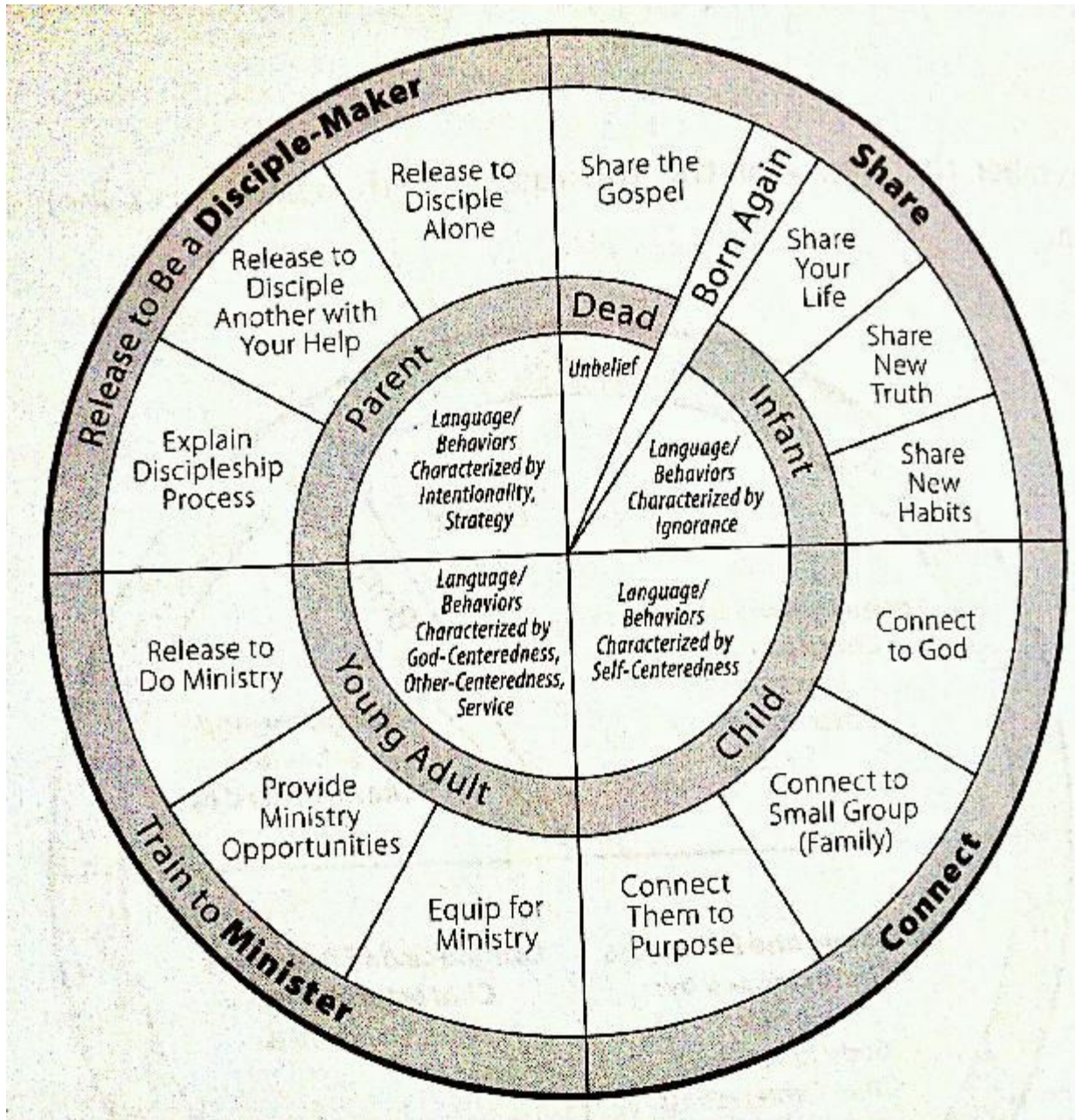
- I am willing to serve (Ephesians 6:7, 8)
- I am obedient to the Word (James 1:22)

TRANSFORMATION – *Who do I need to become?*

(See Romans 12:1-3)

- I regularly engage in self-examination (Ephesians 4:22-24)

THE DISCIPLESHIP WHEEL



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Tuesday: Mark 10:35-45

Notes:

Wednesday: Mark 12:41-44

Notes:

Thursday: Luke 6:43-45

Notes:

Friday: Luke 9:23-27

Notes:

REPURPOSE

Re:Church Week 5: Living on a Mission Sermon Notes:

I. What Are We Saved For?

1. To Be W_____
2. To S_____ as a S_____

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

II. Viewing Life as Mission

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Application Idea: Become a missionary for Jesus where God has placed you. In your work, in your neighborhood, in your home. As you coach soccer or play on a softball team, or hang out at the

REPURPOSE

Discipleship Week 5: Living on a Mission

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Read Jonah 1:1-2. What mission did God give Jonah?

Read Jonah 1:2-17. How did Jonah feel about his mission? What did he do? How did God feel about this? What did God do? Why do you think Jonah was sleeping through the storm? Why did God provide a fish to swallow Jonah?

Read Jonah 2:1-10. What are Jonah's feelings towards God as described in this chapter? Why do you think the fish spit out Jonah?

Read Jonah 3:1-2. What mission did God give Jonah? What does this indicate to us about God's view of our failures? About God's expectations towards our service?

Does God give missions to people today? What do you base your answer on? Read Acts 8:26-40, 9:10-19, 13:1-3. These people were on mission for God. They followed the direction of the Holy Spirit. Does the Holy Spirit call people in this way today? What are some examples of people you know today who are living on mission for God?

Read Jonah 3:3-10. Was Jonah's mission successful?

Read Jonah 4:1-3. If Jonah's mission was successful, why is he angry?

Read Jonah 4:4-10. Note the phrasing of God's question in verse 4 and again in verse 9. What is God trying to do through these questions? What was the purpose of the vine and the worm?

Having examined the story of Jonah, it is time to bring our thoughts to the present. God's people are still given tasks to do. We are part of God's army. Jesus is our commanding officer and he gives us many commands and missions. Why do you think so many Christians live as if they are on their own and not under the authority of a commanding officer? Why do so many of us run the other way, when we are given a mission for God?

Clearly Jonah wasn't comfortable with his mission and he did not find it convenient to carry out. How big a role does our comfort and convenience play in the missions that God gives us? Why then should we do them? If we run instead of obey, what should we expect from God?

What mission is God asking you to do right now?

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Thursday: Acts 8:26-40

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Friday: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Notes:

REBORN

Re:Church Week 6: Pictures of the Church Sermon Notes:

I. Replacing The Pictures In Our Minds

7. A Demonstration _____, not a _____

8. An _____ not an _____.

9. Focused on the _____ more than on _____.

II. Purpose & Urgency

To seek, trust and glorify God, through humble service and continual prayer. To raise up qualified disciples as quickly as possible. So that some day I might hear God say, “Well done my good and faithful servant!”

The Challenge: That you would take Personal Responsibility for your faith. That you would change your picture of the church to a more Biblical picture that includes discipling, community, & mission. That you would connect to a Discipleship Group and grow in that group towards maturity in Christ. That you would get in the game and become an active participant in the kingdom of God

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Notes:

Tuesday: Acts 9:26-31

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Wednesday: Acts 11:19-30

Notes:

Thursday: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

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Friday: 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Notes: