

# First Principles 2017 & Women's Midweek



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# ***John 13:34-35***

BENEVOLENCE



# Announcements!



**OPEN MIC FRIDAY SEPT 1st**  
**6:30PM to 9'ISH**

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# More Announcements!

## **Saturday 2PM**

- Ciaramella's home, Women's Day Auditions!

## **WOMEN'S DAY IS COMING SOON**

- October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – 5pm

## **Sunday 10AM**

- Bring Your Neighbor Day Sunday!
- Chili-Cook-Off! Pot-Luck!

## **Sunday 2:30 PM**

- Leaders Meeting 2:30 pm
- Covering 20/20 Chapters 8-12

# Quiz #2 - The Word (Questions)

1. Write out **John 8:31-32**
2. What is the fourth scripture in the Word of God study?
3. What is one point you can make with **John 12:48**?
4. What scripture teaches that the Word of God is like a mirror?
5. What scripture teaches that you must not go by traditions or creeds over the bible?

**BONUS:** +1 point if you were IN a study or LED a study.



# *Correcting a paper – guidelines...*

- Please put “Graded by: [First] [Last]” legibly at the very top or bottom of the paper you correct.
  - “Graded by: Jeremy Ciaramella”
- Don’t mark anything unless it is incorrect.
- Put the number correct out of 5.
  - (example: If they missed zero questions AND got the bonus correct, it’d be 6/5)
  - (example: If they missed **two** but got the BONUS correct, it’d be 4/5)

# Quiz #2 - The Word (Answers)

1. Write out **John 8:31-32**: *"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*
  2. What is the fourth scripture in the Word of God study?  
**John 8:31-32**
  3. What is one point you can make with **John 12:48**?  
– **Why study the Bible? (2) The Word will judge us**
  4. 4. What scripture says the bible is like a mirror? **James 1:22-25**
  5. 5. What scripture teaches that you must not go by traditions or creeds over the bible? **Matthew 15:1-9**
- BONUS:** +1 point if you were IN a study or LED a study.

# Review of Seeking God & WORD

- Where will we start when there is no faith in Christ?
  - John. Why? It is an eyewitness account of the scriptures.
- Zealous young disciple, Toby. Toby met "that Christian to be" Leroy.
- Leroy comes to church...wants to study...no faith? John.
  - Has faith in Jesus? Start with "Seeking God."
- Calling him to seek God, and if you seek God, you'll be blessed.
- The next study after seeking God? The Word.
  - If they come to a conviction that the Word of God is to be obeyed, when they hit the challenging studies...they say, "I am going to go by the Word, not my feelings, not my traditions or experiences."
- **Do NOT skip these studies!** (Seeking God and the Word!)



# Scheduling Discussion/Make-Ups & Reminders: (Acts & Books of Bible)

- Know FIRST 33 books of bible by This Wednesday 9/6/2017
- Know LAST 33 books of bible by Saturday 9/23/2017
- Acts Outline Due by 9/27 (Day of Final)
- ***Need to catch up? Check out [phxicc.org/fp](http://phxicc.org/fp)***
  - *Make-up quizzes ½ hour before each session.*
  - *Don't forget, be memorizing the books of the bible!*
  - *Good time to start building your acts outline!*

# Discipleship: Setting Up The Study I

Don't be gun shy. You've built a foundation. A critical study

- **Don't be gun shy** on this study. Some of us don't really lay it out. It is absolutely critical you don't hold back on this study.
- Up to this point you should have **built a foundation**:
  - a heart to seek God and
  - a conviction to go by the word of God and obey it.
- **Discipleship is such an important study.** It's critical to do the study well! Do it well and you'll not be stumbling over baptism and over denominational thinking/issues later.

# Discipleship: Setting Up The Study

Set up the next study! Start with Prayer! Enthusiastic! Trade off reading.

- **Reminder: at the end of every study set up the next time!**
  - **Do not allow too much time between studies.**
  - Gauge it to the person. Every day? Only once a week?! Gauge the heart! Challenge them!
  - As you get through a study like this one, urgency should surface.
- With every study, ask the LORD to be moving - **start with a word of prayer!**

# *Have God In You!*

- **Enthusiastic** - literally in the Greek - "God in us!"  
Not enthusiastic, implications right there!  
Boring!?! To be boring teaching this is...sin!
- During the study itself, **trade off in reading** the scriptures.
- Helps the non-Christian realize that they can understand the bible!
  - Some are poisoned to think the bible is not understandable. You have to be educated/priest?
  - Why is trading-off in the reading so important?  
**Romans 10:17**

# Discipleship: Setting Up The Study

Take good notes! Keep study under 1 hour. Set up Matthew 28.

- ***Remember – you have your pad of paper or they have that notebook you gave them! Start by writing each scripture reference, and then a few bullet points related to what is discussed. Give the notes to Leroy after.***
- The goal is to keep these studies a little bit under an hour. (Except Light & Darkness/Cross – usually take longer)

# Set up Matthew 28:18-20

- **Matthew 28:18-20** - you want to set up this scripture. Set the scene.
  - These are the last words of Jesus.
  - Last words are super important.



# Matthew 28:18-20 (A)

- What is a Christian? What is a disciple? What are the differences between the two? (**Write their response down.**)
- What does this scripture say to you?
  - Jesus wants the whole world to know about him.

**(A) What does Jesus want everyone to become?**

- Jesus wants ALL NATIONS to become disciples.

# Matthew 28:18-20 (B)

## B. Which is the more popular term – “Disciple” or “Christian?”

- (Really important get them wrestling with the terminology, "disciple.")
- The word “Christian” only appears three times in the New Testament. It is the name those “*in the world*” gave the disciples, seven years after the church began. (**Acts 11:19-26**)
- The word “Disciple” occurs over 270 times in the New Testament.

# Matthew 28:18-20 (B)

- Ask 10 people, what does it mean to be a Christian? 10 different responses.
- Let's take a close look at the biblical connection between these words, "Disciple" and "Christian." Let's see if the bible can explain (**Acts 11:19-26**)
- For the first time, in Acts 11, the early church disciples were actively going to the Gentiles. Up until this time, the early church was focused only on Jews. They were having so huge an impact, they got a nickname *from the pagans in Antioch*. "Christian" or Greek for "Little Christ" / "Little Messiah."
- First seven years of Christianity..."disciple" is the term used to describe followers of Jesus. Only when evangelizing a gentile city, did they get the nickname "Christian." It's meant to be **derogatory**.
- Christian appears three times. Disciple 270 times.

# Matthew 28:18-20 (C) [Acts 11:19-26]

## C. SAVED = CHRISTIAN = DISCIPLE [Acts 11:19-26]

- Get a hold of. What does it really mean to be saved. We logically understand that someone (SAVED = CHRISTIAN!)
- This passage, "Disciples" were first *called* "Christians."
  - **Saved = Christian = Disciple.**
- **The whole rest of the study is going to come down to this.**
  - We ask 10 people "what is a Christian", we'll likely get ~10 answers, and yet now we are going to let Jesus define what a disciple is.
  - **If you do not set this up, impact of the study is totally gone.**
- Jesus wants everyone to be a disciple. **Jesus never said "Christian."**
  - Disciples first called Christian's Antioch. Disciple = Christian.
- Now let's let **Jesus define** what a true CHRISTIAN is. We are going to do that by looking at the passages where Jesus defines what his DISCIPLE is supposed to be. **Disciple = Christian = Saved.**

## D. Jesus came to make disciples. Only baptized disciples will be saved.

# 1. Mark 1:14-18 (A,B,C)

## A. Calling of the first disciples

## B. Come follow me (Christ)

- Simplest definition of being a Christian. Come follow me. Walk as I walk. Do as I do. Love as I love. Be like Jesus. Follow him.
- When you follow Jesus...he will **make you** into a fisher of men. Occupation, they are fishermen, playing on words. No longer fishing with fish.

## C. Fishers of men – Jesus gave these first disciples the real purpose for living

- Men - purpose lies in their job. Empty. Women - purpose in family. Career. Family, love, but does not produce fulfillment.
- Come follow me and you get to go to heaven? No.
- Most people, their felt need for God is to have a purpose for their life.

# 1. Mark 1:14-18 (D)

## D. Immediately

- Come follow me, I'll make you a fisher of men. Fired up. Did it at once.
- Tell your kid to empty the trash...take a while before that gets done.
  - “Ice CREAM!” An awesome desert? They’ll come *right away*!
  - **When something excites us, we do it right away.**
- Looking for a smooth way to share your faith? There is no cool way to do it.
  - Good evangelism is not just an invite to church...but a deep question, “What is the purpose of your life?”
  - This is exciting! To be able to have a purpose for your life. When Jesus was trying to catch fish, he used the right bait, and that bait? **It was purpose.**
- Stop right here.
  - WHAT is the purpose of your life. Would you really like to have a purpose!?
  - It takes boldness, we need challenge them to do that. To have the purpose, be a fisher of men.
- Not a fisher of men. Not the purpose of your life. Laying the foundation.



## 2. Luke 9:23-26 (A,B)

- A. If any man...**(Break this down. If any one...wants to follow Jesus, they must do these things in order to be his disciple.)
- B. Deny self. Notice Christ in the garden (Matthew 26:36-39, “Not my will, but your will.”) Do not give in to moods.**
- You are trying to define for them “what is a true Christian, a Disciple, someone who follows Jesus, lives like Jesus?” It is simplistic - but powerful in this way in it's challenge!

## 2. Luke 9:23-26 (B – Deny Self)

(Matthew 26:36-39, “Not my will, but your will.”)

- Sense of purpose that Jesus has. After three hours of prayer, all the other guys had gone to sleep on him.
- When he first started praying, what is he feeling?
  - Asking them to pray for him. Pulls his three closest, away from the other 8.
  - With his three closest guys, Jesus gets totally open! Remember, you are calling them to be a disciple, a Christian (be totally open)
  - Jesus was sorrowful, trouble, overwhelmed. These are not sins, Jesus never sinned.
  - Then he went away from that group of three, prayed to God. Goes back, prays...after three hours of prayer, Jesus was ready to do the will of God.
  - It all started, him being open with his life, denying himself both to be open and to pray so he can deny himself and do the will of God.
- Self-denial is like getting up in the middle of the night for one of your kids.
- We are Called upon to obey scriptures, even when we don't feel like it! We deny ourselves, obey the scriptures, then the good of obedience comes upon us.
- **Do NOT give into moods!**
- Denial of self - will bring joy and peace.

## 2. Luke 9:23-26 (C,D)

### C. Carry the cross – daily

- After we deny ourselves we are called to take up our cross daily.
- The point you want to make, follow Jesus is not just to go to church every Sunday morning...Is this jewelry?
- To be a disciple of Jesus, a true Christian...follow Jesus, Sunday...Monday...Tues...we are to be disciples of Jesus 24x7.

### D. Gain world ... forfeit soul. Lose your life for Jesus ... save it!

- What good it is? Higher standard of living? President and CEO of some company or your own?! What good is it if you lose your soul!
- Is this the kind of life you live Leroy? You *deny yourself*.
  - Get open with life... Before I was a Christian, a lot anger and selfishness. Called myself a Christian...cussed, lied, impure...porn...immoral, drunkenness.
  - Can you relate Leroy? You need to talk right here, is this the reality of your life?
- Do you want to deny yourself?
- Remember, after each scripture - calling Leroy to a decision.

# 3. Luke 14:25-33 (A)

## A. If any man...

- Jesus is talking to a crowd. What does he begin with...
  - "If anyone would come after me..." this is what it takes for ANYONE to be a disciple – a follower!
  - Luke 14:25-33 - three times, is the phrase, "unless you do this, you cannot be my disciple" vs26, vs27, vs33. This is absolutely a bottleneck!
  - Jesus laying it out, either do this, or you are NOT my disciple.

### **3. Luke 14:25-33 (B)**

#### **B. Count the cost (v. 28-30)**

- Really think about this. This is an adult decision. This is something Jesus is calling you to think about.
- Job schedule? School schedule? Relationships? Extracurricular activities/Sports?

# 3. Luke 14:25-33 (C)

## C. Consider the alternatives (v. 31-32)

- Second parable...many don't get..."who are the two kings?"
- Powerful king? King Jesus. The weak king...
- **RISK** - South America with 10k? You're not going to attack Africa if they have 20k.
- You'd be **insane** not sending a delegation of peace while a long ways off.
- The point here? If you don't get peace with Jesus, you will be obliterated.
- Count the cost and then consider the alternative...life or death.



# 3. Luke 14:25-33 (D)

## D. Love Christ more than any person (v. 26)

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Dictionary Aids

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μισέω, -ῶ; impf. ἐμίσησα; pf. μεμίσηκα; Pass., μεμισημένος (Rev. xv down]; to hate, pursued, hated, detested: τινά, τινός

**Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words**

1 Verb Strong's Number: ε3404 Greek: miseo

**Hate, Hateful, Hater, Hatred:**

"to hate," is used especially

(a) of malicious and unjustifiable feelings towards others, whether towards the innocent or by mutual animosity, e.g., Mat 10:22; 24:10; Luk 6:22, 27; 19:14; Jhn 3:20, of "hating" the light (metaphorically); Jhn 7:7; 15:18, 19, 23-25; Tts 3:3; 1Jo 2:9, 11; 3:13, 15; 4:20; Rev 18:2, where "hateful" translates the perfect participle Passive Voice of the verb, lit., "hated," or "having been hated;"

(b) of a right feeling of aversion from what is evil; said of wrongdoing, Rom 7:15; iniquity, Hbr 1:9; "the garment (figurative) spotted by the flesh," Jud 1:23; "the works of the Nicolaitans," Rev 2:6 (and ver. 15, in some mss.; see the AV);

(c) of relative preference for one thing over another, by way of expressing either aversion from, or disregard for, the claims of one person or thing relatively to those of another, Mat 6:24; and Luk 16:13, as to the impossibility of serving two masters; Luk 14:26, as to the claims of parents relatively to those of Christ; Jhn 12:25, of disregard for one's life relatively to the claims of Christ; Eph 5:29, negatively, of one's flesh, i.e. of one's own, and therefore a man's wife as one with him.

Note: In 1Jo 3:15, he who "hates" his brother is called a murderer; for the sin lies in the inward disposition, of which the act is only the outward expression.

### 3. Luke 14:25-33 (D)

- Does he mean the Christian is to have animosity towards, mom and dad, bro & sis, etc?
- He wanted to get their attention! These are the most important relationships in our life.
- If they are calling you to do contrasting things to Jesus... "I don't want you to do this, it's too much!" You have to put Jesus *first!*
- Jesus must be preeminent, above all human relationships! We must obey the Word of God over and above any (even our most important) relationship.

# 3. Luke 14:25-33 (E)

## E. Persecutions (v. 27)

- What does it mean? Pain, death, and also persecution. If you are trying to live a righteous life. There will be people, who are downright antagonistic to you. Even call the church a "cult" because we are so committed. Are you prepared for persecution?
  - Park it there. You have to ask them, again, laying a foundation for them not really being a disciple.
  - Ever been persecuted for your faith. You become a disciple...and you certainly will.

# 3. Luke 14:25-33 (F)

## F. Everything, not just anything (v. 33)

- Bottom line, to become a disciple, give up everything you are, you want, your agenda. Put Jesus first in every situation. You have got to be a “sold-out disciple.”
- "Do you understand the passage?" Have you been living like this? Or has your girlfriend been number 1? Your self, your family, your career?
  - Share example(s). (Purity. Applying for Disney, Bible Talk & SWP. Challenge with family.)
- Crystallize, you are not a disciple. Do you want to be one? Then you have to change!

## 4. Luke 11:1-4 (A)

### A. Must learn to pray – disciples saw the strength Jesus received from the Father

- "I don't really know how to pray...out loud."
- We disciple one another, they were hungry to learn, "can you teach me to pray!?"
- See the foundation..."John taught his disciples, can you teach us?"
- Jesus gives a **revolutionary way to pray**. Jews up to this point in time, always called God LORD - in English, not as clear, actually more like "MASTER." Now, "Father" radical different view.

# 4. Luke 11:1-4 (B)

## B. Daily personal relationship with God (v. 3); daily prayer

- Yes - being a disciple is a commitment, **but first and foremost a relationship. (Seeking God, The Word of God)**
- How often, teach them how to pray...how many times of daily bread are you having Leroy? WE all eat many times a day...what a relationship is...
- “Do you pray like that?” No? But a true Christian, a disciple, does!
- Greatest thing, to be able to pray to the creator of the universe.
- Pray like this, seen it is in the scriptures. Learn to pray every day and throughout the day

# 5. John 13:34-35 (A)

*“See how Jesus keeps defining disciple...”*

## **A. Love one another**

- You need to be in a fellowship! One that deeply cares about each other!
- We are a church, where everyone really cares like that.



# 5. John 13:34-35 (B)

## B. Be an active part of the fellowship

- Need to be in that kind of fellowship with one another to maintain discipleship. How can someone really show God to others unless they are part of a fellowship unlike anything in the world?
  - Young, old, black, white, Brown, rich, poor, nothing like that anywhere else in Phoenix.
- A disciple is an integral part of this kind of fellowship. A true disciple gets involved in that kind of fellowship! *That's how you know they are a disciple!*

# 6. Matthew 28:18-20 (A)

## A. Command – make disciples (given to all)

- Going beyond the first part - reminding them:
  - What does Jesus want everyone to become? A disciple!
- Called the great commission - some teach, only for the apostles. Jesus was talking to the apostles, sure...but if they actually do this...
  - Peter...he would go, make a disciple, baptize them...and then what?
  - “Teach them to obey everything I've commanded you. “ What did Jesus just command him to do? Make disciples, baptize, teach to obey.
  - Peter makes a disciple, baptizes, command them. See the multiplying effect?
- A disciple makes a disciple. A lot of people think they are Christians but they have **never ever made a disciple**.
  - Leroy, have you ever made a disciple? A true disciple makes disciples.

# 6. Matthew 28:18-20 (B, C)

## B. Who is a candidate for baptism? A person who makes the decision to be a disciple

- Who is a candidate for baptism? Someone who has been *made* into a disciple. (You are building for later studies.)
- I was baptized as a baby. Sprinkled. When I saw this, I realized, this did not count. This scripture takes care of so many issues...
- You got to be made into a disciple in order to be baptized.

## C. You need someone to disciple you to maturity in Christ

- After baptism, need someone to teach you...the commands of Jesus. Another man, or woman, in your life, to teach you the scriptures. Someone in your life disciplining you just like Jesus disciplined his guys.
- Need to want this.

# 6. Matthew 28:18-20 (D)

## D. This is the only way to save the world!

- Jesus taught the apostles - if they would make disciples, they would impact the entire world.
- For some, it is inconceivable, a group of people could change the entire world, ALL nations, in a generation.
- Denominational paradigm:
  - “We have a real committed preacher and give our contribution so he'll live our Christianity.” All that a preacher is in our ministry is the leader of the disciples.
  - Conviction: We're not just changing Phoenix, but the entire world! An it's not only **“possible”** - it is our vision and goal as a movement of churches! **(#5 in the Foundational Convictions of the SoldOut Discipling Movement)**

*let's pretend that we have the most fired up preacher in town...fired up for a whole year...not this guy, certainly not this guys wife...*

# Matthew 28:18-20 (Jesus' Vision)

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Disciple</b>
1	365	2
2	730	4
3	1095	8
13	4745	8192
32	11,680	Over 5 billion

# Matthew 28:18-20 (Continued)

- Not everyone will get baptized, but everyone can be impacted! Phoenix, ASU, PCC, MCC, Gilbert...
- If we just dedicated ourselves to be sold out disciples - everyone, the whole world, will at least get the chance to be!
- Inspiring to realize - you will be a part of God changing the world!
- Purpose is a privilege, we get to change the world!

**We've Been through a lot in our study today -**

- To be a true Christian, you need to be a disciple...today we let Jesus define what a disciple is from his own words.

# Conclusion Questions:

## **Am I a DISCIPLE?**

- Have you been a disciple? "I want to be..." If you are not a disciple, then you have to ask yourself...

## **Am I a CHRISTIAN?**

- "I guess...I am not a Christian...I always thought I was." Then you have to ask yourself,

## **Am I SAVED?**

- "Not according to Jesus."



# Conclusion Questions (Cont.):

## What do I need to do to become a disciple?

- “*What do you need to work on the most?*” This is a chance to talk, to chat.
- Then, have that closing prayer...have Toby, Leroy and yourself all pray. We **must get God in there**.
- You need to have a daily relationship, and in fact, start to disciple them.
- If you do not ***devote*** yourself to someone after this, **they are gone**.
- I hope you have looked to your own commitment today!
- Am I a sold out disciple for Jesus Christ, who is living to change the world?

# Next Sessions Quiz!

## (Saturday 9/2)

- Session 3 – assigned scripture memory
  - **Mark 1:17 & John 13:34-35**
- Know the scriptures and bullet points for “Discipleship”
  - Check **phxicc.org/fp** for updates!
- Be working on the **ORDER of the BOOKS of the BIBLE!**
  - **Know first 33 books by next Wednesday, 9/6!**
- Bonus opportunities (.5 point each)
  - Be **registered for the SMS** if you are not already.
  - **Register for GNE** if you are not already.
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