

...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembly together...but encouraging one another.
Heb 10:24-25

Share the teaching
Guard the sharing

Male Call

May 14, 2010—The Jesus Way—In His Image

6:00 – 6:05	Coffee & Donuts—Opening Prayer
6:05 – 7:00	<p>“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” —Jesus (John 14:6)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ways of Jesus <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Abraham—A faith life b) Jacob—A man who wrestled with God c) Joseph—From slave to ruler 2) Challenge From Last Week <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Examine your deepest desire: what is it? b) Did you say to anyone, “imitate me?” 3) Jesus’ Statement to Us <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Luke 9:23. 14:27 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) What does this mean for us, to carry our cross? ii) The external struggle <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Scorn and ridicule from others iii) The internal struggle <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Example of the honest man (2) The value of Christian community b) How is it going for you? 4) Call to Discipleship <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Matthew 28:18-28 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) What is Jesus’ command? ii) By what authority does He give this command? iii) What is His promise to us as we carry out this command? b) This is not the first time this embedded promise has been made: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Deuteronomy 31:6 ii) Joshua 1:9 iii) Psalm 27:1 iv) Jeremiah 1:8 5) Discipleship in action <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Humility</u> has gotten a wrong connotation in today’s church...we are told to follow Jesus and be an example to others:

- i) *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*
Matthew 5:16
- ii) *I urge you, then, be imitators of me.* 1Corinthians 4:16
- iii) *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.* 1Corinthians 11:1
- iv) *Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us [Apostles].* Philippians 3:17
- v) *What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.* Philippians 4:9
- vi) *And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.*
1Thessalonians 1:6-7
- vii) *For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us...* 1Thessalonians 3:7
- viii) *But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.* 1Timothy 1:16
- ix) *Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.* 1Timothy 4:12
- x) *And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*
Hebrews 6:12
- xi) *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.* Hebrews 12:1-3
- xii) *Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.* Hebrews 13:7
- xiii) *Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are.*
Galatians 4:12

6) Given Jesus' promise (and God's), what are we afraid of?

- a) The Former Ruler: a scared man:
 - i) Exodus 3:4-4:17
- b) The beggar: a brave man:
 - i) John 9:1-38
- c) You and me?

7) *How* are you called to disciple?

- a) Ephesians 4:11-13
 - i) Who are you called to minister to?
- b) Mark 1:38
 - i) What is your personal calling statement?

7:00	Closing Prayer
7:00 – ??	If you would like prayer, please come up front and one or more of us will remain to pray with you.

Further reading:

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