

## **Real Disciples, Real Transformation, Real Purpose Authentic Followers of Jesus**

### **Video - Prayer for 2021**

#### **Key Text: 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."

#### **Peter's Identity                      2 Peter 1:1    NASB**

Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

- This how Peter saw himself
  - Bond Servant - common call to all
  - Apostle - Peter's particular call within the body of Christ
- How did he go from a fisherman to a bond-servant and Apostle?

#### **Peter Called and Chosen                      Luke 6:12-16**

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

#### **Ordinary Men Given a Extraordinary Mission                      Matthew 28:16-20**

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- **Moving from being the focus of the mission to becoming a partner in the mission**

#### **You Have a Part to Play In This Mission                      Hebrews 12:1-2a**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith...

#### **Prepared and Positioned    Genesis 37-50**

- God working in the life of Joseph
- 2020 was God preparing and positioning you
- The Jesus formula
  - Up - time spent with the Father
  - In - time spent with disciples (follow Journey partners)
  - Out - time spent with those outside the fellowship

#### **It Starts With You. Is That A Scriptural Focus???**

#### **What did Jesus Say?                      Luke 6:39-45**

He also told them this parable: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a

pit? The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher. “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

### **Clean the Inside First                      Matthew 13:25-28**

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

### **Love Yourself So You Can Love Others                      Luke 10:27**

He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

### **Need to Think Right About Ourselves So We Can Serve Others Romans 12”3-6a**

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us...

### **Keeping Our Focus                      Matthew 24:36-51**

#### **● Don’t lose sight of your mission doing life                      vss 36-41**

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

#### **● Be Alert                      Vss 42-44**

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

#### **● Be a Wise and Faithful Servant                      Vss.45-51**

“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the

servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.