

Thursday, April 09, 2026

Dear MLEPC Members and Friends:

This coming Sunday, April 12, will be the first day of our new Sermon Series on Discipleship. In my sermon, I will share my thoughts about Christian Discipleship so we can better understand this word, "Discipleship", which is rarely used in our modern culture.

Currently, Jews across the world are celebrating Passover which is their annual remembrance of what the Lord did to lead the Jews out of slavery in Egypt. The first Passover happened about 3500 years ago. The Lord told the Jews in Exodus 13:7-8, "Eat unleavened bread during those seven days (of Passover); nothing with yeast in it is to be seen among you, nor shall any yeast be seen anywhere within your borders. **On that day tell your son, 'I do this (Passover) because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.'** Passover is much more than an annual feast like our American Thanksgiving. Rather, the celebration of Passover is a Spiritual celebration where Jewish parents are mandated by the Lord to educate their children of what the Lord did for the Jewish people in Egypt 3500 years ago. In addition, during the Passover, Jewish parents talk about the ongoing miracles and power of the Lord now.

We all know that we humans have a problem with remembering the past. Therefore, we are cursed to repeat the past over and over again. Isn't that why the Lord Himself instituted Communion? Communion's purpose is the same as the purpose of Passover. The Lord said in Luke 22:19B, "**This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.**" Communion is one of the Lord's ways to help us remember Him and the amazing things He has done for us.

Thus, a key aspect of Discipleship is sharing with others what the Lord has done for us. Testimonies of what the Lord has done among us shouldn't be hidden, but proclaimed from rooftops and street corners so everyone, especially the non-Christian world, can know about the Lord and His never-ending goodness and faithfulness.

At its core, Discipleship is not about intensive Bible Studies, but rather it is about passing along our love and desire for the Lord Jesus Christ to others. Discipleship is a special form of generosity – spending time with others so we can share our Spiritual blessings with them. The Lord created us to be conduits of His blessings to others - both physical & Spiritual blessings.

In John 1:38-39, two disciples of John the Baptist wanted to see where Jesus was staying. And Jesus told them, "**Come and see!!**". Jesus real intent was to spend time with these two guys as they were walking along having a conversation about life & Faith. Jesus modeled this behavior for us – that we should also lead people to "come and see" Jesus Christ.

Isn't that the real idea of Discipleship? Showing others our Savior through 1) the way we live 2) the way we care 3) the way we serve & love the world 4) the way we manage the bumps & stresses of life and 5) the way we pray for the Lord's peace, power, and intervention. That is, our job is to show off Jesus Christ to the world.

This dark and hopeless world desperately needs to meet the living Christ. Since most folks won't go to a Church, our role is to "disciple" them wherever we meet them and have them "come and see" the living Christ through us and in us.

See you on Sunday!!

Bruce.