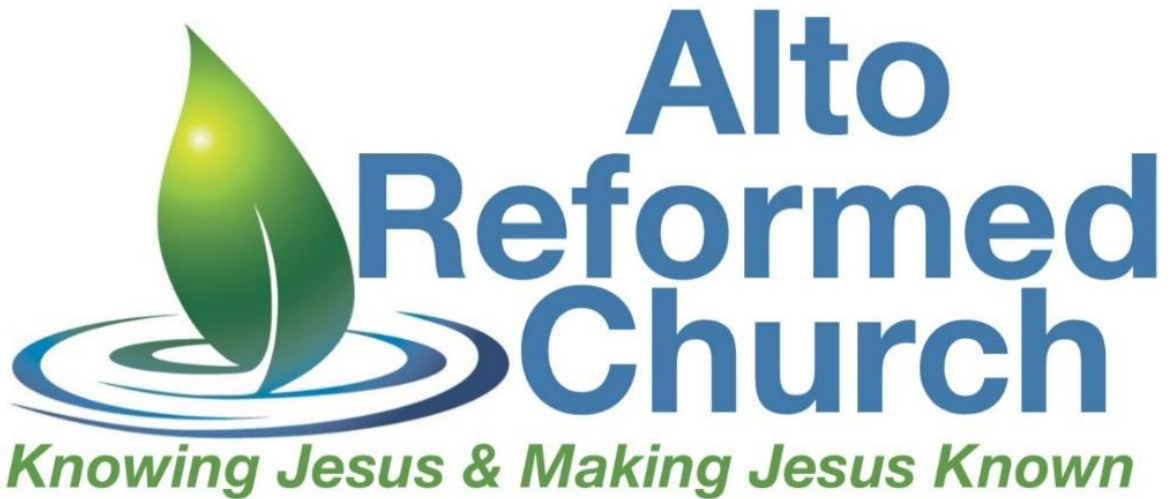


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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“The Heart of Worship”

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Congregational Prayer

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message

Message – Discipleship Essentials: Being a Disciple

Scripture – Luke 9:23-24 and Luke 5:1-11

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

“I Will Follow”

Blessing



# DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS

## Sermon Notes: Being A Disciple

### Key Scripture: Luke 9:23-24 & Luke 5:1-11

#### Two Lies we believe:

1. You're Okay (Complacency).
2. Whatever you do, it's never enough (Works).

#### Luke 14:25-33

"The cross is laid on every Christian. The first Christ-suffering which every man must experience is the call to abandon the attachments of this world. It is that dying of the old man which is the result of his encounter with Christ. As we embark upon discipleship we surrender ourselves to Christ in union with his death—we give over our lives to death. Thus it begins; the cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise god-fearing and happy life, but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ. When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

God is not calling us all to give everything away, He's calling us to give it all to Him, and if He tells you to give it all away, then by all means.

#### Who is a Disciple?

A disciple is one who responds in faith and obedience to the gracious call and to follow Jesus Christ.

(**Salvation/Born-again**) Being a disciple is a lifelong process of dying to self while allowing Jesus Christ to come alive in us. (**Sanctification/Maturing/Growing-up**)

#### Philippians 3:13-14

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

- Jim Elliot

#### Application:

1. Do Discipleship Essentials (If Possible, with someone else).
2. Let go of what you're holding onto, that God is asking you to let go of.


## *Upcoming Events*

- Sept 27**      8:30am – Prayer  
                  9:30am – Pastor Doug  
                  10:45am – Sunday School  
                  3:00pm – Task Force  
                  6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Sept 28**      7:00am – Prayer  
                  10:00am – Shepherd Meeting  
                  6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study  
                  7:00pm – Deacon Meeting, High School Bible Study
- Sept 29**      8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
                  7:00pm – Foster Care Volunteer Orientation
- Sept 30**      6:30pm – Bible Class, Women’s Bible Study, Youth Praise Team Practice  
                  7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- Oct 1**         6:30pm – Outreach Team Meeting  
                  7:00pm – Worship Ministry Team Meeting
- Oct 2**         6:00pm – Fellowship Fire Fridays
- Oct 4**         8:00am – Pastor Doug, Communion  
                  9:30am – Pastor Doug, Communion  
                  10:45am – Sunday School  
                  2:00pm – Executive Committee Meeting (Nominees can decline)  
                  6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

### **Who May/Should Participate In Communion?**

“We welcome all those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.” (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 81; 1 Cor. 10:19-22; 11:26-32)

Paul challenges believers to participate in communion in a manner that is sincere and authentic. He writes to the church in Corinth...

*“Eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in the right way. Don’t do it in a way that isn’t worthy of him. If you do, you will be guilty. You’ll be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone should take a careful look at themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup.” (1 Cor. 11:27-28 NIRV)*

So, we welcome any who are trusting in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins to participate in the Lord’s supper. If your child understands the above statement, they too are welcome to the table. As well, we want to urge those who trust Jesus to join with us in ministry as active confessing members. For more information, check out “Discovering Membership” on our website or at the information table.

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – What ever happened to the tree of life after the Garden of Eden? Tonight we'll see how this tree connects the entire story of the Bible as God's big plan for the world. See you at 6:30!

**High School** – Exodus - what does it mean? How does this story of the Israelites connect us with the rest of the Bible? See you on Wednesday at 7:30!

**Alto Chase** – This annual outdoor event will be happening Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm! This is a huge game of Romans and Christians all around Alto and we need YOU, the adults, to come act as the Romans and try to catch the Christians (8<sup>th</sup> grade through Seniors) before they can make it to the "Safe Place"! This is a great way to interact with our teens in a fun but meaningful way! We need your help to make this happen!

## *Bulletin Board News*

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby.

**Congrats** to Bob & Bev Kastein as they celebrate their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Congrats** to Duane & Colleen Bille as they celebrate their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**AMEN** articles are due today.

**Invitation** – The congregation is invited to attend the wedding ceremony of Joyce Prellwitz and Don Wackett at 1pm on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Edgewood Community Church.

**Food Pantry Donations** – During the month of October, Women's Ministries is collecting donations for the food pantry which can be placed in the tote near the children & families bulletin board.

### **ALTO UPDATE:**

**We want you to grow as a disciple of Jesus.** That is the heart of all we do and so we urge you to prayerfully consider what God wants you to be doing. Know that we have "Discipleship Essentials" devotional workbooks available for you to use personally, with family, or in groups. [RightNow Media](#) is loaded with incredible materials 24 - 7. As well, we are doing what we can (see below) to provide opportunities for you to grow. Please contact us if there is any way we can better support you and your family. – Pastor Kevin

**We are adding an 8AM Service.** The consistory decided to do a **2-week experiment** with an 8AM service on Oct. 4 and 11 for those who are more cautious. The 8AM Service will require masks along with physical distancing. There will be no congregational singing. A song would likely be played or sung by a soloist at the beginning and the end. The focus will be on prayer and the sermon. If possible, videos of children's messages will be played. The 9:30AM Service & 10:45AM Sunday School will not change. The 9:30AM service will be streamed on [YouTube](#). We will do communion at both services on Oct. 4.

### **We are making a couple updates with Children & Families' Ministry.**

**Kid's Sunday School:** We will be continuing to provide the Sunday School classes with snacks in their classrooms. As we feel it is wise to continue to keep classes separate at this time, SS singing will continue to be put on hold.

**Preschool Sunday School:** PreK SS will be split into two groups. The 4K students will be meeting up in the Red Room and the 3's will continue to meet in the Sunbeamer Room. This change will start Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Walk Out Worship:** WOW will be put on hold through the year and will be reevaluated in January.

## P - praise R - repent A - ask Y – yield

**Praise:** We praise you, Lord, for the healing you've brought thus far to those listed below. We rejoice in your power to heal and your compassion to see us through.

**Repent:** Lord, we confess that we take healing for granted and lack faith to pray boldly for miracles. Forgive us for doubting your power and love.

**Ask:** Father, give us a greater hunger for Your Word, a clearer vision for the future, and a stronger will to go wherever You lead. •May our community, nation and world find hope in Jesus as we obey Your call. •Grant us wisdom and discernment as the church evaluates affiliating with a new denomination. •Pour down Your peace, healing, and protection on teachers, parents, healthcare workers, and those listed below.

**Yield:** We surrender to Your plans and commit ourselves to obey Your Word each day. Amen.

**THIS WEEK...** Pray for the staff and consistory as we navigate decisions around COVID and the RCA.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Josie Buijer, Vance Elzinga, Lisa Flier, Sharon Harmsen, Dan Hopp, Ken Kamphuis, Bev Kowalski, Dave Rumley, Rollie Schroeder, Dale Schultz, Azyrah Ter Beest, Brysen Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Mark Vossekuij, and Silas Willey.

### **Military Personnel:**

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the Middle East, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East; Jim Hopp, a Marine stationed in Hawaii; and for the leaders of our country and the troops stationed overseas.

**Shut-ins:** Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Warren & Kay Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **The Meadows:** Donna Kastein

**Missionaries:** Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ