

EMPOWERED TO SHARE: Growing as Effective Messengers of the Gospel

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You, therefore, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard me say among many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be qualified to teach others as well.

2 Timothy 2:1-2 NKJV

OBJECTIVE: To inspire and equip participants to pursue intentional spiritual growth and deeper relationship with Christ by exploring practical strategies for discipleship.

INTRODUCTION: Romans 10:14-15 NIV: "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

Romans 10:14-15 emphasizes the importance of sharing the message of faith with others. The verses ask how people can believe in something they have never heard, and how they can hear unless someone tells them. It highlights that sharing the gospel—bringing the "good news" about salvation—is essential. Those who spread this message are valued and appreciated, as their actions help others find faith and hope. The passage ultimately encourages believers to actively share their faith, showing that every effort to bring the message to others has great significance.

These verses serve as a reminder of the call to share the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit in empowering believers to do so. They support us in effectively sharing our faith and contribute to spreading the message of salvation to others. To prepare ourselves as impactful carriers of the redemptive message of hope in Christ Jesus, we must be continually growing in Him.

LESSON: Discussion and Sharing

Practical Tools for Discipleship and Spiritual Growth

Finding ways to integrate our need to nurture our spiritual lives can be challenging. What we know is that to grow and mature in our faith, we must be intentional about having a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Christ. Today, we will spend some time sharing and discussing some practical ways to seek the presence of God, which is our highest goal, for His Presence brings peace, joy, and blessings. "In His Presence is fullness of joy..." Psalm 16:11KJV. It is in His Presence that transformation takes place.

Develop a Personal Discipleship Plan - Discuss these and other ways to intentionally seek to grow in your faith.

- Develop spiritual goals identifying where you currently stand and areas of growth you want to achieve like deepening your understanding of scripture by completing a bible study in a particular area, become more active in serving, spend more time in prayer and meditation, sharing the gospel.

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- Take time for self-examination and confession – Use the scriptures to guide you. This practice will reveal inconsistencies between your beliefs and your behavior. This will lead to confession of sin, cleansing and forgiveness. (Read 1 John 1:9)
- Incorporate spiritual practices into your daily routine – “Pray without ceasing”, is an attitude of God-consciousness that we carry with us all the time. Every waking moment is to be lived in an awareness that God is with us and that He is actively involved and engaged in our thoughts and actions. It is continual dependence upon and communion with the Father.
- Transform your travel time to a time of reflection on the word of God. We must transfer the reading of the Word to living it out in our daily lives which makes the Kingdom of God more tangible and visible to others. Memorize scripture. It becomes a treasure of truth to guide and encourage us.
- Develop a relationship with an Accountability Partner. This is someone with whom you share your spiritual goals. This relationship is important for motivation, support and encouragement.

Discipleship in the Small Group Setting

“Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in the midst of them.” **Matt 18:20 NKJV**

“Let your light so shine among men, that they will see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” **Matt 5:16 NKJV.**

- Share praise reports, lessons learned from the Word of God with others.
- Through group fellowship of believers, we create a safe space for sharing our cares, concerns, challenges, questions and watch how God responds through His Word. This pushes us to dig deeper into scripture, uncovering the truths that guide our daily lives.
- We will become equipped to effectively share the gospel through faith – centered conversations.
- Our goal is to mature as disciples who make disciples.

Remember in Prayer

- Our founding Pastor Bishop Grannum and his family; Pastor Bob Oliver and Lady Denise Oliver and their family.
- Our Pastoral staff: Pastor Wangui Mwangi; Pastor Omar Barlow and his wife Jeneen; Pastor Andrew Grannum and his wife Chevas and their families.
- NCC staff and volunteers; All heads and leaders of ministries at NCC
- For more growth and participation in our Life Connecting Ministry
- The Prayer Station Ministry and all who participate in going out to share the gospel and pray for others; For an increase in NCC members who participate.
- The sick and shut-in; those who have experienced the passing of a loved one.
- For our children and youth that we are committed to supporting them in growing in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Ref. Unlock the Power of Discipleship; Rev. Dr. Leslie Parker Barnes; Chap. 2