



MARKS OF A SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH: BE

MATTHEW 22:37

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. Ephesians 5:1

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

A TRUTH: Being a disciple is about _____ Jesus.

A disciple who loves Jesus is birthed with a commitment.

A disciple who loves Jesus is filled with life change.

A disciple who loves Jesus is sustained by a personal relationship.

A TRAP: Treating discipleship like a _____ for us rather than a _____ with us.

Be in God's Word regularly and _____ who He reveals Himself to be.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:4-5

A TRUTH: Being a disciple is about staying _____ to Jesus.

A TRAP: Treating discipleship like a _____ rather than _____.

Be in God's Word regularly and _____ to what it says.





DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. What are examples of ways to love God with heart, soul and mind?
2. Read John 15:4-6, 7-8. How are we to *abide* in Jesus, and why should we?
3. Read Matthew 22:37. What does abiding in Jesus have to do with loving God in the way this verse states? How are the two things connected?

“Of itself, a branch is weak and useless. It is good for either bearing or burning, but not for building (read Ez 15). The branch cannot produce its own life; it must draw that life from the vine. It is our communion with Christ through the Spirit that makes possible the bearing of the fruit.”

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4. What does it mean to *bear fruit* as a Christian?

5. Examine the “traps” from the sermon notes. In what ways and under what circumstances do you tend to treat discipleship like a program rather than a relationship?

In what ways do you tend to treat discipleship like a formula rather than faithfulness?

6. How do you struggle with loving others the way Jesus loves you? What is the Holy Spirit's role in this endeavor?

FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION: How can you increase your exposure to the Word of God on a daily basis, so you can see more of God revealed there?

HOW TO START A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God. (*Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6*)

Understand that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (*Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27*)

Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead. (*Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21*)

Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death, and as your provider of true and eternal life. (*Romans 4:4-5, 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-9*)

You can use this prayer: “Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life I now have. Amen.”

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

GOT PAIN? MOVING FROM FEAR TO FAITH

Ladies, join us on Saturday, March 25, for our women's event, *Got Pain?* We'll hear from some incredible women about learning to trust God even in the middle of suffering. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., fellowship with one another, hear encouraging messages and enjoy lunch with us. Kids Care options are available, and you can find registration online today by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/gotpain.

THE MAKE CONFERENCE Have you wondered what exactly discipleship is? Join us on Friday, March 31 for The MAKE Conference with Dr. Jonathan Murphy! This three-hour conference will provide tips on making disciples in a modern world. Meals and limited Kids Care will be available. Register today to receive a free copy of Dr. Jonathan Murphy's book *Authentic Influencer*. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/make.

EASTER AT CHRIST CHAPEL Join us this Easter as we celebrate the resurrection and victory of Jesus! Services will be held on both Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9 across all our campuses and we would love to host you, your family and friends. Today, you can find Reservation Reminders, times and register for Kids Care by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/easter.

AN EASTER INVITE Inviting someone to church can be intimidating! As Easter approaches, we know many of you are praying about reaching out and extending an invitation to someone in your life to join you for Easter service. As a resource to you, we've created a special webpage designed to give simple, practical tips as you navigate those invites. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/easterinvite to learn more!

TENEBRAE which means “the darkening,” is a moving Good Friday service recounting Jesus' life and death through music, storytelling and communion. Join us on Friday, April 7 at 6 or 7:30 p.m. as we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. Please note that we do recommend children ages 10 and under not attend due to the dramatic nature of the service. Learn more, and find Reservation Reminders, by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/tenebrae.

SEDER Led by David Teitelbaum, D.O., the Seder allows you to experience the traditional Passover ceremony that Jesus Himself would have participated in during His earthly ministry. You'll taste the ceremonial elements, learn the symbolism behind each and discover how it all points to Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. Learn more and register at www.ccbcfamily.org/seder.

EASTER LILIES This Easter, we invite you to honor someone who has played a significant role in your faith or remember someone who has passed away. Dedicate a lily and have it displayed on Easter morning by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/lilies.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text CCBCFW to 833-422-7200 to get started.