

Disciples of the Mysteries of God in 2021
1 Corinthians 4:6-21
January 3, 2021

I. The Purpose of Discipleship (V. 6-13)

- A. (Characteristic) Discipleship is about other people.
 - 1. (Purpose) It protects us from going beyond scripture.
 - 2. (Purpose) It protects us from a culture of a pride.

II. The Meaning of Discipleship (V. 14-21)

- A. (Characteristic) Discipleship comes in _____ forms.
- B. (Characteristic) Discipleship is _____.
- C. (Definition) Discipleship is imitating _____ as they imitate _____ (1 Corinthians 11:1, 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7, Hebrews 13:7).
- D. (Characteristic) Discipleship is the difference between _____ about the Word and the _____ of the Word.

III. Discipleship Goals for Apollo in 2021

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 4:6-21.
2. What is discipleship?
3. Why would Christians ever be tempted to go beyond what the Bible says (V. 6)? How does discipleship prevent that from happening?
4. Why would Christians be tempted to be prideful against one another (V. 6)? How does discipleship prevent that from happening?
5. How is discipleship like spiritual parenting? What is the advantage to seeing weaker Christians like sons and daughters?
6. What did Paul say was the difference between a kingdom of talk and a kingdom of power (V. 20)? What would happen to a church that said all the right things about God but confronted no one who disobeyed Him?
7. Which of the five discipleship goals for Apollo in 2021 stood out to you the most? Why?
8. Pray for each other, that you would all, day by day, imitate others as they imitate Christ. Consider attending this Sunday's Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7 pm!

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Isaiah 1-4

January Memory Verses: Isaiah 8:11-13

Hebrews 10:19-22

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Instructions for Tonight's Prayer Meeting:

Every Sunday at 7 pm.

Register at the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at time of the Prayer Meeting.

Agenda for Tonight's Prayer Meeting:

PRAYING for whatever the Holy Spirit has on your mind!

PRAYING for our newest believers.

PRAYING for Awana kids and teachers as they start the new semester.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- Those struggling with fear, anxiety and employment issues because of the COVID
 - Raymond C. (missionary who had to return home due to COVID, struggling with housing and food)
- Church members and/or their friends/families who have COVID
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
 - Rebecca R. (brother), Ray and Sue J. (daughter-in-law, Lynette), Dan and Shirley S. (Dan's father), Nancy C. (father, Pete), April H. (husband, Gary), Ken R. (sister, Joan), Darlene R. (aunt, Peggy), Randie A. and Bonnie V. (mother), Tim, Alexa, and Erika P. (grandfather)
 - Grief Share participants
- Those struggling with cancer issues:
 - Mary C. (breast cancer), Brenda R. (blood cancer and possible donors of bone marrow), Leroy D. (his brother), Chris and Beth L. (3 yr. old daughter with inoperable brain tumor), Jerry M. (friend of Dan S. has pancreatic cancer)
- Those struggling with health issues:
 - Rezwana D. (migraines), Mary R. (possibly starting dialysis), Ruthie C. (severe weight loss), Jimmy (grandson of Raul and Cindy O. has autism and migraines), Larry D. (brain bleed not completely healed), Don R. (sciatica pain), Wayne and Twyla D. (Parkinsons), Floyd W. (Pat's dementia), Elaine D. (medication issues), Gretchen E. (father in rehab regaining strength), Duane W. (granddaughter's pregnancy), Anna (grandson has muscular dystrophy), Jose M. (sister miscarried), Bob B's mom (fractured vertebrae)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Brenda R. (bone marrow transplant), James M. (cleaning out the veins in his legs), Dave C. (shoulder surgery Dec. 28), Warren Y. (hernia surgery on Jan. 12)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Jonathan B. (hand surgery), Laura M. (vertebrae surgery and right arm movement), Dale O. (knee replacement), Susan K.'s son-in-law (recipient of liver transplant), Wanda H. (son, Derek), Ketty B's. (grandmother)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Billy H.
- Others that you are aware of