

Sermon Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Live Stream March 22, 2020

This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon to be used at some point after the Live Stream. Anytime we hear God's Word, the Bible, being read and explained we need to do more than just listen. The Bible says that we are to "be doers of the word, not hearers only, deceiving yourselves (James 1:22)."

Step 1: Gather in a room that will allow for all who are present to sit, talk, and listen.

Step 2: Review the topic and/or text from the Bible that Sam preached about.

Step 3: Discuss key points and scriptures from the sermon using the Sermon Guide (below)

Step 4: Pray for the prayer requests shared by your family or small group.

Discussion Guide: The Journey Week 8

Discussion Starter #1: Pastor Sam mentioned that we have often been led to believe that following Jesus means, "I come to church, listen to the preacher, I help where needed, I give some money, and then I go home." What is wrong with this? How is this different from true discipleship that embraces and assists in spreading the teachings of Jesus?

Discussion Starter #2: Sam mentioned that "gaining knowledge is a key factor in fulfilling our purpose." Have you ever felt like you couldn't teach or tell someone about Jesus because you didn't know the right things to say?

Going Deeper: Do you desire for more knowledge from God to make a difference in the lives of others? What are you doing right now to pursue more knowledge from God?

Self-evaluation: No one can disciple another on a Journey with Jesus who is not themselves a disciple of Jesus. **in Luke 9:23 Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."** Based on this verse, are you following Jesus?

Activity: Have someone read Matthew 28:18-20. Sam mentioned the following: "To Disciple another person is a *process* that you are *doing*. The great commission is not telling us to make something as much as to do something." Take a moment to discuss what Jesus commands His Disciples, including us, to do.

Going Deeper: Talk for a few moments with your group about something you learned in the message today about the following words from Matthew 28:19-20: "going," "baptizing," and "teaching."

Doing the Word: What are you doing to lead someone else to be a disciple of Jesus? What could you do this week in your home, small group, neighborhood, or place of work to disciple someone?