



Discipleship Guide

Sermon: The Cost and Purpose of the Oil

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Key Takeaways

- Anointing comes with a purpose and a cost.
- We are anointed to partner in Jesus' work of proclaiming good news and freedom.
- Pursuing holiness is essential for cultivating the anointing in our lives.
- Faith, obedience, and perseverance are required to walk in God's anointing.

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon mentions that following Jesus can sometimes make life more difficult. Have you experienced this? Share an example.
2. How does the idea that we're anointed for a purpose, not just for personal benefit, challenge or encourage you?
3. The pastor emphasizes pursuing holiness. What does this mean to you practically? How is it different from legalism?
4. Discuss a time when you felt God calling you to step out in faith, perhaps to pray for someone or share your faith. What was that experience like?
5. The sermon talks about the importance of forgiveness. Why do you think

unforgiveness is described as a "gateway for the enemy"?

6. How can we balance pursuing God's calling on our lives with potential rejection or criticism from others?
7. What does it mean to you to "not become weary in doing good" (Galatians 6:9)?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, intentionally look for opportunities to pray for others or share your faith. Be prepared to share your experiences next time.
2. Identify an area in your life where you need to pursue holiness. Create a practical plan to address this area.
3. If there's someone you need to forgive, take steps this week towards forgiveness. This might involve prayer, journaling, or having a conversation.
4. Set aside extra time this week for prayer and seeking God's presence. Be prepared to share how this impacts your sense of God's anointing in your life.
5. Reflect on any areas where you might be growing weary in doing good. Pray for renewed strength and perseverance.

Closing Prayer

Encourage group members to continue reflecting on the sermon's messages throughout the week and to support one another in applying these principles.

5-Day Devotionals

Day 1: The Anointing of the Spirit

Reading: Luke 4:14-21

Devotional: Jesus' declaration of His anointing in the synagogue sets the tone for His ministry and our calling as believers. As you read this passage, reflect on how the Spirit of the Lord is upon you. How has God anointed you to bring good news, freedom, and healing to others? Consider the areas in your life where you need to embrace this anointing more fully. Pray for a renewed sense of purpose and the courage to step into the calling God has placed on your life, even when it might be challenging or misunderstood by others.

Day 2: The Cost of Discipleship

Reading: Luke 4:22-30

Devotional: Jesus' reception in His hometown reminds us that following Him often comes at a cost. As you meditate on this passage, consider the areas in your life where obedience to God might lead to rejection or misunderstanding from others. How can you cultivate the strength to stand firm in your faith, even when it's difficult? Reflect on Jesus' example of continuing His mission despite opposition. Ask God for the grace to walk through challenging situations with the same resolve and trust in His plan for your life.

Day 3: Pursuing Holiness

Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-16

Devotional: The call to holiness is central to our walk with God. As you read this passage, reflect on what it means to be holy in all you do. How can you cultivate a heart that is set apart for God's purposes? Consider areas in your life where you might need to let go of distractions or worldly pursuits to focus more fully on God. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you in this process of sanctification, remembering that holiness is not about legalism, but about a life fully surrendered to God's love and purpose.

Day 4: Faith that Moves Mountains

Reading: Matthew 17:14-20

Devotional: Jesus teaches about the power of faith in this passage. As you reflect on these verses, consider the areas in your life where you need to exercise greater faith. Are there situations that seem impossible, where you need to trust God more fully? Remember that faith is not just about believing, but about acting on that belief. Ask God to increase your faith and give you opportunities to step out in trust, whether in prayer for healing, sharing the gospel, or facing personal challenges.

Day 5: Perseverance in Doing Good

Reading: Galatians 6:9-10

Devotional: The Christian walk is a marathon, not a sprint. As you meditate on this passage, reflect on areas where you might be growing weary in doing good. What encouragement can you draw from the promise of reaping a harvest if you don't give up? Consider the long-term impact of your faithfulness, even when you can't see immediate results. Pray for renewed strength and joy in serving God and others. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you persevere, remembering that your labor in the Lord is never in vain.