



DISCUSSION GUIDE

"Deeply Rooted"
The Monterey Way, Part 3
Pastor Bryan James
November 19, 2023

WELCOME Meet at the front of Sanctuary for Welcome & Prayer, Worship, and Sermon Synopsis.

WORSHIP "Forever" – Chris Tomlin
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6xxWGWpaUQ>

WORD Scripture References: [Matthew 28:18-20](#), [John 3:1-9](#),
[John 15:5-8](#), [Romans 12:1-2](#)

1. What stood out to you the most in the message? Why?

Read Matthew 28:18-20 and discuss the following:

2. What is a disciple? What is discipleship?
3. Why do you think viewing ourselves as 'disciples' might be the healthiest way to think of ourselves?
4. Discuss the 'paradigm shift' Pastor Bryan described that is needed to see our responsibility to our purpose/calling and fidelity to God.
5. What are spiritual disciplines? Share some examples of disciplines.
6. **Read John 3:1-9.** What does it mean to be born-again and to live the born-again life?
7. **Read Romans 12:1-2.** What is the big "why" of discipleship and discipline?
 - How is living a disciplined life (i.e., being a disciple, follower of Christ) tethered to the authority we have in Christ?
8. **Read John 15:5-8.** After hearing the message, how is God speaking to you personally about what you need to do *habitually* to remain close to Him, bearing fruit?
 - Share your disciplines: *Which are you strong at? Which do you struggle with and desire to grow in? Which do you want to start?* (There's so much mercy and grace for the willing and surrendered heart!)
 - Close by praying for one another in this area.

WITNESS As we enter the Thanksgiving holiday, pray and ask the Lord to highlight specific people in your path he wants to reach through you. Ask for His words and His heart for them. With a humble, surrendered, and expectant heart, boldly speak as the Holy Spirit leads you.