

SERMON QUOTES SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9 2018

“Being other-focused is critical for Christian discipleship. A Christian disciple is a follower of Jesus. A follower is more than a believer. A believer affirms facts about Jesus. But followers talk to Jesus, love Jesus, give to serve Jesus, obey Jesus and tell others about Jesus. A disciple makes disciples. That’s what it means to advance God’s mission.”

“Discipleship is helping others follow Jesus. Discipleship is about influence. Influence happens every day in our lives. Think about it: how much of what you do is done because someone else showed you how to do it? Where we bank and shop, how we brush our teeth, what we think about church, how we shoot a basketball, etc., are all products of someone else’s influence in our lives. We all influence and are influenced by others. The question is: How will you use your influence? What impact is your life having on others for Jesus?”

“Discipleship is about orienting our lives toward others, being a “there you are” person for another person’s spiritual good.”

“When seeking to influence others spiritually, focus on Jesus more than you focus on anything else. Focus on Jesus, not your imperfections, inability, inexperience, or insecurities. He’s the One who can produce real life change. You and I are simply megaphones announcing his goodness and grace.”

“We’re a lot like “Dug”. Our hearts chase after a lot of different “squirrels” that promise satisfaction and joy found only in Jesus. We need others to help us keep our focus on God and the Gospel.”

“Discipleship involves modeling faithfulness (i.e., applied wisdom) and instructing others with the Bible (i.e., communicating Christian truth).”

“Paul’s blood, sweat, and tears for others joy in Jesus were not self-generated. The secret to his success, endurance and tenacity was not education, winsomeness, technique or personality. It was God’s resurrection power (Eph 1:19-20) at work in him.”

“The power of God’s grace in the heart of the humble believer who depends utterly on God produces incredible industry” (John Piper)