

Seaside Church Sermon Notes

DISCIPLES: A Series on Following Jesus Together in the Local Church

1 - Receive the Gospel

SUMMARY

This is the first of a 6 week series on the basics of following Jesus in the local church. A disciple is a learner or follower of Christ and we've chosen 6 action steps as headers to walk through a basic picture of what this looks like. The first step is... receive the gospel. Sunday's message was focused on how Jesus began preaching the gospel and the response he was looking for from his followers. We also covered 5 different ways this can look in our lives. Not everyone has the same experience in receiving the gospel, but some things remain the same in all of our stories. In order to begin following Jesus, you first have to receive the gospel!

GROUP QUESTIONS *(For use with your family, roommates, Community or Bible Group, or individually)*

- Share something from the message or passage that surprised, encouraged, or troubled you.
- When you think about someone receiving the gospel, getting saved, becoming a Christian, etc... what first comes to mind as far as what that looks like?
- Read Mark 1.14-15. When Jesus begins preaching the gospel, what does he emphasize? Is that different from what we emphasize in a typical "gospel presentation" today?
- Pastor Rob mentioned 5 example stories of different ways people received the gospel in the New Testament.
- The "not yet believer" - Samaritan Woman/John 4
- The "religious" - Lydia/Acts 16.11-15
- The "seeker" - Ethiopian Eunuch/Acts 8.26-39
- The "christian kid" - Timothy/2 Timothy 1.5; Acts 16.1-2
- The "Processor" - The 12 Disciples/Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- Share which one of these you relate to and why.
- While we and the examples above have different stories in how we received the gospel, what the things we have in common?
- If you've never written out your story. Take time this week and write out how you became a follower of Jesus. You can follow a three step process.
 1. Write about your life before becoming a Christian
 2. Write about the circumstances around how you heard the gospel and believed it
 3. Write about what the Lord is doing in your life now
- If you've never taken time in your Community Group to share your stories, take the fall to have one person share their story each week during your group time

PRAYER POINT

Have you received the gospel? If not, and you desire to express your faith in Christ, do so together in prayer. If you have received the gospel, remember your story. Thank God for the people he used to bring you to faith. Pray for them by name. Also, have you made Christianity into something that doesn't start here? Rest in the simplicity of this beginning point of discipleship. We don't just receive the gospel once... but continue to repent and believe. Practice those actions as well in prayer.

FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS

Read 1 Corinthians 15.1-6. Help your kids clearly understand the gospel message. Now read Mark 1.14-15. Explain to your kids the response Jesus calls us to. If they are ready, help them receive the gospel and become disciples of Jesus.

Email any questions to Pastor Rob, rob@seasidechurch.com.

Sermon Notes Cont.

RESOURCES

Mere Christianity, CS Lewis

Essentials of Discipleship, Francis Cosgrove

Basic Christianity, John Stott

Faith Mapping, Daniel Montgomery and Mike Cospers

The Explicit Gospel, Matt Chandler

Fall Events Primer

September- October 2018

Community Groups Fall Kickoff

After a busy summer, all of our community groups begin meeting regularly again in the Fall. September is a great time to visit and get connected with a community group. Email us at info@seasidechurch.com and we'll help you get connected with community groups in your area.

New to Seaside Lunch | Sunday, September 16, 12:45-1:45p

If you are new to Seaside or haven't been to a New to Seaside lunch, this is a great first step in finding out more about our church and getting connected. We'll talk through our roots, what we do as a church and how you can get connected. This is a casual event and families/ kids are welcome. RSVP @ Connect Table or by emailing info@seasidechurch.com

Seaside Women's Conference | Fri., Sept. 21 (7-9p) – Sat., Sept. 22 (9a-3p)

Come and gather with the women of Seaside in a weekend of worship and community building as we explore Paul's teachings in Romans 12. Cost is \$25 and includes light snacks Friday evening, and continental breakfast and catered lunch on Saturday. Register online today at seasidechurch.com! For more information, email kristi@seasidechurch.com. We hope to see you there!

Financial Peace Class | Thursdays, 6:30- 8p, Sept. 13- Nov. 8,

A 9-week class at the building that will show you step-by-step how to create a budget, pay off your debt, make wise spending decisions, and save for the future. Kevin Stigile is leading this class, utilizing material from Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Cost is \$100/ individual/couple however, Seaside will cover/ refund 50% of the cost if you complete all 9 weeks of the class (full need-based scholarships are available upon request). No childcare. Interested? Email kevin@seasidechurch.com and Kevin can answer your questions and get you registered.

Trick-or-Treat On Us | Wed. October 31, 5-7p

Serve our neighbors and friends with our biggest community service event of the year. Free food, carnival games, tons of candy, thumping bass and good ol' Halloween fun for all ages. There are many opportunities to serve at this event and we'll share more about those in October.