

“Alternative Culture” : Telling Another Story of Transformation | Wk 3

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“By Living” by [Tyler Gorsline](#)

SERMON NOTES:

Pastor Tyler expressed his concern that

1. Our lives are so caught up in our world, moment, and issues that we forget to sit at Jesus' feet as His disciples.
2. Are we fixing our attention on what's happening around us, instead of upon Jesus?

This lead to us:

1. Often not living as if we know what it means to be chosen as Christ's disciples
2. Choosing to instead be disciplined by everything else imaginable in our world
3. To not be sure how to define discipleship or how to live into it
4. Not knowing how to make disciples as Christ called us to
5. Being unwilling to make disciples as we have learned how to do

You were asked if you are committed to the life of discipleship that Jesus is calling you to?

1. We believe that Jesus is calling you to take honest inventory of if you are His disciple
2. At ASC we want to be people who embrace our discipleship
1. Our definition of Discipleship at ASC is:
 - a. To seek the lost and transform the found. Discipleship includes understanding who Jesus is, who you are, and how to follow Jesus wherever He leads You.

We examined how Jesus illustrated/modeled discipleship in Matthew 5:1-2 and 28:18-20:

- Matthew presents Jesus to his Jewish audience as a discipling teacher, the new Moses
- Matthew is organized around 5 sermons
- The Sermon on the Mount (the 1st sermon) is the most famous sermon in world history
- We often miss how Matt 5:1-2 teaches the posture of discipleship for us all.
- Jesus postures his attention to a few at the expense of the crowd and worldly success
- Jesus called His students “talmidim” (aramaic) for disciples: "learners" or "students"
- Disciples are with, become like, and do what their teacher did (if he were living their life)

As a result, we must understand that our Discipleship to Jesus will:

1. Require your full undivided attention, but that's just where he starts.
2. Reorders our habits in every area of your life
2. There is no discipleship without discipline
3. Includes giving that last 10% you keep from God and everyone else
4. Takes us from sitting at Jesus' feet to getting up to go and make disciples
5. That Jesus will "surely be with you always" as you are disciples who make disciples

Will you give Him all of who you are in your everyday life?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS (Small Group & Personal):

WARM-UP: “Together” *(use one or none)*

1. Who have you met who had authority? What are they like?
2. What is your favorite zoo animal?

WORD: “Truth”

Leader: Questions below should allow for quick responses, evident by close reading of the text. Choose to use some or all of them (pending pace), as reading of the passage(s) will answer them as well.

- **Sermon Recap (if helpful):** Tyler challenged us to consider how we have missed the meaning of discipleship. In Matthew 5:1-2, Jesus begins his first and most famous sermon in Matthew by showing the dynamic posture between a disciple and a teacher. He models how he is focused on a few as his very strategy to share good news with the entire crowd. Jesus was not enamored with crowds and let them look in on his discipleship of the disciples through their seeing how he “lived, and moved, and had his being” in God, as we are called to likewise do in Jesus. He often raised the stakes for the crowd, that they would understand their need to be fully focused on what Jesus was calling them to. Tyler then invited us to make disciples just as Jesus did. To see the 3 main ways Christ made disciples as outlined in Matthew 28:18-20. Jesus, who having “all authority in heaven and on earth” has given us that same authority and calls us to use it with confidence to make “followers” of Christ. This is done through “high invite and high challenge” relationships. This invites people to live fully alive in Christ. Those 3 ways Jesus identified are to 1) “Go” 2) “Baptize” and 3) “Teach Obedience to all Jesus taught.” He tells his disciples before he ascends into heaven that in their doing He would “surely be with them always.”

Read Matthew 5:1-2, 28:18-20 out loud (as a group) and answer questions

In four sections if helpful 5:1-2, 28:18, 19, 20

Read 5:1-2

- What is Jesus doing here? He sees the crowd and he does what?

Read 28:18

- What self identifying statement did Jesus make moments before his ascension?
- Why is this significant, what do you think it did to the hearers? What does it make you think or feel?

Read 28:19

- What does Jesus command his followers to do?
- What is specific about it? What stands out to you?

Read 28:20

- After commanding to baptize what are the baptized to do?
- What is the last phrase Jesus tells his followers? Why is this significant?

SUPPLEMENTARY STUDY MATERIAL

1. Read Romans 8:11 and this quote by Dallas Willard: “Consumer Christianity is now normative. The consumer Christian is one who utilizes the grace of God for forgiveness and the services of the church for special occasions, but does not give his or her life and innermost thoughts, feelings, and intentions over to the kingdom of the heavens. Such Christians are not inwardly transformed and not committed to it.”
2. Ask yourself where “Consumer Christianity” has over-ridden your discipleship or commitment to make disciples?
3. Where you are afraid of the power of the world, more than aware of the power of the Holy Spirit within you? How to trust “God’s word to not come back void” (Isaiah 55:11).

APPLICATION: “Life”:

1. Where are you in the three step discipleship journey outlined by Tyler?
2. Have you been baptised, where are you on that journey?
3. Who might God be inviting you to disciple?

PRAYER “Way”

1. Spend time praying for this discipleship journey. Both for each member and also who is Jesus inviting you to reach out to.
2. Do you have any other specific prayer requests?

COMMUNION “Together”

Lead your group in communion in a way that feels right.

- If needed, 1 Corinthians 11:23-27
 - **23** ...that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” **25** In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS at ASC:

1. **Awesome:** ASC has begun giving away 10% of all donations we receive to help support church-planting, biblical justice, and other non-profits serving our city & world!
2. Celebration!. Due to the generosity of friends outside of our church, and your donations of one-time, recurring, appreciated stock, business matching, and recurring gifts, we were able to raise \$120K of year-end giving..
3. **Invite a friend and join us online:**
 - a. Jan 24: We continue in our new Series: Alternative Culture
4. **All-Church Prayer Calls:**
 - a. Wednesday's from 1230-1pm each week. 1-253-215-8782, 86546382360#
 - b. Friday Mornings from 6:30am-7am 1-253-215-8782, 86546382360#
5. **Get Involved:** If you are interested in serving at church, we have several opportunities for you to do so.
 - a. Hospitality: Help serve our production team when they record on Sundays
 - b. Media: Are you a photographer, a writer, editor or graphic designer, sound engineer, we have an opportunity for you to volunteer your gifts and talents. Email info@aseattlechurch.com and Amanda will connect you with the right ministry leader.
6. **Share testimony** of how God is moving in your life/your group in this season? **HERE**
7. How can we **come alongside you** in more specific ways as a church? **Let us know.**
8. Have you been **baptized?** If that is your next step in repentance and faith, **let us know.**