

Unrecognizable Session 8 – Get Understanding

I. Introduction Review

A. 1 Peter 2:9 (KJV) – *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light*

B. Recent Weeks

1. Understanding the Distinct Life
2. Living the Distinct Life
3. Discipleship – The Key to Makeover
4. The Discipleship Makeover Process
5. The Making of Disciples
6. How Discipleship works – Sower/Seed
7. How Discipleship works continued – How you hear determines what you receive

II. Characteristics of Disciples

A. Disciples are Followers – Choose to Follow Christ

B. Disciples Continue in the Word of God – Learners

C. Disciples Imitate – Doers/Active

D. Disciples are SEEKERS –

Matthew 13:44-46 (KJV) – ⁴⁴*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.*

⁴⁵*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: ⁴⁶Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it*

1. Those who were seeking the treasure were willing to INVEST of themselves to reap the benefits
2. This was another parable that proclaimed the same message of the parable of the sower/seed/soil –
3. Confirms – **Mark 4:24 (KJV)** – *And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.*

Mark 4:24-25 (NLT) – ²⁴Then he added, “Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given^[a]—and you will receive even more. ²To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.”

4. While everyone in the crowd heard with natural ears, not everyone in the crowd heard the spiritual message - Not all hear at the same level = different soils

a. **What Jesus Said About Those In The Crowd**

Mark 8:18 (KJV) – *Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?*

Matthew 13:15 (NIV) – *For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them*

b. **What Jesus said about His disciples**

Matthew 13:16 NIV – *But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.*

- c. Disciples were seekers – they were not satisfied just to hear with natural ears the words of Jesus = THEY sought to HEAR/SEE/UNDERSTAND the meaning of what he was saying

They RECEIVED the WORD as SEED into the good soil of their heart so they could REAP 30/60/100 fold

III. Get Understanding

A. Words of Significance

1. Hear –
2. See –
3. Hearing + Seeing = Understanding

B. Jesus and Understanding

Isaiah 61:1 (KJV) – *The Spirit of the LORD GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;*

Luke 4:18 (KJV) – *The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

1. All phrases were the same except

Isaiah – The opening of prison to those who are bound

Jesus – The recovering of sight to the blind

2. Jesus was declaring – TO BE SET FREE FROM PRISON – YOU MUST HAVE YOUR SIGHT RESTORED
 - a. When you can SEE what you couldn't SEE before – YOU WILL BE FREE
 - b. When you UNDERSTAND what you COULDN'T/DIDN'T understand before – YOU WILL BE FREE
 - c. *You shall know the TRUTH and the TRUTH will make you free –*
JOHN 8:32 (KJV)
3. In order for you to be FREE – Your eyes of Understanding must be opened.

C. Discipleship is about Understanding

1. We may be born again with little understanding of How or What –
2. Discipleship moves us forward into Understanding

D. Get Understanding

Proverbs 4:5-9 (KJV) – ⁵*Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. ⁶Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. ⁷Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. ⁸Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. ⁹She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.*

1. Get = acquire – obtain – to do whatever necessary to possess it –

Discipleship is doing whatever necessary to receive knowledge/understanding from the Lord

2. Wisdom = skill – Shrewdness – The ability to act wisely
3. Understanding = To hear – To Listen – To obey
 - To hear with attention or interest
 - To give heed as to agree with – *I am listening with and agreeing heart*
 - To listen so as to yield to – *I am listening with the intention of obeying the instruction I am receiving*

4. Solomon Obtained Wisdom and Understanding

1 Kings 3:9-12 (KJV) – ⁹*Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? ¹⁰And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. ¹¹And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; ¹²Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I*

*have given thee a **wise and an understanding heart**; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.*

- a. Wisdom is the quality of having good judgment based on knowledge/understanding
- b. Understanding is the ability to perceive from the Lord His will or His way of doing things
- c. Wisdom is the application of that which is obtained through knowledge and understanding
- d. You need UNDERSTANDING – insight into the thoughts and ways of God
- e. You need WISDOM – the process by which you will apply the understanding received.

E. Jesus’ Emphasis on Understanding

1. If you can see and hear – you will be converted and healed –

Matt 13:15b (NIV) – *Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them*

2. Your TRANSFORMATION/CHANGE/MAKEOVER comes as you SEE/HEAR/UNDERSTAND how the kingdom of God Works
3. Understanding = FREEDOM – out of prison
4. No Understanding = Bondage – kept in chains by the enemy

F. Paul’s Prayers

Ephesians 1:17-18 (NIV) – ¹⁷*I keep asking that the God of our LORD Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,*

KJV = Vs 18 – *The eyes of your understanding –*

Colossians 1:9 (NIV) – *For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the **knowledge** of his will through all the wisdom and **understanding** that the Spirit gives,*

IV. Benefits of Understanding

A. **Matthew 7:24-27 (KJV)** – ²⁴*Therefore whosoever **heareth** these sayings of mine, and **doeth** them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: ²⁵And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. ²⁶And every one that **heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened** unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: ²⁷And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.*

1. Heareth =

- a. To attend to
- b. To consider
- c. To understand or perceive to comprehend

2. Doeth = to make/ to produce

- a. As a gardener has taken the seed and did whatever necessary to bring forth the crop from the seed
- b. Mom’s harvest - In sowing/doing the seed - she was doing/producing the harvest
- c. When I am HEARING with understanding I am PRODUCING my harvest

3. Those who HEAR/Understand and DOETH/necessary principles for what they have heard to produce WILL REAP A HARVEST

- a. Harvest = When the storms come – The house will stand

4. Those who Do not hear with understanding and cannot apply the necessary principles for reaping – will NOT reap the harvest of the seed/word

a. HARVEST = Storms come = The house is destroyed

B. The Example of Solomon

Ecclesiastes 12:1 (NIV) –

Remember your Creator

in the days of your youth,

before the days of trouble come

and the years approach when you will say,

“I find no pleasure in them”—

Vs 2-12 speak of the old age and last years of Solomon

1. Solomon had wealth
2. Solomon had fame
3. Solomon had knowledge/education
4. Solomon had possessions
5. Solomon had women/wives
6. Solomon had pleasure

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (NIV) –

Now all has been heard;

here is the conclusion of the matter:

Fear God and keep his commandments,

for this is the duty of all mankind.

¹⁴*For God will bring every deed into judgment,*

including every hidden thing,

whether it is good or evil.

7. Solomon’s Advice

- a. Fear God/Acknowledge God/Get Saved
- b. Keep his commandments/Hear/Understand and Do/Act on his word