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INTRODUCTION

PRINCIPLE #1: _____ in Jesus =
_____ Jesus

- ▶ Matthew 16:24 - *Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.*
(see also John 21:22)

PATHWAY TO DISCIPLESHIP

▶ CONNECT

- With God through faith in Jesus Christ (& water baptism)
- With a local church through active participation

▶ GROW

- Vertically in your relationship with God through healthy habits (Bible, prayer & worship)
- Horizontally in your relationships with others through "one another" community (LifeGroups)

▶ SERVE

- Discover your unique spiritual _____ - _____
(from God)
- Jump into _____ your church family

HARD-WIRED FOR SERVICE

PRINCIPLE #2: _____ determines _____.
(Ephesians 2:10)

PRINCIPLE #3: We were designed to _____ by
_____.

STRANGE PARADOX (Mark 10:35-45)

Observation #1: Our fallen nature wants to put _____ on the
_____.

Observation #2: Christ's pathway is _____
_____ than our fallen nature.

Observation #3: You don't _____ your life until you _____
it _____. Matthew 10:39 / Matthew 16:25 / Philippians 2:3-4

Observation #4: Discipleship calls us to _____ -
_____ & Jesus Christ is a _____.

RIGHT POWER SOURCE (John 15:5; Colossians 1:28-29)

- ▶ Finding your "sweet spot" of service through experimentation

WHERE DO I BEGIN? (Acts 20:35; Matthew 10:8)

- ▶ Sign up to simply serve where most needed
Creeksideeg.com ▶ Next Steps ▶ Serve
- ▶ Take our free online Spiritual Gifts Survey
- ▶ Join our SHAPE—Discovering Your Ministry Potential- Workshop
Sept. 22, 6:30-8:30 PM

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lifegroup questions

Prayer

Take a few moments to catch up with one another and follow up on any previous prayer requests. Invite the Lord to guide your time and conversation today.

My Story

When was the first time in your life you realized you were talented at something? What was that moment of realization like? What was your discovered gift or talent?

Digging Deep

- 1) In 1 Corinthians 11:1, Paul says to *"You are to imitate me, just as I imitate Christ."* As followers of Christ, why is it important that we imitate the lifestyle and behavior of Jesus? What happens to us when we seek to follow the Lord in this manner?
- 2) **Read John 13:2-17.** In this story of Jesus washing His disciples' feet, the Lord commands them to follow His example. Why is such menial servanthood required of Christ-followers and what is so significant about the act of washing one another's feet?

Digging Deeper

- 3) **Read Ephesians 2:8-10.** Verses 8-9 clearly state that salvation comes as a grace-gift through faith and, therefore, no one could ever earn or deserve eternal life by good works. But then the Apostle Paul clearly states that all believers are nonetheless called to a lifestyle of service. **Reread Ephesians 2:10.** What does it mean that we were "created to do good works" and that God has prepared the good works He wants us to do ahead of time?
- 4) **Read Mark 10:35-45.** Why was the request of James and John so inappropriate? Why is Jesus' teaching about true greatness so hard for us to accept and embrace today?

- 5) **Read Galatians 5:13-14.** According to these verses, how are believers to utilize our incredible spiritual freedom? Why would anyone want to use their freedom to willingly become a bond servant of Jesus Christ?

Taking it Home

- 6) To believe in Jesus is to follow (imitate) Him. Jesus is a servant. Servants serve. What is one area that you have felt called to serve in but are reluctant to do so?
- 7) There are approximately 715 people at Creekside who currently use their gifts and abilities to serve others in our church family. Are you one of those people? If not, how do you intend to remedy this disconnect?
- 8) **Reality Check:** There are probably "extra grace-required" people in your life. Why is it so hard to serve such people? In John 15:5, Jesus says, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* According to these words, what is the secret power source for sustaining a life of fruitful, humble service? What do you think the expression "remain in me" means?

Praying Together

Intercede for each other's needs. Pray for the faith and courage to better follow Jesus as one who lives a lifestyle of service.

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