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CALL TO WORSHIP

1 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God...

11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

— Psalms 42:1-2a, 11

ACTS 18:18-28

18 After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow. 19 And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. 20 When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined. 21 But on taking leave of them he said, "I will return to you if God wills," and he set sail from Ephesus.

ACTS 18:18-28

22 When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. 23 After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples. 24 Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John.

ACTS 18:18-28

26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.



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REDWOOD TREES AT MUIR WOODS NATIONAL MONUMENT



- Can grow 330+ ft. tall
- Trunk diameter of 10-20 ft.
- Lifespan of 500-2,000 yrs.



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DISCIPLESHIP IS MARKED BY BOTH ESTABLISHING & NURTURING VS. 18-23

18 mnths; Faithful presence is vital to discipleship

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Nazarite vow

Main stage of 3rd Missionary Journey

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Rested in God's Sovereignty

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Officially the end of 2nd missionary journey

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Launch of the end of 3rd missionary journey

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Sites of 1st missionary journey

To render mature (Gal. 4:19; 1 Thess. 2:19-20)

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DISCIPLESHIP IS HUMILITY IN BOTH CORRECTION & A TEACHABLE SPIRIT VS. 24-26

Intellectual center; library of Alexandria; where OT was translated to Gk

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Gifted individual

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His understanding

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Baptism of repentance

Didn't seek to tear down,

but rather build up in truth

Confident yet lacking

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New Covenant Baptism of Christ (Matt. 28:19; Rmns. 6:3-4)

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Apollos also is teachable
as he submits to correction
in truth

***PRIDE WILL ALWAYS HINDER DISCIPLESHIP,
BUT HUMILITY CREATES FERTILE SOIL FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH.***



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CHRIST IS THE CRUX OF DISCIPLESHIP VS. 27-28

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Apollos was respected by the church

(1 Cor. 1)

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The goal of discipleship is never just that people know the Bible;
The OT The goal is that people know the Christ to whom the Bible points.
by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

CHRIST IS NOT MERELY ONE PART OF DISCIPLESHIP.

CHRIST IS THE CENTER OF DISCIPLESHIP



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CHRIST IS THE CRUX OF DISCIPLESHIP VS. 27-28

- **GENESIS**- Promised Seed to crush the serpent
- **EXODUS**- Spotless Passover Lamb
- **LEVITICUS**- Great High Priest & Once-for-all Sacrifice
- **NUMBERS**- The bronze serpent lifted up for all who look on him will be saved & lived
- **DEUTERONOMY** - Greater Moses whom God promised that mediates between God & man
- **JOSHUA**- Greater Joshua who leads His people to their true eternal joy & rest
- **JUDGES**- Righteous Judge & Deliverer who rescues His people when no one else can
- **RUTH**- Kinsman-Redeemer who purchases His bride at the great cost to/of Himself
- **1 SAMUEL**- True King whom Israel rejected but whom God anointed forever
- **2 SAMUEL**- Son of David whose kingdom will never end
- **1-2 KINGS**- Faithful King that every earthly king failed to be
- **1-2 CHRONICLES**- Promised Heir to David's throne who restores true worship & calls His people back to God.



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CHRIST IS THE CRUX OF DISCIPLESHIP VS. 27-28

- **EZRA**— The One who brings His people out of the exile of sin and restores them fully
- **NEHEMIAH**— The Builder who rebuilds not walls of stone but restores broken lives
- **ESTHER**— The Sovereign Protector who keeps & preserves His covenant people
- **JOB**— Righteous & Suffering Servant who intercedes for and saves his foolish friends
- **PSALMS** — Good Shepherd, the Anointed King, and the suffering yet victorious Messiah
- **PROVERBS**— The Wisdom of God made flesh
- **ECCLESIASTES**— The only One who gives lasting meaning to life under the sun
- **SONG OF SONGS**— The faithful Bridegroom who loves His bride with covenant love
- **ISAIAH**— Suffering Servant who was pierced for our transgressions & the Prince of Peace.
- **JEREMIAH**— The Righteous Branch and the Mediator of the New Covenant
- **LAMENTATIONS**— Man of Sorrows who bears our grief & embodies our exile on His crucifix.
- **EZEKIEL**— Good Shepherd who gathers His scattered sheep and gives them new hearts—the One who makes dry bones dance.



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CHRIST IS THE CRUX OF DISCIPLESHIP VS. 27-28

- **DANIEL** - The Son of Man; The Ancient of Days of everlasting kingdom; 4th man in furnace
- **HOSEA** - Faithful Husband who pursues His unfaithful bride with His life
- **JOEL** - One who pours out the Holy Spirit
- **AMOS** - The Restorer of David's fallen tent
- **OBADIAH** - The ultimate Judge and Deliverer of Zion
- **JONAH** - Willingly submitted to God; Spent 3 days in the heart of the earth before rising again
- **MICAH** - The Ruler born in Bethlehem whose origins are from everlasting
- **NAHUM** - Divine Judge who defeats evil while providing refuge for His people
- **HABAKKUK** - Righteous One by whom we live through faith
- **ZEPHANIAH** - Mighty Savior who rejoices over His people with singing
- **HAGGAI** - The Greater Temple in whom God's glory dwells
- **ZECHARIAH** - Humble King riding on a donkey; The Pierced Shepherd & Ruling King
- **MALACHI** - The Sun of Righteousness who rises with healing in His wings



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CHRIST IS THE CRUX OF DISCIPLESHIP VS. 27-28

*“You search the Scriptures [The Old Testament] because you think that in them you have eternal life; **and it is they that bear witness about me.**”*

-Jesus (John 5:39)

**OUR GREATEST TASK IS THE SAME AS APOLLOS':
TO OPEN THE SCRIPTURES AND SHOW THAT THE CHRIST IS JESUS**

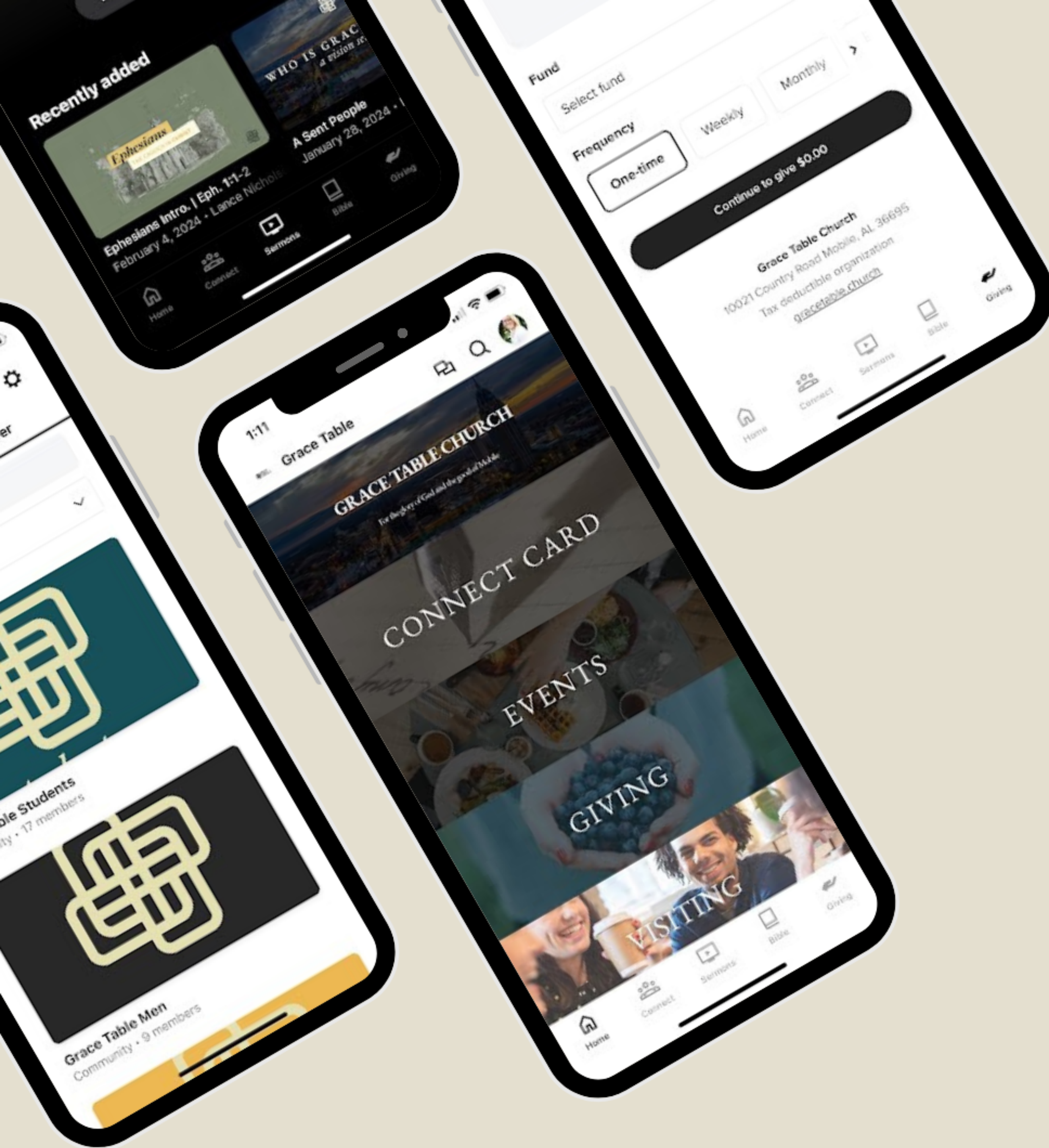




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MEN'S SUMMER

WORK DAY(S)

AT NEW FACILITY

NEXT ONE, JULY 25 / 8 AM



BENEDICTION

Leader:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

-2 Corinthians 13:14

People:

And also with you.



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