



# The Park Church: Corporate Bible Study

BIBLE JOURNEY: DISCIPLESHIP & PROPHETIC CRITIQUE

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# Review: Looking Back Moving Forward

## Which is Your Own Tendency?

- **Eschatology** - The study of what the Bible says is going to happen in the end times.
  - **Over Realized Eschatology** - Expect the age to come to be fully present in this age.
    - Jewish view of Kingdom
    - Proclaims divine provision and protection
    - Everything is here and now. Leads to prosperity gospel
  - **Under Realized Eschatology** - Do not live a victorious life marked by the miraculous presence of the Holy Spirit and the evidence of age to come.
  - No victory over sins power

# Your Turn: Write in the Chat

- **What is Your Own Tendency?**

- Over Realized Eschatology
- Under Realized Eschatology

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## **Discipleship**

Introduction (Dr. Nicole M. Martin)

# Discipleship

- **Discipleship**

- Following Jesus Imitation of Christ
  - Discipled, discipler, mentor, spiritual director
  - Jesus pointed His followers on the path of discipleship
- Discipleship and Family
  - God does not give us the fine print (“follow me” is your information).
  - Fine print keeps kicking in. It is going to get hard.
  - Whosoever does God’s will "New family name is Christian"

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**Discipleship and Family**

## Outline: Lesson 2 - Discipleship Matthew 10,16 and Mark 10

### Matthew 10

- Jesus Sends Out the Twelve (10:1-2,16, 37-39)

### Matthew 16

- The (Pharisees and Sadducees) Demand for a Sign (16:1-4)
- The Yeast of Pharisees and Sadducees (16:5-12)
- Peter Declares that Jesus is the Messiah (16:13-20) “You are the Christ...”
- Jesus Predicts His Death (16:21-28)

### Mark 10

- Divorce (10:1-12)
- Little Children and Jesus (10:13-16)
- The Rich and the Kingdom (10:17-31) ...camel
- Jesus Predicts His Death a Third Time (10:32-34)
- The Request of James and John (10:35-45)
- Blind Bartimaeus (10:46-52) ...faith

# Discipleship

## • **Imitation of Christ**

- New Testament discipleship can be thought of as the imitation of Christ.
  - Matthew 10:7 Preaches the Kingdom
  - Matthew 10:8 Casts out demons
  - Matthew 10:18 Taken before governor
  - Matthew 10:25 Called Beelzebub (idol god of flies)
  - Matthew 10:38 Carried His Cross (must deny oneself)

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**On This Rock I Will Build *My* Church**

## Discipleship: Matthew and Mark

- **On This Rock**

- Confession, Rock of Peter (Petra) and the disciples
- Empowering and Rabbinic authority of Peter and the disciples

- **Jesus Discipled Women**

- Financial support
- Witnesses at tomb

## Outline: Lesson 3: Prophetic Critique

### Jeremiah 7, Matthew 11, 23, and Mark 14-16

#### Jeremiah 7

- False Religion Worthless
- The Valley of Slaughter

#### Matthew 11, 23

- Jesus and John the Baptist (11:1-19)
- Woe on Unrepentant Towns (11:20-24)
- Warning Against Hypocrisy (23:1-12)
- Seven Woes on the Teachers and Laws of the Pharisees (23:13-39)

#### Mark 14-16

- Jesus Anointed at Bethany (14:1-11)
- The Last Supper (14:12-26)
- Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial (14:27-31)
- Gethsemane & Jesus Arrested (14:32-52)
- Jesus Before the Sanhedrin (14:53-65)
- Peter Disowns Jesus (14:66-72)
- Jesus Before Pilate (15:1-15)
- The Soldiers Mock Jesus (15:16-20)
- Crucifixion, death & Burial of Jesus (15:21-47)
- Jesus Has Risen (16:1-20)

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**Play Video 3:**

**Servant Leadership**

## Prophetic Critique: Matthew and Mark

- **Servant Leadership: Prophetic Leadership of Jesus**

- *Not many [of you] should become teachers [serving in official teaching capacity], my brothers and sisters, for you know that we teachers] will be judged by a higher standard [have assumed greater accountability and more condemnation if we teach incorrectly] (James 3:1, Amplified).*
- *Divine Accountability*

- **Servant Leadership: Accountability**

- *In Jesus day primary leaders failed.*
- *God will judge that leadership.*
- *It is all coming down.*
- *God is involved in the disaster. 70 A. D. - end of Judaism as people knew it. Only Rabbinic Judaism remained and Christianity*

# Prophetic Critique: Matthew, Jeremiah and Mark

## • **Matthew 23**

- Woes upon contemporaries - vv 13, 15, etc.
- Condemnation of Pharisaic hypocrisy - vv 13, 15, 25-28, etc.
- Failure of scribes and Pharisees to enter the kingdom - v 13
- The Pharisees as blind guides - vv 16, 24
- Refutation of Pharisaic halakhah (Jewish Law)- vv 16-22

• **Jeremiah 7:3-5** - *Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words and say, "This is the Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord, This is the Temple of the Lord,..deal with each other justly.*

## • **Jesus comes into Jerusalem**

- Day of Palm Sunday - Triumphal Entry
- *Jesus levels a critique against religious leadership that is relevant to Church prophetic servant leadership today.*

# Moving Forward

## • Servant Leadership: Reflection

- *How do you think our religious leaders today would fare under a critique from Jesus—a “leadership audit”?*
- *Whom would he point to as good examples of humble, faithful “servants,” and whom would he chastise for their self-serving approach to leadership?*
- *Your Honest Audit!*