

MAKE DISCIPLES – SUNDAY IS SPECIAL

*In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. **1 Cor.11:18***

On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. **Acts 20:7**

On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, **Revelation 1:10**

1. THE POWER OF JESUS IS PRESENT

So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, **1 Corinthians 5:4**

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **8** To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, **10** to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. **11** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. **1 Corinthians 12:7-11**

So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church. **1 Corinthians 7-11**

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. **1 Cor.11:1**

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. **1 Corinthians 12:27**

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. **Colossians 3:16**

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **2 Timothy 3:16**

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. **2 Timothy 4:3-4**

3. PLACE TO COME TO FAITH IN JESUS

But if an unbeliever or an enquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, **25** as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, 'God is really among you!' **1 Corinthians 14:24-25**

And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, **25** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. **Hebrews 10:24-25**

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. In what ways do you think our culture has devalued Sunday?
2. In contrast, why do you think the early church made gathering such a high priority even though it meant meeting before dawn on a working day? What can we learn from their devotion?
3. How could we recapture the power of Sunday meetings being the highest priority?
4. In what ways might responding to this message change our Sunday meetings?