

Emmanuel Prayer List November 2021

Caring for others

- "Be joyful in hope" Rom.12:12

Remind someone in specific ways how wonderful they are, to infuse joy into their hope.

- "Patient in Affliction" Rom. 12:12

Give grace to someone who is hurting. Together we are stronger, as we are in this together.

- "Faithful in Prayer" Rom. 12:12

Pray for family, friends, acquaintances and all concerns of our world.

- "Share with the Lord's people who are in need" Rom. 12:13a

Be willing to help someone in need.

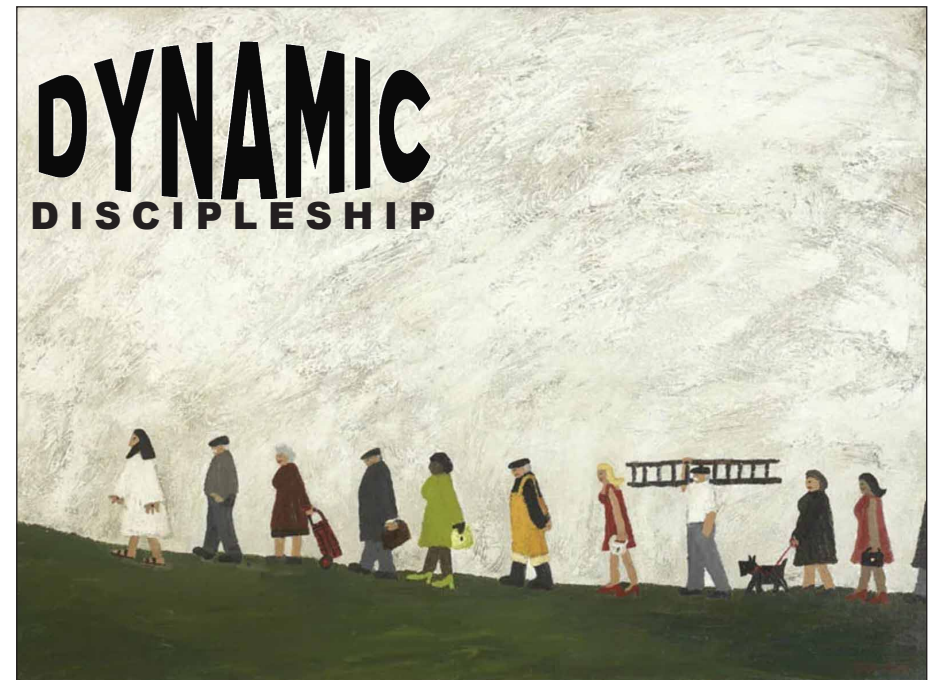
- "Practice hospitality" Rom. 12:13b

Even in this covid time we can get to know each other in a creative way. Sending notes, texts, meeting outside for a visit, to celebrate the bond of friendships.

Additional Study

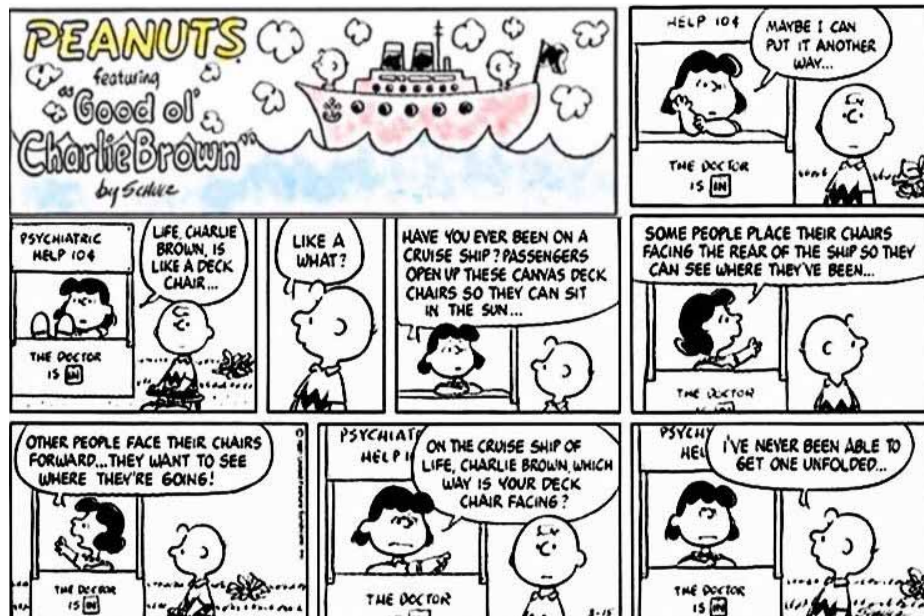
Read Luke 9:23

1. What three things does Jesus say are essential in order to be a disciple of Jesus?
2. What does it mean to deny yourself?
3. In Jesus' day, if a person had to 'take up his cross', it meant that he was going to crucified. Bearing this in mind, what does this mean for us? And why 'daily'? (Also read Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:1-4).
4. With all this in mind then, what did Jesus mean when he finished by saying, "...and follow me" (Also read 1 Peter 2:21).



A SERIES ON BECOMING DYNAMIC FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Based on the life of one of His followers: Simon Peter



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1. From fisherman to a fisher of men Luke 5:1-11
2. Living by Faith not by Fear Matthew 14:22-33
3. Dealing With Doubt John 6:60-71
4. What happens when you fall Luke 22:31-34; 54-62
5. Restored & Commissioned John 21:15-19
6. Strength in the face of opposition Acts 4:1-13
7. Overcoming prejudice Acts 10:1-16
8. Living in freedom and peace Acts 12:1-19

Dynamic Discipleship - Restored and Commissioned

Which way is your deck chair facing:

God is a God of _____

RESTORED (v.15-17)

Background:

v.15 "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" More than what?

Three times, Peter _____

Three times, Jesus had Peter _____

Phileo =

Agape =

v.15 Jesus: Do you _____ me Peter: You know that I _____ you

v.16 Jesus: Do you _____ me Peter: You know that I _____ you

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Why was Peter hurt the third time of asking?

To know in Greek: oida =

ginosko =

v.17 "Lord, You know all things, you know I love you." The last time Peter used the word 'know', it changed from 'Oida' to 'Ginosko'. What was the significance of this:

COMMISSIONED

It was by a fire that Peter denied Christ and it was by a fire having breakfast with Jesus that...

Three times Peter reaffirmed his love for Jesus and three times Jesus...

1 John 3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with _____ and _____.

v.18-19 Jesus tells Peter:

We are called to make Jesus Lord of our life, and to live out our faith in day to day life.

My response:

1. Read the Charlie Brown comic on the back. Which way is your deck chair facing?
2. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Everyone who is in Christ is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come". What do you think this means, spiritually and practically?
3. Read John 21:1-14. Compare this incident in the life of Peter and Luke 5:1-11. What are the similarities? It is also quite possible that the two incidents took place on the same shore of the Sea of Galilee (Mark 16:7). In addition, Peter denied Jesus sitting next to a fire, and Jesus reinstated him while having breakfast next to a fire. Why do you think all these details are significant?
4. In verse 15, Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" More than what?

Why is it important to make sure that our relationship with God is a priority over everything else? (Read also Matt 22:37).

How does putting Jesus first help in other areas of our life?
5. Three times, Peter denied knowing Jesus. Three times, Jesus had Peter reaffirm his love. On the third time (v.17), the Bible tells us that Peter was hurt by what Jesus said. Why?
6. In verse 17, Peter said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." By using the verb 'ginosko' the second time to say, 'you know that I love you,' Peter acknowledged that Jesus knew his inner feelings and his heart. In fact Jesus knew everything about him. (Read also Hebrews 4:13).

How is this comforting, and at the same time, a warning?
7. Read 1 John 3:18. God knows the struggle we have sometimes within us. We say we love God, but our actions, emotions and what we say we believe don't always match up. How does the way Jesus dealt with Peter help us?
8. Three times Peter reaffirmed his love for Jesus and three times Jesus told him to minister to others who become followers of Jesus. How important was it for Peter to hear Jesus commission him to the work of the Gospel? How important is it for us to realise that we don't have to be perfect to be used by Jesus?

In what ways is God commissioning us to feed, and take care, of His lambs and sheep?
9. Read verses 18-19. Do you think Peter fully understood what Jesus was saying? Also read Luke 9:21-26. Compare the passage in Luke and the words to Peter. What does this mean for us in our lives?