

Making Disciples

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If you've got your Bible, go ahead and open it up. We're going to be in two different passages this morning, and we're going to bounce back and forth. Go ahead and put a bookmark in two places: Matthew 28 and 2 Timothy 2.

While you're turning, I'll tell you a quick story. When I was 19, I went on a mission trip to Mozambique, Africa, for just under a month. I lived in a tent. There was no electricity, plumbing, running water, or restrooms. It was a new experience for me, for sure.

If you're not familiar with the country or where it is, you can see it on the screen down there at the bottom of Africa, to the east of South Africa. At the time I went, the country was under communist rule. They had just come out of a 30-year-long civil war that brought a lot of death and destruction to their country. It was unbelievable seeing it in person.

Next door in South Africa during that civil war, there was a pastor who ministered to the refugees who were able to escape Mozambique and make it into South Africa. He started a church among the refugees there. His name is Henny, and his priority was making disciples of Jesus. And he did. God moved in a powerful way. Hundreds of men, women, and children trusted in Christ as their Savior, and a church was born as Henny was faithful to point them to Jesus.

His story gets wild. I'm going to tell you more in just a few minutes. But I want you to know, before we really get into this, that Henny's call to make disciples is not unique to him. Not at all. His location was very unique. His circumstances were absolutely unique, but the call is not. The call is the same for all of us. Christians are called to make disciples of Jesus. It is a priority for us. We see it through the teachings of Jesus. We see it right there in the New Testament church.

As we focus today on that priority of making disciples, we're going to look in Matthew 28 and 2 Timothy 2. In fact, we're kicking off a three-week series today called Priorities, where we're going to unpack our church's focus priorities. When that series is done, we're going to do a book study through the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. It's going to be a great spring. I'm really, really excited about it.

For this morning, we say our focus priorities like this. There are three of them: Champion Forest, that's our church family, advances the kingdom by making disciples, loving our community, and strengthening the church.

This is what Jesus has told us to do in His Word. It's our desire. It's our mission statement, so to speak. We go over it in our new members class. Our next new members class is next Sunday morning at 9:30. If you've been

here for a while and you're ready to become a member, or you just want to learn more about who we are, text "membership" to the number on your screen. You'll get a link with information on how to do just that.

But for this morning, know that we're talking about the priorities of our church. We're going to tackle them and unpack them. Our goal is to be very, very practical and hands-on in how we can and should do this as a church family.

Here's what I think you're going to discover as we walk through these focus priorities: Not only should they define us collectively as a church, but I'm hoping and praying you're going to see that these priorities should define our personal lives as well. Because guess what? Who's the church? We are, right? We are the church.

If you're taking notes this morning, our title is that first focus priority. And by the way, there's going to be a test on these. It's pass or fail. I'll give it to you next week, and I'm going to give you some of the questions now so you can be ready for your test.

Here's your first question. Feel free to answer it out loud if you're ready. What is the first focus priority of our church family? Making disciples.

If you answered it out loud, you get an A. You're tracking along. Now, if you knew it and you weren't confident enough to say it out loud, you get a C-minus. You're passing, but just barely. If you didn't know it, now you do, and you're going to pass the test next week. It's going to be great.

Our title this morning is Making Disciples.

Think about what a disciple is. At its most basic level, the word "disciple" that we read about in the Bible means "learner."

At the time of Jesus, in the first century, there were two main models or forms of discipleship. You had the Greek model. Think Aristotle and Plato. That is in a school. It is lecture style, classroom style. That's the Greek model.

The Hebrew model is very, very different. The Hebrew model was a life-on-life discipleship. You didn't just listen to what a teacher had to say. As a disciple, you literally followed their way of life. You followed them around. You traveled with them. You ate meals with them. You observed their way of life. It was more of a come-alongside, mentorship-investment kind of discipleship model.

In fact, there's a phrase that was used back then to describe the relationship between the teacher and the disciple. It goes something like this: "May you be covered in the dust of your rabbi."

Think about the visual that's painting. May you be covered in the dust of your rabbi. It's this idea that you're following so closely behind the person you're seeking to learn from that, as they walk in front of you, they're kicking up dust from their heels onto you. This is the relationship we see between Jesus and His disciples, the ones who followed Him.

Open to those verses we talked about. The first is Matthew 28. If we're talking about discipleship, this should come as no surprise to you. This section, Matthew 28:18-20, is often called the Great Commission because

these are the final words of Jesus in the Gospels before He ascends to heaven. He is commissioning His disciples, His followers, and that includes you and me, to do what He's called us to do.

Look at Matthew 28:18:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

— Matthew 28:18

Then:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

— Matthew 28:19

This is the call of Christ on our lives. As we're going through life, we're to make disciples. As we're going to work, as we're going home, as we're living in our neighborhood, as we're sitting in the bleachers with our kids' parents and friends, as we're walking through life, our call is to make disciples.

And not just converts, not just people who have trusted in Christ. It goes deeper than that. We make disciples.

Then look at verse 19:

Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

— Matthew 28:19

Baptism is important. It's a command of Christ. It shows publicly that we're following Jesus, that we're walking in the way He's called us to walk. But baptism is not the end either. Look at how it continues in verse 20. We make a disciple, we baptize them, and then:

Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

— Matthew 28:20

There's a difference between a convert and a disciple. A disciple is learning the ways of Jesus and growing in intimacy with Him.

Then look at the promise Jesus gives us as He wraps up this commission:

I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

— Matthew 28:20

Go and make disciples.

Growing as a Disciple

Here's what I want to do as we approach the middle of this message. I want to spend a few minutes outlining for you how you can be a disciple of Jesus, how you can learn, grow, and continue learning as a disciple of Jesus. How can you follow so closely in the footsteps of Jesus, day in and day out, that the dust is being

kicked up on you?

Let me just say this: If you're walking closely and intimately with Jesus, maybe these things will help you along the way. But here's what I want you to grasp as we walk through this and you're thinking, "Yeah, I'm doing that. Yeah, I'm doing that." The question I'm going to ask you in a minute is this: Who are you helping to do this with you?

Let's look at this together.

We know that discipleship starts when we trust Jesus as our Lord and Savior for the forgiveness of our sins. That is a definite moment of beginning in our relationship with Christ. John 3:16 says this:

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him would not perish but would have eternal life.

— John 3:16

We know that one and only Son to be Jesus. When you believe in Christ, you're stepping into this relationship with Him. It's not a one-and-done thing. It's a relationship where we begin to follow after Him closely and intimately. Think about the dust of the rabbi, of the teacher in front of us.

Physically, we're not going to find that dust, because we can read Scripture and know that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father. For us today, the primary way to develop that kind of closeness in our lives is by giving ourselves to prayer and time reading our Bibles, the Word of God. This is how we grow in that intimate relationship with Jesus.

We know that, as we open up the Bible, that's where Jesus is revealed. What we know about Jesus, we know from reading the Word of God. It's where we learn His teaching and what He told His disciples to do.

I'm telling you this morning, very little spiritual growth is going to happen in your life between you and Jesus if you're not spending time following after Him closely in prayer and in the Word. That is the foundation.

From there, I just want to get really, really practical. How do we do that? How can we grow in this? All of us, if we're followers of Jesus, would say we want to grow in that kind of discipleship. We want to know and experience that closeness and intimacy that come through time with Him.

With that in mind, let me share with you six very practical pointers that could help all of us grow as learners and disciples of Jesus.

1. Think Relationship

The first one is very simple. We've just got to think about it the right way. When we think about this, we're thinking relationship. That's what discipleship with Jesus is. It's a relationship with Him, and it's growing.

You're going to hear people say things like, "Have a quiet time and intentional time to pray." We call those spiritual disciplines because they do take discipline, and we should do those. But you always have to keep in mind, when you're getting alone with the Lord, that you're building a relationship. You're not navigating a

checklist. You're not accomplishing a to-do list. You're growing. You're following. You're fostering a relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Reading our Bible, praying, worshiping, and being connected to a church family are all critical, but they're not an end in themselves. They're a means to an end, meaning they help you grow and follow closely in your relationship with Jesus.

True discipleship is a growing relationship that you have with Christ. It's not going to happen unless you're thinking about it the right way. You're intentionally growing a living, breathing, active relationship.

2. Find a Time and Place

Pointer number two: Find a time and place where you're going to meet with Jesus. Develop your rhythm.

If you look around the room, it will come as no surprise to know that we're all wired very differently. There are a lot of different kinds of people in the room. Some of y'all are morning people. Anybody a morning person in here? You love to wake up early. Nobody understands you guys. Y'all are a different breed. I wish I was one of you.

Some people are early-morning people. Some people are late-night people. We've got some of those in here. I'm good at about 2:00 p.m., right there in the middle of the day.

We're all wired differently. Then pick your spot. Some people love to be outside. Some people love the busyness of a coffee shop. But I'm telling you this: The chances of you fostering that relationship and spending the time you need to spend are going to go up dramatically if you have a consistent rhythm.

For Chelsea, it's every morning before the kids wake up, at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee. For me, it's a chair in my office. Find a time and place. It's really going to help.

3. Develop a Reading Plan

Number three: Develop a reading plan.

I've talked to a lot of people, especially when it's January, who are on fire to read their Bible. They do it for three days, and then it sort of trails off. The number one reason it trails off is not really a time thing. People can find the time. They'll make the time. They just don't know where to start, and they don't know what to read. If they're not running on a specific track, it's pretty easy to fall off.

Develop a reading plan. Pick one and do it.

Here's mine. I'm in Deuteronomy right now. I'm reading through an Old Testament book. When I finish Deuteronomy, probably tomorrow or the next day, I'll pick a New Testament book. When I finish that book, I'll go back to the Old Testament. That's just my rhythm. I like to do that: Old Testament, New Testament, a book at a time.

Every day, I'll read a little bit of Psalms and a little bit of Proverbs as well. I'll check them off as I go. I'll make notes all throughout my Bible. When it's done, I'll pick up a new Bible and start again. It's just a way for me to

consistently read through Scripture. That's my plan.

Pastor Jarrett's plan is sort of similar. What Pastor Jarrett does every day is read one Old Testament chapter and one New Testament chapter. He'll read one Proverb and a couple of Psalms every single day. That's his rhythm, and it works for him.

I want to encourage you, if you don't have a rhythm, find a rhythm that works for you and get into it. Begin reading your Bible consistently. You don't have to come up with a plan on your own. There are several great plans out there that you can read through.

Let me share three. The first is the YouVersion Bible app. Anybody have that on their cell phones? It's fantastic. You might have seen that, at the end of this past year, they hit a major milestone. Remember what it was? Their one billionth download. A billion people in the world have access to the Word of God through this app.

If you're one of them, at the very bottom of the app you can hit "Reading Plans." You can find a three-day plan, a three-week plan, a three-year plan, or whatever. They're all there. Pick one and read it.

My favorite one on there, which I've done with several groups of people, is the Essential 100. It's 100 days, half Old Testament and half New Testament. It's a phenomenal plan to read through God's Word. Find one and just go.

I talk to some people who say they're not good readers. They don't like to read. One of the benefits of this is that it'll read it to you. When you get to your reading for the day, you can hit play down at the bottom, and you will audibly hear the Word of God read over you. That counts. That's how the New Testament church heard it. These letters were read out loud to them. Listen to the Word of God on your commute. Get it in you consistently. Read the Word of God.

Another reading plan is The Bible Recap. It's phenomenal. There are a lot of notes and commentary in there. It explains to you what you're reading, if you like that. There are a lot of people in our church doing that this year.

Finally, if you've got a student or a teenager, really anyone from about 10 to 18 years old, God's Great Story is phenomenal. My kids have all done it. They read through it this past year. It's really, really good. If you've got grandkids in that age range, I'm telling you, that's a good one. Kids will do it, and it helps explain how the Bible fits together, beginning to end, and how this whole thing fits. It increases their understanding, and the more they understand it, the more passionate and excited they are to read it.

Get a good plan.

4. Limit Distractions and Refuse to Rush

Next, number four: As you work through your plan, limit distractions and refuse to rush.

It's one of the reasons why morning is good. There are fewer distractions. The day hasn't really started yet. Put the phone down and open your Bible.

Here's a phrase I've heard that I think helps people get into the Word first thing in the morning. Think about your room. You've got a nightstand sitting there. My Bible is on it. In addition to my Bible, my phone is sitting there. My phone is my alarm clock.

I heard this phrase used once. I would give credit, but I don't remember where I heard it. Here it is. Make this your mantra. Remember this every single day this year: "Word before world."

You've got both of them sitting right there, your Bible and your phone. Pick up the Bible first. Spend time here first before you open your phone, before you scroll on social media, before you read the news articles of the day, and before you get caught up in your emails. Word before world.

I'm telling you right now, there are a lot of people in our church family who will be radically different at the end of 2026 if they make the commitment every single day to open their Bible before they pick up their phone.

5. Do What God Tells You to Do

Next, as you read, remember that this is a relationship. We're growing a relationship. We're following after Jesus, covered in the dust of our teacher, our rabbi. As you read, our next point is this: Do what God tells you to do.

The entire point of a relationship with Jesus is to be like Him, to live like He lived, and to do what He's called us to do. We don't just pray and read our Bible to take in more. The goal is not just to grow in our head knowledge.

There's a saying, and I really pray and hope it's not true of us, but here's the saying: "Some of us are educated beyond our level of obedience."

Think about what that means. Some of us are educated beyond our level of obedience. If you're not tracking with me, here's what it means: Some of us know so much that we can win Bible trivia every single time, but we stink at living it out.

Scripture warns us against that in a lot of places. James 1:22 is one of those places:

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

— James 1:22

Learning without living means we've deceived ourselves. We read, and we pat ourselves on the back, but in reality, we've missed the point. The point is to follow closely behind Jesus. The point is to walk intimately with Him, in relationship with Him.

We learn about Him, His Word, His will, and His ways so that His Word, His will, and His ways impress themselves deep down into our hearts and overflow into our lives.

In fact, Jesus said in John 14:15:

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

— John 14:15

If you love Me, what are you going to do? If you love Me, you're going to keep My commandments.

6. Give Yourself Grace

Finally, if we're looking for ways to grow as disciples, as learners, and as people following closely behind Jesus, give yourself grace. You're going to miss some days. It's going to happen.

There are different stages of life, busy seasons, and boring seasons. They're all wrapped up in there together. Just remember, as you walk through this, that it's about a relationship. It's about knowing Jesus. This is what it looks like to be a learner, to be a disciple of Jesus.

Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

That leads us to part two of our time together this morning. We want to learn how to be disciples, how to be learners. Then, as we're learning how to be learners, we want to learn how to make disciples as well.

You read the Great Commission a minute ago. You know that if you're a follower of Jesus, your call is to introduce others to Jesus as well, so they can follow Jesus like you're following Jesus.

Back to Mozambique and my missionary friend in South Africa, Henny. He did this, but he missed the last part. He made disciples, but he didn't make disciples who made disciples.

He showed the people he was with how to grow, and they began to grow. Then the war ended, and they all went home to their country of Mozambique. A few months went by, and one of the men from that church family showed back up in South Africa. He was desperate. He didn't know what to do, and he was begging Henny, "Come to Mozambique. You've got to be our pastor here. Nobody knows what to say. Nobody knows what we're doing. Nobody is equipped to help us continue growing in a relationship with Christ."

Here's what Henny realized in that moment: He had not invested in any of them in a way that equipped them to make disciples who made disciples. That's a real problem.

Knowing it was a problem, I love what he did. He didn't say, "Listen, y'all are far away. That's not my problem anymore." He jumped in to solve it in a biblical way.

We don't have time for the whole story, but he navigated land mines, soldiers, and a complete lack of infrastructure to get where he needed to be in Mozambique. He began to invest in those people one more time, but with a different level of intentionality. His ministry was framed by 2 Timothy 2:2. Look at that with me now:

What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

— 2 Timothy 2:2

That's what he set out to do. He wanted to teach people so well that they were disciples who could make

disciples, so it could keep going and spreading in the community.

It worked. People noticed there was a difference there in that city. A lot of people began to see it, and a lot of people were attracted to it. Unfortunately, one of the groups that saw this great work of God among the people was the local communist party.

They saw something going on, and they showed up. Like most communist governments, they were 100 percent opposed to any belief in God or the expression of a belief in God. Everything Henny was doing in Mozambique was illegal, and they arrested him. They were prepared to throw him out of the country.

The Holy Spirit led him to make a deal, a suggestion, with these communist leaders. Henny tells the story, and it's unreal. He told them, "If you let me stay here, I'll bring people I know. My son's an engineer. I'll bring people from South Africa. They'll come into this village, drill a water well, and build a steel pavilion that the entire town can use."

Remember, the country's civil war had destroyed it. There was no clean water. There was no running water. The women would literally go down to the river, bring the water back in a bucket on their heads, and pour it into bins for people to use all day long.

There were no permanent buildings there. The only buildings were made of mud and sticks.

He said, "I'll make the investment in this community."

The communist leaders thought, "Okay, that's a fair trade," so they let him stay. He began to build that, and he continued living out 2 Timothy 2:2, entrusting the gospel to people who were able to teach others. He made disciples who made disciples.

He walked so closely with Christ. He brought other people along to see how he was walking with Christ so they could do it too. As they walked with him, he encouraged them, "Who is in your life that you can invite into the same kind of relationship? You're walking with Jesus. You need to be showing other people how to do that as well."

This is discipleship. We define discipleship as relationship. Discipleship is relationship. It's personal attention. It's guidance from one spiritual generation to the next.

What are we guiding them to? We're guiding them to be learners. We're guiding them to be followers who are equipped in such a way that they can turn around and help other people follow Jesus as well. Think of it like spiritual parenting.

Just in 2 Timothy 2:2, look at it in your Bible, there are four generations of the gospel. You've got Paul, who invested in Timothy, who invested in faithful men, who were able to teach others also. Four generations of the gospel.

How did that happen? Paul walked with Jesus. He followed closely. He developed an intimate relationship with Christ. He said, "Timothy, come and see what I'm doing, and learn from me as we do this." Then Timothy began to do that with others.

We see it right here in 2 Timothy 2. There's not a specific formula for what that needs to look like other than relationship. As you and I walk with Jesus, we're going to help other people do the same thing. That's our call.

It's going to take time. There are going to be seasons when this is messy. It's going to take intentionality. We have to be willing to invest in the lives of other people. It's a life-on-life relationship. That's how we make disciples who make disciples.

Don't overthink this. It starts by being a disciple, learning and growing, and then inviting others into the process. It's very, very simple. But unfortunately, it's rarely done with intentionality.

Danny Akin was the president of Southeastern Seminary for a long time. He interacted with thousands of pastors and thousands of churches. I want you to listen to what he says: "The absence of people living out 2 Timothy 2:2 is the biggest weakness of the church today."

Think about that. There are probably a lot of weaknesses that people could point out in the church today. This seminary president, looking at the church across our country, says the biggest weakness is that people aren't making disciples who make disciples.

Why not? Because a lot of us aren't willing to go deep with others relationally. That has to change.

Here's the question we've got to answer: Who are you passing your faith on to? Who are you inviting into your walk with Jesus? You're walking closely with Him. Who are you saying to, "Come with me. Follow me as I follow after Jesus"?

That's the call of every believer: Make disciples who make disciples.

I want you to understand that God has intentionally and strategically placed you where you are in this season of your life to make disciples who make disciples. You're not going to be in this season forever.

One day you're going to move, and those neighbors aren't going to be there anymore. One day you're going to retire or change jobs, and those coworkers aren't going to be there anymore. One day those clients aren't going to be there. One day you're going to go to a different coffee shop.

You see where I'm going with this, right? God strategically has you where you are so you can invest in other people, mentor them, bring them along, and make disciples who make disciples.

That's what Henny was doing in Mozambique. He was showing people how to follow Jesus, and he was equipping them to turn around and show others how to follow Jesus. The gospel was moving forward in a dramatic way in that little city.

A few months went by. He had built everything he needed to build in that city. He was revisited by those same leaders, and he was thinking, "Okay, I know how this works. I did the work. I spent the money. Now they're going to throw me out."

They came in, inspected his work, and looked around the city. Here's what they said: "This city is different. It's not the water. It's not the building. It's the people. This city is different. Our country is in ruins, but the people

here have joy. There's a sense of hope among them. There's kindness expressed from one person to another. What's going on in this city?"

He said, "It's the gospel. It's the hope they have in Jesus Christ."

Those leaders didn't buy in. They said, "I don't know about that." But they did say, "We know things are different, and we want our entire country to be different."

They gave him a different kind of permission. He had permission to be in one city at that point. If he stepped out of it, he was gone. They said, "We want you to do this in 100 more cities across the middle of this country because we know there's something different among the people here."

That's what he did. He went from city to city doing that exact same thing, making disciples who made disciples. The gospel exploded in that country and in that region of Africa.

Think about how God could move in our community right here if we were focused on making disciples who made disciples. God sends us out to so many different neighborhoods, places, and families every single Sunday when we leave here.

What if we all went with that intentional focus to invest in the people around us in such a way that they followed closely after Jesus like we followed closely after Jesus? What if they did it for so long and learned so well that they were able to turn around and do the same for others? There's this ripple effect, this multiplication of the gospel across our city.

It absolutely can happen. That's why, as a church, first and foremost, that's our priority. We know we're called to make disciples.

If you're sitting here thinking, "Okay, that sounds great. I want to do that," but maybe you're thinking you need to be discipled first. You need to come along behind somebody who's following Jesus so you can learn from them and see how they navigate the different seasons of life.

Let's help you. Let's get you in that discipleship relationship. We have a program for that. Many of you have gone through it. Many of you have led somebody through it. It's called Next Steps.

We've got this discipleship book where you can get into a relationship with another believer, work through it, and really learn and see what it looks like to get so close to Jesus that the dust is being kicked up on you. It's a phenomenal program written right here by a lot of our staff and lay leaders.

If you want to be part of that, just text "nextstep" to the number that's on the screen. Don't put a space there. It's got to be one word, right there together.

You could be a couple, and we could match you with another couple. You could be a man, and we could match you with another man. You could be a lady, and we could match you with another lady. It's a phenomenal program.

If you're serious about learning how to be a disciple, this is a great step for you at the beginning of the year.

On the flip side of that, if you're saying, "You know what? I've been walking with Jesus for a long time. That dust is getting kicked up on me, but I'm not really doing much to help other people come walk with me," text the same thing. You'll see on that link a spot where you can say, "I've been walking with Christ. I'd love to help somebody else walk closely with Jesus."

Whether it's through this program or not, discipleship matters. God's called every single one of us to follow closely after Him and to reach out and bring other people along to do the exact same thing.

Two Questions

Let me ask you two questions as we close.

The first is simple: Are you a disciple? Do you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, and are you in a growing relationship with Him?

It starts there. We can't move on to something else until you know Christ as your Lord and Savior.

At our 9:30 service, six people were baptized who had trusted in Christ in the last couple of weeks. They realized they'd been around a lot of disciples, but they themselves had never trusted in Christ. They took that step, and they made it public today.

Maybe you're at a spot where you're ready to take that step. If that's the case, in just a few minutes, I want you to come pray with one of our pastors about that.

The second question is this: If you are a disciple, are you a disciple-maker? Are you a disciple-maker?

Technically, when we look at the Great Commission, we know that disciples make disciples. So my question for you is: Are you passing on your faith? Are you entrusting the hope you have in Jesus to someone else?

Let's make it a priority this year, because in the end, that's really all that matters.

Would you pray with me this morning?

Bow your head. I want you to wrestle with those two questions.

Am I a disciple? Do I know Jesus? Am I growing in my relationship with Him? Am I walking closely behind Him, seeing what He's called me to do and how He's called me to live? Am I learning from Him? Is what I'm learning from Him shaping my life and everything I think, say, and do? Am I a disciple of Jesus?

And the second question: Am I making disciples?

Pray about that for a minute. "God, You've strategically placed me where I am for a reason. Help me, God. Help me to follow so closely after You. And God, help me to have the boldness to invite others into that relationship so I can teach them to do the same."

I'm going to pray in just a moment. We're going to stand and worship with one last song. We're going to have pastors and prayer partners down here at the front who would love to pray with you about whatever God's

doing in your life.

Maybe you're here saying, "I'm ready to become a disciple of Christ. I want to commit my life to Him." We'd love to pray with you about that.

Maybe you've got some people you want to begin mentoring, bringing along in the journey with you, and you want us to pray over them, over you, and over that new relationship. We'd love to pray about that.

Maybe baptism is your next step. Maybe you want to talk to somebody about being a member of our church. Or maybe you're here this morning and 2026 hasn't started the way you hoped it would. You're walking through a season, and you just want somebody to pray over you and what's going on in your life.

Whatever it is, when we stand and sing, our pastors are here, and we'd love to pray with you.

Father, we love You so much. We thank You for Your love for us, God. Lord, I pray that as we walk closely with You, we would invite others to do the same. It's in Your name we pray. Amen.