

## ***Leadership & Discipleship***

***We are called by a Holy God to be servants—to be empowered by the Holy Spirit—to do the ministry of Jesus Christ!***

***Our immediate response must be total obedience!!***

### **Leaders are Chosen**

- Acts 14:23  
So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

### **Disciples Choose**

- Matthew 4:19-20  
Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.
- Matthew 9:9  
As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.
- Matthew 19:21  
Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."
- Mark 1:17-18  
Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.
- John 10:27  
My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
- John 12:26  
Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

### **Servant Leadership**

- Isaiah 42:1-4  
  
1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.

2 He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

4 He will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope."

- Mark 10:45  
For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- Galatians 1:10  
Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.
- Mark 10:43-45  
43 "Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,  
44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.  
45 be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## Called

- Romans 8:30  
And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.
- 1 Corinthians 1:9  
God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.
- II Thessalonians 2:13  
But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.
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13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.  
14 He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Hebrews 3:1  
Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

- 1 Peter 5:10  
And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.
- 2 Peter 1:10-11  
10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall,  
  
11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Revelation 17:14  
“They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called chosen and faithful followers.”

### **Fruits of the Spirit are More Evident in Those who are Called**

- Galatians 5:22-26  
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.  
24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.  
25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.  
26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.
- John 15:8-9  
  
8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.  
  
9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
- Philippians 1:9-11  
9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,  
10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,  
11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

## **Ministry of Jesus Christ Empowered by the Holy Spirit**

- John 20:21-22
  - 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.
  - 22 "And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- Luke 24:48-49
  - 48 You are witnesses of these things.
  - 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."
- Matthew 28:18-20
  - 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
  - 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
  - 20 And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- Ephesians 4:11-13
  - 11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,
  - 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up
  - 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

## **Disciples Minister in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

- 1 Corinthians 12:5-13
  - 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.
  - 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.
  - 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
  - 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the 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, to another miraculous powers,
  - 10 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 gives them to each one, just as he determines.

12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

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### **Discipleship Is Not Limited to What We Can Comprehend; It Must Transcend All Comprehension**

- Psalms 105:5  
5 Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,
- Isaiah 29:14  
14 Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."
- Mark 16:17-18  
17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons;  
18 they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

### **Wisdom Given by the Holy Spirit**

- Matthew 10:16  
16 I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.
- Ephesians 5:6  
6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.
- Colossians 2:8-10  
8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.  
9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

10 and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

- Colossians 1:9-14

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully

12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.