

Disciple Makers: 3 of 5
“Grow In Faith”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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2023 Vision: To courageously become disciple makers – who worship Jesus, connect in community, grow in faith, serve the church, and share the message of grace & mercy in Jesus.

Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations...** **Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)**

“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” **1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)**
Remember Verse

We courageously become disciple makers when we:

- ❖ **Worship Jesus** In Response To God’s Grace And Mercy.
- ❖ **Connect in Community** With Grace Filled Relationships.
- ❖ **Grow In Faith** With Personal Application.

Personal Application Helps Us:

1. Focus On What Really Matters

God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:8 (NLT2)

- **Pray To Grow In Love And Discernment**

I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. Philippians 1:9 (NLT2)

- **Pray To Make Wise Choices**

For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return. Philippians 1:10 (NLT2)

- **Pray To Have A Life Changing Relationship With Jesus**

May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God. Philippians 1:11 (NLT2)

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2. Focus On Sharing Jesus With Others

And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to **spread the Good News**. For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and **boldly speak God's message** without fear.

Philippians 1:12-14 (NLT2)

It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to **defend the Good News**. Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me. But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, **the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice**. And I will continue to rejoice. **Philippians 1:15-18 (NLT2)**

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3. Gain Strength From Each Other To Live In A Worthy Manner

Above all, you must **live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ**. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are **standing side by side, fighting together for the faith**, which is the Good News. Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. For you have been given not only the **privilege of trusting in Christ** but also the privilege of **suffering for him. We are in this struggle together**. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it. **Philippians 1:27-30 (NLT2)**

"In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of **moral excellence**, and moral excellence with **knowledge**, and knowledge with **self-control**, and self-control with **patient endurance**, and patient endurance with **godliness**, and godliness with **brotherly affection**, and brotherly affection with **love for everyone**. The more you grow like this, the more **productive** and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins." **2 Peter 1:5-9 (NLT2)**

➤ **Where do you need to focus on life application?**

I will make my next right step this week by:

- Taking notes and talking them over
- Joining a small group for the next sermon series
- Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

Small Groups: [Base the number of questions that honors your groups time.]

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Open in Prayer:

What thoughts from this week’s message encourages me to live a life for Jesus?

Icebreaker: What habits keep me closer in my relationship with God?

We are to be disciple makers who: Grow in faith with personal application.

Personal Application Helps Us:

1. Focus On What Really Matters

Read Philippians 1:8-11

What do you learn about Paul’s relationship with the people in Philippi?

Where do you need more love and discernment? Your job? Finances? Family? Friendships? Other?

Write out a prayer for more love and discernment.

At the end of the week, month or year, what really matters?

How has your relationship with Jesus changed you?

2. Focus On Sharing Jesus With Others

Read Philippians 1:12-14

People love to complain about their problems to get sympathy.
How did Paul view his difficulty being imprisoned?

Read Philippians 1:15-18

Even though some people were out to make Paul's life harder, and some were even preaching with false motives, how did Paul react to the situation?

3. Gain Strength From Each Other To Live In A Worthy Manner

Read Philippians 1:27-30

How should we conduct ourselves?

Who do you have to stand side by side in your faith?

Who can you encourage this week in their faith?

Read 2 Peter 1:5-9

If you were to focus on just one attribute, which one would bless your family the most?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.
