

THE PLAN

10/24 & 10/25

[Acts 2:42-47](#) – When people ask Jesus to be their Lord and Savior, what should they do next? For the longest time, the goal was to help people see their need for Jesus. This is the beginning of the journey with God. It won't take long for people to slide back into old habits and walk away from their commitment to Jesus without the next step of their journey. The disciples understood this as 3,000 people were baptized on Pentecost. What did they do? They gathered people into small groups as they ate in each other's homes. Those groups shared their lives as they ate, prayed, and taught one another what they had heard from the disciples. The disciples did what Jesus did with them. We should follow their plan and gather with others.

How are you being discipled?

Who can you disciple?

What is the difference between someone accepting Jesus and someone being Jesus' disciple?

Sermon Notes



Our Journey for October 19 – October 25, 2026

We started this discipleship journey with [Matthew 28:16-20](#), the mission Jesus gave his disciples and us. In Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus calls us to make disciples by going to where people are, sharing with them what Jesus has done in our lives, and teaching them what Jesus has taught us. Are there ways that we can follow in their footsteps? The disciples lay out how they did it in Acts 2:42-47. The disciples taught those who would listen, gathered the followers at their homes for food and communion, and prayed together. The disciples modeled what Jesus taught them. Jesus gathered them together, fed them, prayed with them, and shared life with them. Jesus had authority over the world, yet still took time to gather with his friends and show them what a relationship with God looks like. They followed his example, and we can do the same as we follow in their footsteps.

~ Pastor Seth

A SOUL ACHE

Mon. 10/19

[Psalm 63](#) – One of the most difficult questions is, “How is it with your soul?” It is difficult because, first, you need to know your soul to answer it, and second, your answer must be authentic, so you will be emotionally and spiritually vulnerable as you share. Psalm 63 gives a glimpse into the soul of David as he is in the desert of Judah. He is running for his life and talks about his inner struggle. He thirsts for God's presence and longs for the worship he once knew. We understand the dryness that he talks about because we have been there. There are times when our souls long for that intimacy that we once had with Jesus. David shared his longing through this psalm. We can share ours through journaling or by talking about it with a group of friends who hold us accountable and ask us the tough questions about our faith journey.

How is it with your soul?

Who do you need to have a conversation with about what is going on in your soul?

AN UNKNOWN DEPTH

Tue. 10/20

[Genesis 18:1-33](#) – What do you do when guests arrive unannounced? Is there a quick vacuum? A fast washing of the dishes or a rush to put them in the dishwasher? We quickly and quietly make certain everything is presentable. Abraham finds himself in a unique position. Three people show up at his tent unannounced. He knows they are important people, and he is not quite ready for them. He has Sarah, his wife, prepare some food, while he sits down with the visitors. The conversation feels like a conversation between long-lost friends. The visitors share the plans for Sodom's destruction, which makes Abraham uneasy. The idea that rises to the top is the depth of the relationship, as Abraham and the visitors go back and forth about what should be done to Sodom. This depth has been built with trust and over time.

How deep is your relationship with others?

How deep is your relationship with God?

GOD'S HEART

Wed. 10/21

[Zechariah 8:1-8](#) – What does unconditional love look like? Does it mean that no matter what someone does, they will be loved? Even if it's something horrific? Does it mean that there are no consequences for our actions? The prophet Zechariah is writing what God has shared with him. God's word comes as the people of Israel are exiled in Babylon. They are facing the consequences of their long-term disobedience to God, yet God is giving them hope. He continues to love them through their exile. If you look at the letters the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel wrote, we will see that God wants them to thrive where they are and will provide a way back to Him when the time is right. God is saying a similar thing through Zechariah: God will be with them. God will bring them back from exile and continue to love them.

How would you describe God's unconditional love?

How do we show God's unconditional love to others?

JESUS DID WHAT?

Thur. 10/22

[Mark 1:29-34](#) – Introducing people to our families in our homes is very personal. We may introduce our people to our family in public, but bringing someone into our home and introducing them to our family members means our relationship with them is strong. It's almost like they are becoming part of our family. The Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Mark both contain a narrative about Jesus and Peter. James and John bring Jesus and the other disciples to Peter's home. As the disciples share a meal, it turns out that Peter's mother-in-law is ill. Jesus goes to her room and heals her. She gets up and begins to serve her honored guests. As word gets out, more people arrive to be healed. There is a tight bond between Jesus and the disciples, evident early in their ministry.

If you were Peter, would you introduce your mother-in-law to Jesus? Why?

How much trust in this moment?

THE DEPTH OF GOD'S LOVE

Fri. 10/23

[Ephesians 3:14-21](#) – How do we show God's love to others? First, we need to know how much God loves us. This is at the heart of discipleship, delving into the depths of God's love. Jesus loves us so much that he died for our sins. God, the Father, loves us so much that he sent his Son to us. The Father and the Son love us so much that they give us the Holy Spirit. As we follow Jesus, we see the love God has for us, and we want to grow in that love. As we grow in our love, we spend time with Jesus by reading the Bible, praying, and gathering with other believers. We want others to join us in loving God, so we tell them about Jesus and show them what it means to follow Jesus. The more we love God, the more we want others to love God. So, the love cycle with God continues.

How would you describe the depth of God's love?

How would you demonstrate God's love?