

DISCIPLESHIP

PILLARS

OF OUR FAITH



WELCOME TO DISCIPLESHIP

PILLARS PREVENT COLLAPSE & CREATE STRENGTH

Living out the Christian walk requires us to have a real understanding of the Bible. The wise man in Proverbs wrote, "In all your getting, get understanding." (Proverbs 4:7). It is then incumbent upon us to seek out understanding. The truths that hold up the faith that we profess in Jesus Christ are keys to walking in freedom and a greater maturity in Christ. It's time to seek a deeper level of growth - "seek and you will find". We often hear these terms - grace, mercy, prayer - in Christian circles, but have we sought to truly understand the weight of what God has given us in these gifts? Without an understanding of what a gift is meant to do, it is impossible to use it to its fullest extent. If we don't understand the inheritance of our salvation, or the depth of what prayer can mean, how can we operate in these and receive these fully? I want to invite you on this journey to more fully understand these pillars of our faith - these great gifts from our Lord. It's time to deepen your roots.

Pastor Tonderai and the Discipleship Team

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CLASS OUTLINE

WEEK **1**

SALVATION | FAITH

God's Perfect Plan for Redemption &
The Building Block for Hope and Understanding

WEEK **2**

FELLOWSHIP | GRACE

God's Plan for Strength in Numbers &
The Gift We Didn't Deserve

WEEK **3**

LOVE | MERCY

A Feeling? Not Even Close &
The Lavish Act of Sparing

WEEK **4**

PRAYER | PRAISE & WORSHIP

Prayer is Not an Option &
An Invitation to Presence

HOMEWORK

Each week, you will find a short homework section at the end of each unit. You are invited to share your homework answers with our team at discipleship@newsongpeople.com.

WEEK 1

SALVATION

GOD'S PERFECT PLAN FOR REDEMPTION

An understanding of the full meaning of salvation allows us to operate from a place of confidence and understanding in the gift Christ has given us.

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 ESV

CORE CONCEPT: The goal God has for salvation is for us to walk in the completeness of His blessing, being rightly related to Him.

FAITH

THE BUILDING BLOCK FOR HOPE & UNDERSTANDING

Faith enables us to operate in the world through the lens of God's Word, holding to there being more than I can see with my human understanding.

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.

2 Peter 1:3 NIV

CORE CONCEPT: Faith is not abstract, but something that can be learned and understood. By understanding the framework of faith, we are empowered to live lives of growing maturity that honor and please God.

HOMEWORK:

1. Has your view on salvation changed after this class?
If so, how?
2. Do you feel secure in your salvation? Why or why not?
3. In your own words, explain what salvation is.
4. What is the difference between having faith in faith and having faith in God?
5. Read Romans chapter 4. Explain how Abraham and David were justified and how this works in our favor.

WEEK 2

FELLOWSHIP

GOD'S PLAN FOR STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Biblical fellowship, modeled throughout the New Testament, gives us a blueprint for the role of community in the life of a believer and calls us to a radical new way.

With one accord they continued to meet daily in the temple courts and to break bread from house to house, sharing their meals with gladness and sincerity of heart...

Acts 2:46 BLB

CORE CONCEPT: We are to be recognized by the world as disciples through the very way we live life with and treat our fellow believers. This radical type of love sets us apart and marks us as Christians.

GRACE

THE GIFT WE DIDN'T DESERVE

By seeing grace for what it is, we can begin to understand better how God's desire for us to walk after Him is something He doesn't just call us to, but empowers us for.

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:17 ESV

CORE CONCEPT: Without grace, the Christian is unable to discover the riches and the wealth of God's abundant love towards us.

HOMEWORK:

1. What were the communal practices of the early church believers?
2. What in your life reflects Biblical fellowship?
3. Do you believe non-believers in your life would ever describe you like Christ? Why or why not?
4. Why did Paul use the word for grace at the beginning of each of his letters?
5. What does John 10:10 have to do with grace?

WEEK 3

LOVE

A FEELING? NOT EVEN CLOSE

The question that needs to be asked is not 'what is love', but 'who is love'? Understanding the definition of love and who defines it is the beginning of being able to fully walk in it.

Whoever does not love does not know God,
because God is love.

1 John 4:8 NIV

CORE CONCEPT: Love is a verb, and expressed through the things we do and say. God demonstrates His love to us that we might demonstrate it to others.

MERCY

THE LAVISH ACT OF SPARING

The tenderness of God is wrapped up in the great gift of mercy - not giving us what we deserve.

No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good,
and this is what he requires of you: to do what
is right, to love mercy, and to walk
humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8 NLT

CORE CONCEPT: In mercy, we begin to see the strength and power that God has. If He granted to us what we deserve, none would be saved. He shows His power and strength, in love, by being merciful.

HOMEWORK:

1. Read The Love Chapter, 1 Corinthians 13.
2. Define what love is not, based on the Love Chapter.
3. Define what love is, based on the Love Chapter.
4. Read Ephesians 2:1-7
5. Does your life demonstrate a heart for walking in mercy? Why or why not?

WEEK 4

PRAYER

PRAYER IS NOT AN OPTION

The principles of prayer unlock the possibilities that God set for our lives. When we understand the legality and function of prayer, we are empowered to live out God's will.

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Psalm 145:18 ESV

CORE CONCEPT: Prayer is my legal right, as a believer,
to be in communication with God
and receive His direction for my life.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

AN INVITATION TO PRESENCE

*It is important to the life of a believer to understand the
function and purpose of each, and why it is an essential
practice in our everyday lives.*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts
with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
Psalm 100:4 ESV

CORE CONCEPT: Praise opens the door to God's presence, to which worship is our response.

HOMEWORK:

1. How can you implement the different types of prayers in your life?
2. Read Luke 18. Why is it important to not give up praying?
3. What are some of the reasons people stop praying? What does the Word say about that?
4. How do you ensure praise and worship is not just in song?
5. How can you grow in having a praise and worship culture in your life?

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