

LESSON 2. Discipleship & Walking in the Light (1 John 1)

DISCIPLESHIP (being a follower of Christ)

1. In Luke 9:23, if we wish to follow Jesus, we must deny: _____
daily take up our: _____ and follow: _____.

Question: who dies on our cross? _____ (see Rom. 6:6, Gal. 2:20)

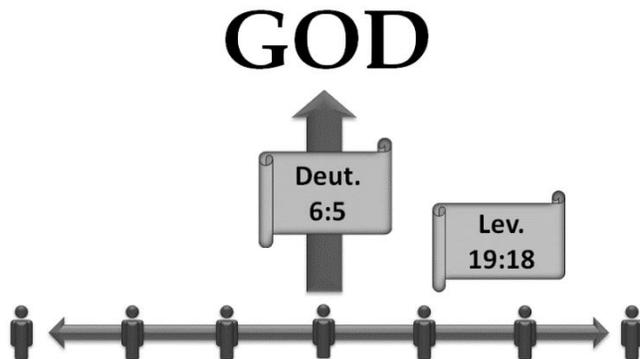
2. 2 Corinthians 5: Jesus died for us, that we might: _____.

3. Romans 12:1-2: Discuss the differences and similarities between the Old Testament animal sacrifices and the living sacrifice called for in this text.

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS:

In Matt. 22:35-36 a lawyer asks Jesus what the greatest commandment is. What did Jesus answer? (vss. 37-40)

How do these two commandments relate to other commandments?
(see John 14:15 & Rom. 13:8-10)



COMMUNICATION: Listening to the Word - Praying to God - Encouraging Each Other

Listening to the Word: Don't limit Bible reading to times when you are at church. What is being done with Scripture in each of the following texts?

a.) Psalm 1:2

b.) Matt. 4:1-11

c.) Acts 17:11

d.) John 8:31

e.) 2 Tim. 3:16-17

Praying to God: Jesus taught his disciples to pray to the Father (Lk. 11:1-4) & in his name (his authority; John 16:23). What do we learn about prayer from these texts?

a.) regarding attitude: Philippians 4:6

b.) regarding meals: Matt. 15:36; 1 Tim. 4:4-5

c.) regarding frequency: 1 Thess. 5:17; Col. 4:2

d.) regarding requests: Matt. 7:7-11; 1 John 5:14,15; 2 Cor. 12:8-10

e.) regarding humility: Luke 18:9-13

f.) regarding confession of sin: 1 John 1:9

g.) regarding who to pray for: Matt. 5:44; 2 Tim. 2:1-2; Col. 1:9; 4:2-4

h.) regarding intercession of the Spirit: Rom.8:26-27

i.) in general: Matt. 6:6-13

Encouraging Each Other: As evil companions corrupt good morals (1 Cor. 15:33), godly companions encourage and strengthen us. Read and be prepared to discuss the benefits of spending time (both in the assembly and out) with fellow disciples.

a.) Heb. 10:24-25

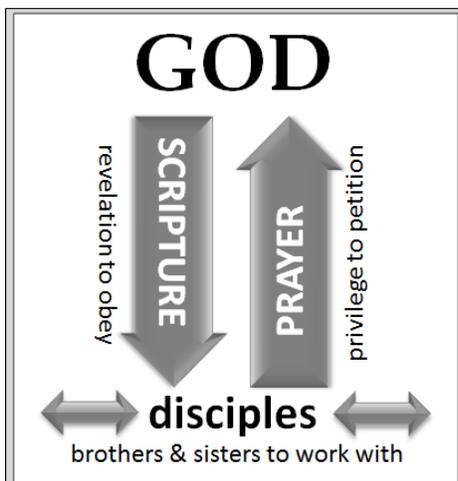
b.) Romans 12:9-12

c.) 1 Peter 1:22, 4:9-10

d.) Gal. 6:1

e.) 2 Thess. 5:14

f.) Mark 10:29-30



SIN & THE DISCIPLE: The duty of the disciple is to obey the Lord. A person who is not willing to obey the Lord, and to put him first, cannot be his disciple (Luke 14:25-35).

That does not mean disciples never stumble and fail. Peter failed, but more importantly, he got back up and did right.

Analogy (the difference between pests & pets): A good housekeeper does not tolerate pests in their home. This does not mean insects never get in, but when they do, they are not tolerated. Pets, on the other hand, are not attacked and removed. They are accepted and kept. Sin in our lives should be treated like an unwelcome roach, not as a stray we take in. It should be an untolerated intruder, not a tolerated guest.

1. 1 John 1:5-2:6:

God is: _____ and in him is no: _____.

If we say we have fellowship with him, but we _____ in darkness, we lie.

If we _____ in the light, we have fellowship, and he cleanses us of sin.

If we _____ our sins, he is faithful to forgive us of our sins.

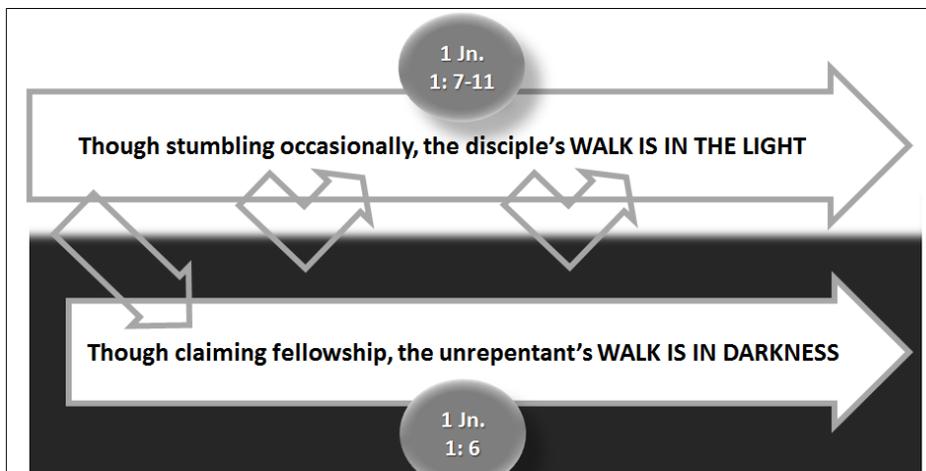
If we say we have _____ sin, we lie.

John wrote these things so that we would _____ sin.

But if we do sin, we have an advocate with the Father: _____.

If we say we know him, but we will not keep his commandments, we _____.

2. Acts 8 describes a man who was baptized into Jesus Christ (v.13), but later allowed his sinful "old self" to come back in control. Peter does not tell him to repent & be baptized again. Rather, he tells him to _____ & _____ (8:22).



1 John 1:5-11

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (6.) If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. (7.) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Discussion:

Discuss "putting off the old man," and "putting on the new" from Eph. 4:22-5:21.

Discuss transformation from Rom. 12:1- Discuss the mind of service from John 13.