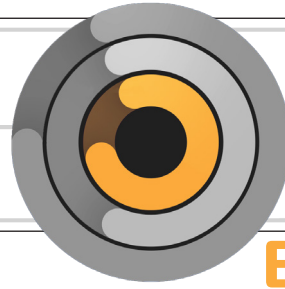




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BE A DISCIPLE

A Disciple Believes

JOHN 14:1, 6



"Love the Lord **your** God with all **your** heart
and with all **your** soul and with all **your** mind."
Matthew 22:37

Am I growing in Christ?

"Let not your hearts be troubled. **Believe** in God; **believe** also in me. ... I am the way,
and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:1, 6

I. A disciple believes Jesus is the way.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus ... 1 Timothy 2:5

Jesus is the _____ way to heaven.

Jesus Himself _____ the way to heaven.

II. A disciple believes Jesus is the truth.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

The truth of Jesus _____ who we are.

The truth of Jesus _____ us of who we are.

III. A disciple believes Jesus is the life.

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Life is found by _____ Jesus.

Life is found by _____ on Jesus.

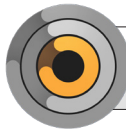
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And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God
must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6

Being a disciple _____ by believing in Jesus.

Believing in Jesus _____ being a disciple.

"Without the way, there is no going; without the truth, there is no knowing; without the life, there is no living." Thomas à Kempis



COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

HOME GROUPS The Christian life is meant to be lived in community and Home Groups are a great way to do that! Each week you'll pray, learn and do life with other believers, growing deeper in your faith and helping others do the same. Christian community is one of the best ways for the church to be the church! Find your group at www.ccbcfamily.org/groups.

SPECIAL ONE-DAY EMBARK EVENT Embark is our new "Get to know Christ Chapel" class—great for anyone who wants to learn more about us or is considering membership. This month, we're offering the three sessions of Embark on one Sunday afternoon! Join us on Sunday, Sept. 29 from 12:45 to 4 p.m. to learn about our beliefs, vision and values. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/embark.

BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS: INTERPRETING SCRIPTURE WITH DR. MARK BAILEY Are you curious how the Bible fits together as a whole? Have you pondered why certain figures of speech are used in various passages of the Bible? Uncover the answers by coming to a special class taught by Dr. Mark Bailey on Bible Study Methods! Learn more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/dtsmethods.

VOTER REGISTRATION As we continue to pray for our country during an election year, we wanted to provide you with an easy voter registration option. Today there will be a voter registration table in front of the Garden Room, on the Link Bridge and between the stairs in the Chapel. We hope this is helpful to you! The deadline to register will be Monday, October 7.

AN EVENING WITH JAMIE FINN We are excited to announce that Jamie Finn, author and executive director of Fostering the Family, will join us for a special event on Saturday, Sept. 28! Jamie is a passionate advocate for the foster and adoption community, and we are so excited to learn from her knowledge and experience. Come join us as we discover how we can positively impact and support the foster and adoption community. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/forlife.

COME FOR THE 5 We have officially launched our 5 p.m. service! We're excited to see where God takes us during this new chapter and would love to have you be a part of it. If you worship in the mornings, come back at 5 p.m. with friends and family who would usually not be able to attend morning worship. Invite neighbors and coworkers to check it out, and let's see what God does with it next! We'll see you there!



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text GIVE to 24253 to get started.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Luke 14:1, 6; John 8:31-32, 14:1-3; Acts 4:12; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; 1 Timothy 2:5. What's the difference between an unsaved person's general belief in God and a Christian's specific belief in Christ Jesus for salvation?

2. Why is it so important that a child of God master this concept of belief in regard to salvation?

3. What roles do faith and grace play when we believe in Christ for salvation? (See Hebrews 11:6; Romans 3:24; Ephesians 2:8.)

4. Why is a Christian not striving to be accepted by God?

5. How much would you say that you firmly trust in your identity in Christ and the assurance in His Word of who you are? What obstacles keep you from belief in this area?

6. Once our salvation has occurred, what belief must we lean on to sustain us each day (or even each moment!) of life as Jesus' disciple? (See John 8:31-32; 10:10.)

7. If a child of God is attempting to live by the energy of their own flesh, what does that say about their belief? How have you succumbed to this error, and what was the result?

8. After hearing this sermon and meditating on this study, what do you understand about belief that you didn't before? How will that realization change your daily life?

"We must receive a new life; we must be changed. But it is God who must change us. And he may change us in a different way from what we had wanted or imagined. Our own ideals—our own plans for inner growth or personal change—must come to an end. Every lofty position must be given up; every high human striving sacrificed. To be fit for God's new future we must be changed by him."

J. HEINRICH ARNOLD

"Jesus knows where we need to go. Just as he promised to prepare a place in heaven for us (In 14:1-3), he also prepares a right-now-life of meaning and purpose. When we try to control it, we don't have enough wisdom or knowledge to find that ministry sweet spot. ... So hold your life loosely, forget yourself, follow Jesus, and let him take you where you need to go. Lose yourself in the mission. That's the joyful wonderland of his plan for every follower. If you have plans and strategies that aren't working—and you don't see any sign of God's blessing—retreat to the certainty of his leadership. I often pray, 'Lord, I'm your servant. I'll follow you even if it's into apparent failure, because I have no rights to success as I define it, or as the church defines it, or as my culture defines it. I'm only interested in pleasing you and being successful as you define it.' ... Every disciple dreams of living a life with great meaning and fulfillment. But that life doesn't come to people who drift about as immature converts. It only belongs to those who choose the life of transformational discipleship."

BILL HULL

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."