3 March 2024 Discipled Evangelism Mon Chuck Lang | Discipled Evangelism Core Captain

WHAT IS DISCIPLED EVANGELISM, AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? Let's look at the two words, discipled and evangelism, and see what Jesus says about the importance of both and how they tie together.

We should pay extra attention to any final instructions Jesus gave. The very last thing Mark records Jesus saying to His disciples in his gospel is, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

As Christians, we are clearly called by Jesus to go! To "go" is to share the good news, to evangelize. Jesus said go AND make disciples, not just go. Making disciples and sharing the good news so non-Christians can understand and become Christians is just the first step. Once a person accepts that Jesus is Lord and chooses to follow Jesus as Lord, they are ready for the rest of discipleship. Our Christian life begins (born again) when we turn (repent) from our sin and turn to Jesus as both Lord and Savior (Romans 10:9).

Evangelism, the first step of discipleship, is clearly important.

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP AS A WHOLE, AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? A new Christian changes positions from eternal separation from God to eternal forgiveness through Christ (born again, a new creation). When you turn and follow Christ, you spiritually receive the Holy Spirit and are ready for the next phases of discipleship. Slapping someone on the back and welcoming them to Christianity and wishing them well without more teaching would be like coach Norvell telling a star football recruit coming to FSU, "Welcome to FSU, we will see you at the first game. No need to practice or to learn anymore!" Just like young athletes, new Christians are just beginning the journey. Paul describes new Christians as babes drinking milk who will work their way to solid food. We, as the church, are called to equip (disciple) them to be mature Christians who can disciple others.

THE ROLE OF DISCIPLED EVANGELISM AT ST. PETER'S is to encourage, equip, and train others to evangelize and disciple others so they can, in turn, do the same for others and so on. Our goal is to do that through every single mission core. Think of who encouraged you in your faith walk. They were encouraged by someone who was encouraged by others before, all the way back to the original disciples who were told to go! That was after they had been discipled by Jesus.

How CAN YOU GET INVOLVED IN DISCIPLED EVANGELISM? If you are working with any mission at St. Peter's, you already are. From Disaster Recovery and Human Trafficking to Life ministries and Prison to World Missions and all in between; each is rooted in a commitment to share our faith and disciple those we minister to. If you are not currently involved with a mission at St. Peter's, you have an exciting opportunity to be blessed. There are more opportunities to get involved in real, life-changing ministries than ever at St. Peter's. You can contact me, any of the other M&E Core Captains, or others you see involved in missions you have an interest in. I'd love to sit down 1:1 and discuss ways to get connected and serve our mighty Lord! God shapes us as he works and loves others through us. He disciples us as we serve Him through His mission!

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

LIFE: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN

You are invited to join other Christians in our community in the most effective means ending abortion in our city. The most effective way to do this is by praying and fasting. Are you willing to make the commitment to pray and fast for the End of Abortion? The Spring Campaign began on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and will continue until Palm Sunday, March 24th. There will be weekly prayer sessions each Thursday afternoon throughout the campaign that you can participate in. Please reach out to Life Core Co-Captain, Carolyn Parlato for more details. You can also visit the website at <u>40DAYSFORLIFE.COM</u> for more information.

DISASTER RELIEF: OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Telling others about the good news of Christ when they're facing a hard time can be hard to do. Wouldn't we rather share in the joy of Jesus when there's cause to celebrate? That's much easier, of course, but not what our Disaster Response team is called to do. Just recently, Victor Carrasquilla joined the leadership of this Missions and Evangelism effort as he jumped at a mission opportunity to help those who needed some encouragement as they rebuild from Hurricane Ian in Ft. Myers, Florida.

Victor recently shared that when he's doing missions work, he feels like God's hands are on His kingdom. On MARCH 16-22 THERE'S ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY for you to do the same. We are looking for volunteers to help rebuild homes in the community of Harlem Heights. This low-income and underserved community has been the focus of ARDF since the storm and teams have already been there four separate times to install drywall, windows, and even kitchens in seven homes. WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO JOIN THE NEXT TEAM OF MISSIONARIES?

A \$500 registration fee will cover your camp-style lodging, meals, on-site transportation, tools, and team t-shirt. Let me know if the cost would be a hindrance to your participation. A SIMILAR OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO BEING OFFERED THIS SUMMER (*June 9-15*) IN ROLLING FORK, MISSISSIPPI. This community was impacted by tornadoes and the ARDF team will be partnering with a local nonprofit to rebuild homes as well.

So far, two homes have been completed, one is under construction, and two foundations are prepared waiting for you to finish the job. To learn more please reach out to me because I'd love to see a team from St Peter's continue to serve the Lord in this way.

Contact Brian Stewart at BRIANSTEWART@AOL.COM.



PRISON: KAIROS WEEKEND | 4-7 April

In *Matthew 25:35-40* Jesus told his disciples that visiting brothers and sisters in Christ in prison was the equivalent of visiting Jesus himself.

The Kairos prison ministry will host a weekend with 42 inmates at Wakulla Correctional Institution. Volunteers are needed to visit inmates *(and Jesus in the manner he described above)* during this upcoming Kairos Weekend. Please call either Larry Gonzalez at 850.570.6307 or Lawrence Brown at 850.800.6938 for more information. Prior experience in prison ministry is not required—only a desire to help turn prisoners from crime to Christ.

DISCIPLESHIP

MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST



Thursday, 7 March | 7AM | \$5 Join us in the Parish Hall where the Men's Ministry Leadership Team will have hot coffee and a sausage biscuit breakfast ready for you! Enjoy your

breakfast over a time of fellowship with other men! Visit <u>STPETERSFL.COM/MENSBREAKFAST</u> to RSVP to ensure we have enough breakfast, or you are welcome to bring your own breakfast. Our speaker is SCOTT STERLING, who has worshiped at St. Peter's since 2017.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS | *Fridays* | 6-6:30PM Stations of the Cross will be offered during Lent on Friday evenings, concluding on March 22. Those wishing to participate in this ancient devotion, should gather in the narthex on these evenings. Guides for this devotion are located on the shelf next to the central doors to the cathedral.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY HOSTED AT ST. PETER'S

In partnership with Celebrate Recovery Tallahassee, St. Peter's will be hosting a men's study group each Monday from 6:30-8PM, beginning *March* 4th, focusing on applying Eight Principals from the Beatitudes and the 12-Step Program to overcoming our hurts, hangups, and habits. The study will be held in the Youth House. For more information, please get in touch with Michael Thompson at <u>MICHAELTHOMPSON43@</u> <u>GMAIL.COM</u> or 850.228.1461.

"Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor." –MATTHEW 5:3

EASTER EGG FILLER DONATIONS | We need donations for the Easter Egg Hunt. We have the eggs but need the filling (candy, stickers, tiny toys, etc.). Please no chocolate. Please turn in by Palm Sunday. Easter egg hunt will be on Easter Morning between services at 10:30AM.

EASTER GIFTS & BOOKS AT THE BOOKSTORE

Stop by Cathedral Gifts & Books after the service and check out the Easter goodies for sale!

SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN

Thursday, 7 March | NOON | Join us for the March Senior Lunch & Learn! This month's speaker will be BLAKE DOWLING, the CEO for Aegis Business Technologies and he will be discussing Cyber security and the challenges of technology. Lunch is \$10. Registration is important for planning. Please register at <u>STPETERSFL.COM/LUNCHANDLEARN</u>

MARY & MARTHA GUILD GATHERING

Monday, 11 March | 9:45AM | Join us for our March gathering at the home of Florence Brainerd. KATHY GOMER will be the featured speaker. The social time starts at 9:45 and the meeting at 10:30. All women are invited!

CATHEDRAL TOUR

Saturday, 9 March | 10-IIAM | From stone to spire, arch to altar, the traditional Gothic architecture of St. Peter's reflects the orthodox truth of Holy Scripture. Seriously. Take a tour and be inspired!

THE CHARLES SIMEON INSTITUTE LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY WILL BE OFFERING TWO COURSES DURING THE EASTER TERM OF 2024

FACING DEATH: A Christian's Journey to Life Everlasting &

THEREFORE LET US KEEP THE FEAST: The Meaning Behind Sunday Morning Anglican Liturgy

Scan the QR Code to learn more.



THE BIG RED BUS IS HERE!

Sunday, 3 March | 8:30AM-1:30PM | Donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, and a St. Patrick's Day t-shirt! Walk-Ups are welcome.

Worship

VISITING THE CATHEDRAL?

Welcome–we're so glad you're worshiping with us today! Our nursery is available during Sunday morning services for children newborn through Kindergarten. We hope you'll join us for coffee & other refreshments between morning services! Whether today is your first time or you've been with us for awhile, we're so glad you're here!

CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST & CARE MINISTRIES

If you have any pastoral needs or know of someone who needs pastoral care and prayer, please contact Care Ministries Coordinator, Alice Sanderson at <u>ASANDERSON@STPETERSFL.COM</u>

To be added the the Cathedral Prayer List, email <u>ASanderson@StPetersFL.com</u> or submit a prayer request or Care Ministry Need at <u>StPetersFL.com/Prayer</u>

Military: Lucas Bell, Jose Betancourt, Lt. Col. David Chichetti, SSG Corey Daws, LCpl Sam Henri, 1st Lt. Carson Jax, Capt. Griffin Jax, Capt. Savannah B. Jax, Capt. Parker Jax, Capt. Chandler B. Jax, 1st Lt. Rebecca Jax, Col. Burt Newman, SSgt Corey Owen, Lt. Col. Daniel Dean, Maj. James Dilworth, Capt. John Easterbrook Jr, Airman Drew Edwards, Sgt. Michael Gaskins, Gabriel Melendez, Major Gen. John Richardson, Capt. Oliver Rushing, Spc. Andrew Sanderson, Lt. Cmdr. Chris Smith, Lt. Patrick Swain, Capt. Parry Thomas, Lt. Cmdr. Blake Van Brunt Jr, PFC Noah C. Bielling, MM2 Tommy VanLandingham, SN Benjamin Waddill, PFC John P. Warren, 2nd Lt Jack Ubben, Lt. Drew Stockstill, LTJG Emily Redmond

Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends: Maryann & Van Jones, Pat Barnidge, The Kaiser Family, Eva, Fred, Marilyn & Steve Hammond, Sara Claire Jackson, Mary Frances, Will Valentine, Shelby Copas, Jane Janes, Vicki, Bob Snider, Vicki Phillips, Carol, Jackie Kemp, Fay Ann, Patty, Marsha Hall, Rob, Bonnie as of 2.29.24

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHORAL EVENSONG | Our Choristers will be leading Choral Evensong at 5:30PM

on the following Wednesdays.

2.7 | 6th-12th Grades **3.6** | 2nd-12th Grades **4.10** | 6th-12th Grades **5.1** | K-12th Grades

