



Calvary Chapel Sequim

We are a community of Jesus followers.

As the church is the body of Christ, we attempt to be living illustrations of our Creator. ~1 Corinthians 10:31

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAY 12, 2019

WOMEN'S THIRD THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP May 16th 8:30-10am

MARRIAGE IN LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL May 18th 10am-2pm

We have special guest speakers, Wayne and Cathy Taylor coming out to Sequim to speak on marriage. **If you plan to attend**, please sign up on the clipboard in the hall, *we need a head count for lunch!*

HELP WITH CHILDCARE FOR MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 18th 10am-2pm We need help watching the kids of the young families that attend the conference. **Please prayerfully consider helping Kim Thomas with childcare during the conference.** Sign up on the clipboard in the hall if you are interested.

FINANCIAL PEACE {UNIVERSITY} Starts Thursday, May 23rd @ 6pm

This class will run weekly for 9 weeks. Sign up online through our Facebook page or use this link: <https://fpu.com/1089622>. Flyers are available in the fellowship area. Sign up right away so that you receive the materials before class starts!

Weekly Devotionals:

Scenes of Discipleship

Monday's Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22

This week we devote ourselves to watching scenes of discipleship. Jesus who is the risen King of a Kingdom that is not of this world is advancing and conquering through discipleship. Here in this passage we see that at times He seeks people out. They were minding their own business and Jesus approaches them and calls them to leave everything that they are about. Now let's see that Jesus plays with some words, they were fishermen and He calls them to be fishers of men. I believe this is more than merely a pun. I believe that the life He calls them, and us, to is one of both complete difference while still being strangely familiar. Huh? I am a pastor; I could approach my job to grow my Church to a greater and more lucrative group of people who behave well. Or I could approach the same job by looking to this strange Man Jesus who often does and says confounding things. One day He will gain thousands to turn around the very next day and offend them all away! One day He will be gentle and forgiving and the next He will swear at the religious people until they want to kill Him. As a pastor, as an under shepherd, I am to lead the flock where He leads not where I would like to lead. Or as a pastor I could possibly try to get more butts in the seats. Same job but strangely worlds apart in its execution, to tell the truth I'd like both to be involved but that is not my call to make. Jesus calls us to follow Him in discipleship to change the world. This requires that we leave our preconceptions in dreams and awake to the reality of a world where Jesus roams and calls others to follow Him into a new humanity. He is calling you will you hear and lay all your life down?

Tuesday's Scripture: John 1:35-42

Yesterday in a scene of discipleship we saw Jesus seek out disciples. Here we see the most popular disciple, Peter, wasn't sought out by Jesus. Rather it was Peter's brother, Andrew, who brought him to Jesus. So what? I point this out because we tend to try and box God, Jesus up in *modus operandi*. Jesus will work differently, call disciples in a different way, speak in different dialects, speak in words, speak in actions, draw with emotions and draw with reason. If you want Jesus to call you to discipleship don't expect it exactly as you have seen it or heard it in other people's lives. He wants you to follow Him, He may call you with a crowd or as an individual, the point is to hear Him and respond when He does call us. If He is so different in His workings and callings how are we to recognize it? Believe He will call, be asking, seeking and knocking for it. It will be unmistakable, then you will have the choice. And if you've been asking, seeking and knocking you will be ready to say, 'Yes, Lord.'

Wednesday's Scripture: Luke 5:27-32

So many ideas here for discipleship. Let's start with the conclusion. Jesus chose Levi the tax collector because he knew he was sick. He knew he needed to be saved. There is a deadly culture of victimization going around that keeps many from salvation. Let me say first off that we should stand against people victimizing others. We should give ourselves in service to stop or be beaten if there is a bully around. But here is why the heroization of victimization is so deadly, if you can see yourself as a victim you are good, you are righteous, and the bully is the sinner. This causes people who see themselves as victims to be self-righteous. They have no need of a doctor, they are not sick, they are victims and there's nothing wrong with them. This idea is not scriptural. We are all sick, the self-righteous in this story are the religious elites of that society but we have up ended that in our society where I live. So, what's my point? What is the devotion here? Good question. I believe it is this, to be a disciple you have to have the understanding that you need to be a disciple. That you are in a state where you don't really know what life is and exactly how to live it, you need a doctor. Levi knew and he invited his sick friends to join him. Who will join me, who will be my sick friends in asking Jesus to disciple me/you/us today?

Thursday's Scripture: Luke 5:27-32

Levi, the tax collector, is called, he responds, he throws a party to let his friends know what he is about to do. What happens next? What happens to his friends? What does he do after the 'work' of being disciplined by Jesus? I'll tell you what, he now has to have a new group of friends. He will be unable to go continually to the same parties with his reindeer friends. He won't have the disposable cash that comes with an ancient tax collector salary, thievery. So... This is a dilemma I have experienced in the Church; we tend to give up our old friends because they will drag us back into an old fleshly lifestyle but then we find ourselves isolated from the world in our own small echo room community. But we are called to go into the world and make disciples! How do we do both, adopt our new family and invest in the Kingdom community and reach the world? Today I don't have a good answer for you. I do know that Jesus sent out His disciples to proclaim the Kingdom in two's. So, I think we should be finding good, strong Christian sisters/brothers to join us in seeking out those whom God is drawing to His Kingdom. That's as good as I have today. Be devoted to proclaiming the Kingdom with your community.

Friday's Scripture: Luke 6:12-16

You don't get to choose whom God calls you into discipleship with. Look at this list. We have Matthew (Levi of previous devotions) who is/was a tax collector. Think of him as a turncoat. Then we have Simon who was called the zealot (ultra nationalist, kill the Romans, kill the turncoats!). And don't forget Judas Iscariot the traitor. What was Jesus thinking when He chose these guys? I don't know. All I know is that He is King, I am servant. He chooses and I am called to submit and obey. He gives life and all others come to kill and destroy. When we commit to discipleship you will have to commit to the people Jesus calls into your life, not the people you want in your life. At first this is very uncomfortable; in the end it is Heaven. Choose today whom you will follow.

Saturday's Scripture: John 14:15-17, Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus says that if you love Him you will obey Him. He has told us, those who believe Him and accept His Kingship over us, to go and make disciples of all nations. What're you going to do? If you don't want to make disciples then I suggest that you meet up with your King, learn to love Him more than your life. It's ok if you admit that you don't want to be inconvenienced and/or just don't have time and/or people really irritate you and/or you've been 'burned' before, we are called to confess our sin. Just realize that it's sin. He knows, do you? There's no sin He can't over come in your life if you come to Him for confession and asking for forgiveness. If you're going and making or at least trying to make disciples, then be of good cheer! You love Jesus. You don't just think or pretend you love Him; you do. To love Jesus is to be devoted. Today let's devote ourselves and ask, seek and knock on the doors of Heaven until they open.

GATHER TO GROW

Men's Breakfast

Tuesdays, 7:00am
Meet at CCS

Wednesday Night Study

Wednesdays at 7pm
Meet at CCS

Women's Fellowship & Prayer

Third Thursday of the month
8:30-10am at CCS

Bible Project Recap

1st Sunday of the month
1pm at CCS—Sanctuary

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2. Ipad on the coffee counter.
3. PayPal via our website. (Scan this QR code)
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