

Cross-Member's Men's Outreach Ministry



**Helping show Men to and thru the door
Of Discipleship!**

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We need only to turn on our TV's or read the local newspaper to see and hear reasons for encouraging and being part of an active discipleship. Issues like rally's to build up support for gay right's or local council meetings to discuss not having prayer at government functions in order to separate church and state. Issues like the teens in our public schools insisting they should not be made to listen to prayer before, during or after graduation, nor in the classrooms. Some other issues we are faced with, Press T.V reported that over 8 million adults between the ages of 24 and 64 have had thoughts of committing suicide and that 2% of all women ages 15-44 have had an abortion with half of those having a previous abortion. We see commercials on T.V that suggests in order to show the quality of a certain restaurant hamburger, it must be held by a female that is half naked, this restaurant must not think to much of their product and what about the beer commercial that suggests get theses six beers and everything will work to your advantage even to the point of dogs cooking and serving your guests. The list continues take for instance,

This past week I read the article “Becoming Chaz”. For those that have not read it , the article follows the so-called transformation of Chastity Bono the woman to Chaz Bono the man all because she said she was meant to be born a man. I remember thinking how unbelievable, I mean having an operation to become a different gender that’s way outside what God wants from us right? Right it’s not what God wants and He is very clear in His word how He feels about homosexuality as well as other sins, but He is equally as clear in His Great Commission Matthew 28: 18-

20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "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."

Any of the issues I have mentioned as well as many more not mentioned here are compelling reasons for starting or being part of a discipleship but none can be as compelling or satisfying when we do it from the desire to be in the center of Gods will and out of love for our Risen Lord and Savior. It is my prayer that this booklet will serve as starting point for some, a rejuvenation for others and a blessing for all.



The Walk

All of us start our new spiritual walk the same way, with the admittance of being a sinner and asking for forgiveness while accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Thus begins a continuous walk, a walk that shows His grace, love and patience a walk that reveals our Faith in Him while being a daily influence on others. In this daily walk we grow, thru prayer and asking God to give us direction in our lives, we grow thru daily reading of His word as in devotional times or for reference in daily life events. We grow every time we share our testimony and reveal to others what Christ has done in our life and assuring them He can and will do the same for them. We grow in fellowship with other believers thru our church and other outreach ministries.

Discipleship

A disciple accepts the responsibility of spreading Gods word and looks for any opportunity to share the filling of the Holy Sprit all the while seeking to be more Christ like. With the filling of the Holy Sprit anyone can be a disciple. Thru daily study of the word, prayer and obedience our discipleship grows and we can set our shelf apart from the world and as we set ourselves apart from the world we experience personal growth that allows us to become more centered on serving Christ and less centered on ourselves. Also as we mature and learn we become more willing to share our faith, we begin to witness not to just believers but to nonbelievers we take any opportunity to tell of the wonderful life changes only possible when we serve Jesus Christ. The more we serve the more He allows us to do and the more He allows us to do the more we want to serve because our greatest desire when we accept Him as our Lord and Savior is to share the same word and the same love that He so graciously blessed us with in hopes that they to can experience Gods love.

Sharing a Personal

Testimony

Your unique experience in coming to Christ can be an effective tool in communicating the gospel to others. A carefully prepared testimony adapts well to either group situations or casual one-on-one conversation. It enables you to speak confidently, knowing that your words are well-chosen, biblically accurate, and appropriate to the situation. In my case my testimony has three main parts; what my life was before I found Christ, how I came to Christ and how my life is different as a result of finding Christ. Aside from the 3 parts, I open with personal information like name, age and Christian background. I also want my testimony to reveal the sense of relief I feel knowing I'm forgiven that God is on my side and He only wants what's best for me also that by the power of the Holy Spirit He guides and protects my life. In sharing my testimony I pray that it shows to others the grace and mercy that saved me.

Prayer Request Form

Date:

Prayer Requests

If you would like us to contact you, Please
fill out the information below

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Forward Mail to: 5135 North Blackstock Rd
Spartanburg, SC 29303

All Prayer Request are keep Confidential.

Cross Members

News letters

If anyone needs past news letters please let me know I can print them at any time. Also If anyone has a praise or a story please contact me so it can be included in one of the upcoming news letters also if anyone has a prayer request you can contact me directly or fill out the prayer request form and drop it in the mail to me either way we will up lift it in prayer. Let me say this ministry has been a blessing for me to work on and I thank God every day for letting me be part of His plan while doing the work He has put before me. This booklet like everything else I work on is meant to glorify the name of Jesus Christ. I get up every day with the anticipation of seeing one, who God will put before me and two, how He will have me serve that particular day. I look forward to the future not because I know the plan but because I know the planner.

Yours in Christ,
Keith Taylor