

Love The Lord Your God

22nd Sunday of Pentecost



Message Transcript

Our mission is to share our lives with others

**Reverend Juleen Partridge will give a reflection during the service.
The following is a reflection for those who cannot attend the service.**

*And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.
1 Thessalonians 2:13*

The following reflection is from our 1 Thessalonians 7 Day Devotional:

Have you ever thought about the everyday opportunities God gives us to love, care for and help people take next steps? Discipling people doesn't always require a big elaborate plan. Maybe it's a friend who is struggling with reading his Bible every day. Or, maybe it's the coworker who is going through a difficult time and needs care. These opportunities for discipleship are right in front of us, but we don't always know what to do.

When we feel like we don't know what to do, we can look at Paul's example of what discipleship looks like. Paul cared for people just as a mother would care for her child (1 Thess 2:7-8). He didn't see people as projects or throw his weight around claiming he was better than them. He only disciplined them because he wanted them grow in their faith and take next steps. Paul's discipleship was remarkable because it was both effective and selfless.

Paul disciplined the Thessalonians by "encouraging, comforting and urging [them] to live lives worthy of God, who calls [them] into his kingdom and glory" (1 Thess 2:12).

Paul encourages us to do the same thing in our everyday life. We can text that friend who is struggling with reading the Bible every morning with a sweet reminder to read. We can comfort the coworker who is going through a tough time by talking to them at work and assuring them that God has everything under His power.

When we regularly come alongside someone that needs help it creates a significant form of discipleship. When we're discipling people, we can't forget to celebrate the wins. When that friend reads his Bible, be quick to celebrate with him.

Discipleship doesn't have to be hard. Just being there for people, helping them take steps and celebrating the wins is discipleship.

Reflect: Who is one person you can disciple? What is one step you can you take with that person? What is one way you can celebrate the wins?

1 Thessalonians 7 Day Devotional

If you'd like to continue walking through Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, we have a 7 day devotional to assist you. You may download this devotional from the Church's website or copies are available in the foyer of the church.

