

A PRIORITY OF DISCIPLESHIP

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What is important to you as we approach a new year? Maybe you are hoping for COVID-19 to just go away, for life to return to some resemblance of "normal," or maybe you have some great plans for the new year to make it your best year yet. I hope all these things will be true in the year to come but we have an even greater desire for those at NCC in the new year; we are praying that we

might see a robust culture of discipleship strengthened within New Community Church. This is not to say that discipleship is not happening or that we are failing, but we want to see our church excel still more in our discipleship efforts.

The reality is that we all get distracted and get our priorities out of sync with the priorities that the Lord has given to us. The question for most of us is not if we are doing important things, it is if we are prioritizing the most important things. Books and podcast abound on setting goals and becoming more productive in life. As Christians, I cannot think of a more important thing to prioritize than the very central mission that Jesus gave to us after his resurrection from the dead.

The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 is a very familiar passage of scripture for most church members. The content of this passage is profoundly simple and unmistakable, yet we often get distracted with so many other competing matters in our lives that it becomes neglected. Jesus mission for His church is clear,

"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (emphasis added)."

Pastor Jerry Marshall states in his discipleship curriculum, Fundamental Truths for a Disciple of Christ, "Jesus did not command His apostles to go "get decisions." The essence of his command is to make disciples. Unfortunately, the matter of making disciples has been for many, the great omission from the "Great Commission." Too often the clear and obvious mission of the church is forgotten in pursuit of our careers, family demands and even ministry programs. So, we want to make a concerted effort at making discipleship an intentional priority in the life of our church in 2021 and beyond. In order to do that we will be walking through Pastor Jerry's discipleship materials within each of our Equip K-Groups starting on Sunday, January 10th throughout the year.

Intrigued and want to know more? Come join one of the classes in either of the worship hours to learn more about being a disciple and making disciples of Jesus Christ. This is the primary mission of your life, to know Jesus and to make Him known! †



Equip - Koinonia Groups 2021 Fundamental Truths of a Disciple of Christ



NEWCOMER
NIGHT

JANUARY 22 @ 6:30 PM

ASCEND
STUDENT MINISTRIES

ASCEND PARENT MEETING

JANUARY 10 | 1:00 PM

CLASROOM 200

SIGN UP ONLINE

JANUARY EVENTS

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE EVENTS:

visit ncc-stl.org call the church office lobby or information center registration required

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 // 8:00 AM

EAST ST. LOUIS

R3 SECOND SATURDAY

Serve together for the sake of the gospel. Change the narrative of East St. Louis.

Paul DeYoung paul@ncc-stl.org

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 // 1:00 PM

NCC CLASSROOM 200

ASCEND PARENTS MEETING

Parents, come hear about what this year looks like in Ascend Student Ministries.

Drew Nilus drew@ncc-stl.org

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 // 6:30 PM

KIRBERG HOME

NEWCOMER NIGHT

An informal dinner in a church member's home to get to know staff, elders and others.

Virginia Hankins virginia@ncc-stl.org

THE BULLETIN BOARD

NEED TO CONNECT AT NCC?

We send out a weekly newsletter, prayer requests and special announcements through email and the app. Stop by the Information Center or the website to sign up for our communications.

MISSING SOMETHING?

Lost items are waiting to be found at the Information Center. Items are purged once a month so be sure to stop by and see if your items are there!

LOOKING TO SERVE?

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." How are you serving the body of Christ? Stop by the Information Center to discuss service opportunities that best utilize your gifts.



to glorify God // to make disciples // to share God's love

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ONE HEART

Treasuring Christ Together

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY
EXODUS | 7:00 - 9:00 PM | BEGINS JAN. 13

THURSDAY MORNING PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY
EXODUS | 9:00 - 11:00 AM | BEGINS JAN. 14

FRIDAY MORNING STUDY
GOD DOES HIS BEST WORK ON EMPTY - NANCY GUTHRIE
BEGINS JAN. 15 | 9:30 - 11:00 AM

SIGN UP ONLINE AT NCC-STL.ORG/WOMENS-BIBLE-STUDIES

Book of the Month

FOLLOW ME

A call to die. A call to live.

David Platt

Scores of men, women, and children have been told that becoming a follower of Jesus simply involves believing certain truths or saying certain words. As a result, churches today are filled with people who believe they are Christians . . . but aren't. We want to be disciples as long as doing so does not intrude on our lifestyles, our preferences, our comforts, and even our religion.

Revealing a biblical picture of what it means to truly be a Christian, Follow Me explores the gravity of what we must forsake in this world, as well as the indescribable joy and deep satisfaction to be found when we live for Christ.

The call to follow Jesus is not simply an invitation to pray a prayer; it's a summons to lose your life—and to find new life in him. This book will show you what such life actually looks like.

