

Meeting the Goals of Discipleship

As Jesus begins to bring His sermon on the mount to a close, He seems to presuppose some questions that might be upon the minds of those who heard Him. Up to the beginning of Matthew chapter seven, the Lord had clearly set forth the necessity that the righteousness of His disciples must exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees. He also identified many areas in which His disciples should seek to excel. It would be natural for those who heard Him to ask how the goals He identified might be met. His answer was ""Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8).

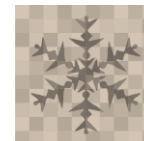
"Ask, and it will be given you" emphasizes the blessed privilege of prayer. God has always promised the faithful that their prayers will be both heard and answered (1 Peter 3:12; 1 John 5:14-15), although He may not always answer in the way that we might be expecting. "Seek, and you will find" assures determined disciples that they can, in fact, achieve a righteousness that does exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees. It is in the Gospel of Christ that the righteousness of God is revealed (Rom. 1:17) and thus, the information that His disciples need to develop a godly righteousness patterned after the Father, Himself. "To him who knocks, it will be opened" points to the necessity of obedience. Knocking requires action born out of desire. Discipleship is not passive, just as faith is not passive. God's people have always been "doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22). To all those who wonder how the Lord's standard of discipleship might be achieved, He assures us that those who ask will receive, those who seek will find, and those who knock will find an open door.

– Randy



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Sunday	10:00 AM	Bible Study (for all ages)
	10:45 AM	Worship Assembly
	6:00 PM	Youth Bible Gathering
	6:30 PM	Worship Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study

Elders: Tom Seigworth, Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth
Preacher: Randy Matheny

Sunday, January 21st, 2018

Serving Today

Announcer:	David N.
Song Leader:	Dave H.
1 st Prayer:	Doug
Table:	Rod
Serving:	Gary, Chris, Scott, Doug, sub: Brian
2 nd Prayer:	Allan
Scripture:	Don
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Rod

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Closing Prayer:	Don

Wednesday Night Song Leaders

1/10 - Rod
1/17 - Dave
1/24 - Allan
1/31 - Dick

♥ Those to remember:

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| Al Emery | Jack Wyatt |
| Ken Thomas | Jim Metts |
| Irene Schmidt | Milly Park |
| Shawn Simpson – hip cancer | Paul and Linda Smith |
| Tom and May Seigworth | Rod Thomas |
| Kevin Hughes | Betty Hughes |
| Norma Thomas | June Rhines |
| Linda Reichart | Adam Neill |
| Mike LaVan | Florence Homolek |
| Tim and Mary Ann Chilton | Justin Seigworth |
| Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer | |
| Landon Fawcett – Paul Smith’s grandson | |
| Matthew and Michael LaVan | |



“Pray without ceasing” - I Thess. 5:17

Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- Paul Smith will be having shoulder surgery again on Tuesday. Something didn’t heal right the first time.
- Chuck and Robin are in Florida for a couple weeks enjoying the warmer weather.
- Megan Burley is having a baby shower for Abbey Chi on January 28th from 2 – 4 at the Heritage House. Please RSVP to Megan at 648-0178.
- The ladies decided to do fruit and cookie boxes for the shut-in and elderly of our congregation as a Valentine’s Day treat. Please see Pam to let her know what you will contribute or sign up on the sheet on the back bulletin board. Delivery drivers will also be needed. The boxes

will be assembled on February 11th at 2:00 here at the building. Contributions will be needed on or before then. If you know of someone to give a box to, give the name to Pam.

- There will be a men’s business meeting after services this evening. All men please make plans to attend.
- Our congregation will be having a gospel meeting April 29th – May 3rd. Mr. Willie Franklin is the guest speaker. His background is in the “Neighbor to Neighbor” publication Randy has put together. It’s very interesting. Please pen this in on your calendar to support and ask family and friends to attend.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 1/22 – Mark Everett
- 1/26 – Randy and Pam Matheny

Memory Verse of the Week:

Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

Deuteronomy 28:1

Bible Question of the Week:

What name did God give to Solomon?

Last Week’s Question and Answer:

In what town did Jesus heal the only son of a widow as the funeral procession was coming out of the town gate?

Nain, Luke 7:11
