

Day 25 - Guiding Others

It has been said that Jesus was the perfect example of servant leadership. He gave His entire life in service to others. He spent years investing and pouring into the disciples who would carry on His ministry. Jesus knew that for His disciples to accomplish this important calling, they would need to be trained well, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and then sent out to do the work of ministry.

At Stonegate, we want to be a church committed to doing the things Jesus did. We want to train believers so that they are ready to be sent out to do the work of ministry.

As you think about the world, where do you see areas of brokenness? And of those areas, where might be God calling you to engage that brokenness?

Our focus scripture for today is Matthew 28:19-20

“¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

One of the most powerful investments a Christian can make is selflessly serving someone else, guiding them toward a closer relationship with Jesus. In any journey, the guide plays a crucial role. The guide plans, directs, leads, protects, and works to help those they are guiding to experience growth and flourishing. This idea rings true in Christianity. We are all called to guide and disciple those behind us, helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus. However, many believers are nervous about discipling someone because they have personally never been discipled or feel like they don't know how to do it well.

There are three simple principles of being a great guide: First, a guide knows the way. Second, a guide has been trained. Third, a guide needs a group to lead. In the same way, great disciple-makers take others to places they have already been to with Jesus. Second, they are still being trained and equipped in the nuances of the way of Jesus. Lastly, they intentionally give access to their lives and invite others to join them on the journey.

Pause to ask God to reveal areas in your life where you would benefit from further training to become a guide who helps others navigate new areas of trust and transformation.

As an invitation to a spiritual practice—a way to say “yes, Lord,” we invite you to spend 10 minutes alone with the Lord considering who in my circle of influence I could invest in. Identify areas of equipping to better disciple them and complete that training.

Prepare to walk with God into the day before us, the Lord who loves us says in:

2 Timothy 2:2 “What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

Father, help us discern where you are leading us as a church - making Your invitation clear.

Jesus, help us become worshipers, friends, apprentices, and guides who live as disciple-makers in all areas of our everyday.

Spirit, help us become a disciple-making hub, loving the lost and proclaiming Jesus in all we do and say so our communities will flourish.