

Discipleship Together

EVERY BELIEVER IN JESUS IS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS.

That is what the gospel does and that is the mission Jesus gave us: “make disciples.” The goal of discipleship is to become like Jesus. As Jesus said, “It is enough for the disciple to become like his teacher” (Matt 10:25).

And discipleship can only be done alongside someone else. Jesus didn’t send the twelve off for private meditation saying, “When you’ve become more like me, come back.” He lived with them and they with Him. Life was shared, words were heard, actions observed, and lessons learned. That is how we make disciples - like Jesus did with the twelve, like Paul did with Timothy. You and I need to invest our lives in somebody else; and somebody needs to be investing their life in ours.

But how can we turn time together into something that really matters - that can produce change? In *Rebuilding Your Broken World*, Gordon MacDonald suggests twenty-six questions to help develop accountability and invite feedback. Honestly ask and answer these questions with a fellow disciple and watch the Spirit work to make you more like Jesus.

- 1) How is your relationship with God right now?
- 2) What have you read in the Bible in the past week?
- 3) What has God said to you in this reading?
- 4) Where do you find yourself resisting Him these days?
- 5) What specific things are you praying for in regard to yourself?
- 6) What are the specific tasks facing you right now that you consider incomplete?
- 7) What habits intimidate you?
- 8) What have you read in the secular press this week?
- 9) What general reading are you doing?
- 10) What have you done to play?
- 11) How are you doing with your spouse? Kids?
- 12) If I were to ask your spouse about your state of mind, state of spirit, state of energy level, what would the response be?
- 13) Are you sensing spiritual attacks from the enemy right now?
- 14) If Satan were to try to invalidate you as a person or as a servant of the Lord, how might he do it?

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- 15) What is the state of your sexual perspective? Tempted? Dealing with fantasies? Entertainment?
- 16) Where are you financially right now? (things under control? under anxiety? in great debt?)
- 17) Are there any unresolved conflicts in your circle of relationships right now?
- 18) When was the last time you spent time with a good friend of your own gender?
- 19) What kind of time have you spent with anyone who is a non-Christian this month?

- 20) What challenges do you think you're going to face in the coming week? Month?
- 21) What would you say are your fears at this present time?
- 22) Are you sleeping well?
- 23) What three things are you most thankful for?
- 24) Do you like yourself at this point in your pilgrimage?
- 25) What are your greatest confusions about your relationship with God?

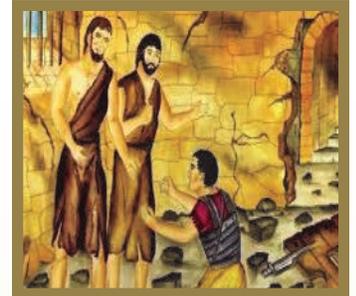
~ Pastor Phil Powers, Senior Pastor

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n. to turn all people into fully devoted, mature followers of Christ.



“Then he called for a light ... and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved” (Acts 16:29-30). The conversion of the Philippian jailer demonstrates that a traumatic experience can sometimes awaken a person to their need of salvation. Like Paul and Silas, an alert soul winner should be ready to present the gospel message to the aroused soul. A recent witnessing experience by a Forcey member at a local hospital illustrates this point.



While visiting from room to room on a Sunday evening, the Forcey member met a middle-aged patient named Alfonza. As they talked Alfonza related that he had just severed his big toe in a lawn mowing accident the day before. Although he seemed to be still in a state of shock over the accident, Alfonza was willing to answer a question concerning his assurance of going to heaven someday. Admitting that he did not know whether or not he would go to heaven, the Forcey member proceeded to present the gospel to him. Alfonza listened attentively to the message of salvation by grace and seemed to grasp the fact that Christ died for his sins on the cross. Affirming his belief that Christ arose from the dead, he expressed a willingness to receive the Lord Jesus right then as his personal Savior. With heads bowed, Alfonza called upon the Lord Jesus to save his soul.

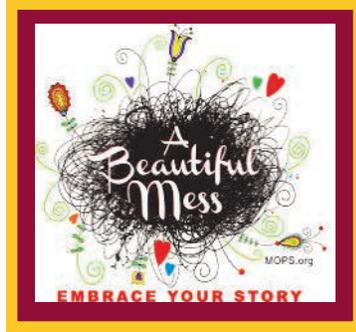
This encounter demonstrates the manifold grace of God in that a very serious accident provided an opportunity for a man to hear the message of salvation. Like the Philippian jailer, Alfonza believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and was thereby saved (Acts 16:31).

~ Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team

If you are interested in being part of the Evangelism Team, or would like more information about this ministry, send an email to [Ralph Zimmerman](mailto:Ralph.Zimmerman).



Life is a gift from The Lord but life can often be **A Beautiful Mess** - this is the new theme for the **2013-14 MOPS** year. Both of Forcey's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) groups are excited to celebrate this messy, beautiful season of life as mothers of young children and we want every mom out there to join us! If you are a mom of a child Kindergarten-aged or younger, or if you know a mom with young children, please come or invite a mom you know to MOPS. All moms from all backgrounds are welcome!



MOPS is an outreach ministry designed to support and encourage moms. MOPS provides a place for moms to build relationships with other moms, to grow closer to Jesus Christ, and to learn mothering and life skills. The MOPS International motto is "Better moms make a better world." Moms are daily using their heads, hearts and hands to love and train their children, and MOPS is there to support and guide them in their work. And we have a great time doing it!

MOPS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!



We have a **Monday night** group meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and a **Tuesday morning** group meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 9:15-11:30 a.m. MOPS meets September - May, with a summer book club happening now.

Visit the MOPS Bulletin Board for registration forms or email your questions to Kristy Sievers for Monday MOPS at mondaymops@forcey.org or Lauren Powers for Tuesday MOPS at forceymops@yahoo.com. We also have a page on the www.forcey.org website under "Ministries".

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. ~ Ephesians 2:10 (NLV)

Check out the volunteer opportunities with MOPS on page 4.

**INFINITE
THANKS
TO YOU!**

I would like to thank and congratulate the many students from Forcey who have served in Mission Possible, Forcey Day Camp, VBS, Hemlock staff, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and other ministries this summer. The list is too long for this space. How awesome is that! Watching students minister to the needs of others, and in the process fill their personal toolbox with skills to share the Gospel and serve the Lord, has been a personal privilege of mine this summer. There is no milestone after salvation which a person must pass through before they can be used mightily for God. Everyone who has the Holy Spirit can do the Lord's work, including teens. I encourage this entire Body of Christ to make the ministry of students to their friends, families and communities a regular prayer request.

Ephesians 6:7

**Serve wholeheartedly,
as if you were serving the
Lord, not people...**

Secondly, I want to thank our congregation for giving so generously to Mission Possible. This was the first time in five summers that we sent out three different teams. Thank you for the generosity which has reaped a harvest of fruit in many lives. To God be the glory for all that He has done!

*~ Mike Maslin
Director of Youth Ministries*



Opportunities to volunteer, lead, donate, support, collaborate, and of course, pray.



PIONEER GIRLS CLUB

If you feel called to support this wonderful ministry, we need people to help with the children during MOPS meetings both evening and daytime. The childcare portion of MOPS is a blessing to moms who need time away to concentrate on becoming the best moms they can be. Even a few hours of your time would bless the moms and children.

This wonderful ministry that provides teaching and mentoring to future women in faith is looking for Wednesday evening leaders. Consider this opportunity so we don't have to turn girls away.

Contact Rebecca Wilson,
beccajwilson@gmail.com

Contact Sara Idler,
josesaraidler@yahoo.com
or 240-496-5739

INOVA Blood Services is holding a blood drive on September 28th at Forcey from 8-3:00 p.m.



Blood donors and volunteers needed!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDITS!!!

Contact Joy Wright for more info & to sign-up (301)741-7099.



Summer is rapidly advancing and so we must turn our thoughts to the ESL ministry which will resume *September 10 and run through June 10, 2014.*

If the Lord has been speaking to you about getting involved in this ministry, contact Byron Silvera, bhsilvera@gmail.com or 301-595-3372. **WE NEED YOU!** Below is the Volunteer Teacher Job Description.

JOB SUMMARY

Teach English as a Second Language (ESL) to adult Internationals from all over the world so they can function more fully in the United States. Seek opportunities to share the Gospel in both Word and Deed.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Teach once a week for one school year.
- Prepare ESL lessons based on the training received in the workshop.
- Attend 2 team meetings each semester.
- Call or write students when they are absent.
- Attend one student social each semester.
- Share your faith and testimony with students
- Pray for your students weekly.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A committed Christian, someone who is spiritually reborn and has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- A sense of mission or call from God to this ministry.
- An ability to speak, read, and write English as a native speaker.
- Completion of the 16 hour Southern Baptist North American Mission Board ESL Workshop.
- Commitment to teach for a period of at least one school year.
- Sensitivity to different cultures.
- Patient, understanding, flexible and teachable.
- A good sense of humor.

GOT MUSIC IN YOUR SOUL?

AMAZING GRACE

There are spots available for Choir, Orchestra, Praise Band and other musical groups.

John Newton, 1779

Contact John Itzel if interested in the first hour worship service, John-Itzel@forcey.org

Contact Art Kennedy if interested in the second hour worship service, Art-Kennedy@forcey.org

The image shows a snippet of musical notation for the hymn 'Amazing Grace'. The lyrics 'A-maz-ing, grace! How sweet the sound, that saves my soul from woe!' are written below the notes. The text is overlaid on the musical staff.

Child Care Volunteers also need once a month during evening choir rehearsals.

The image shows another snippet of musical notation for the hymn 'Amazing Grace'. The lyrics 'once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.' are written below the notes. The text is overlaid on the musical staff.