

Accountability Questions

- **Did you spend 5 minutes a day at least 5 days last week reading the Bible?**
- **Did you share a God story with a non-believer this week?**
- **Did you have spend time alone with God this week?**
- **Have you kept your New Years spiritual goal?**
- **Do you know what the Holy Spirits saying to you?**
- **Are you giving as God has asked?**
- **Did you wash someone's feet this week?**



Christian Faith Fellowship

- We are not a perfect church**
- We are not a perfect people**
- We are here because we know we need God's help and He has provided this help through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

- **Last week we looked at the life of Jesus to determine what a disciple is... since He told us we are to not only be disciples but to make disciples it's important to know what that is!**
- **Disciple=Christ follower, therefore we look to Jesus: He a Worshipper, a servant, & a Witness. If we are a disciple we live the same way.**
- **However, there is much to being a disciple & it requires the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we live the life & without Him we can't live it!**

Luke 6 38 “Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

- **We have all heard these verses being applied to your offerings - yes God loves a cheerful giver and rewards the giver - however, this is not the topic that Jesus is teaching here at all!!**
- **This is why it’s critical that we read “in context” let’s see what the topic is He is teaching...**

- **Yes, finances are being talked about here... but it's not talking specifically about finances and giving.**
- **The financial aspect is being used to teach a lesson on the main topic that Jesus is wanting His followers to fully grasp and understand!**
- **While it is important to understand financial responsibility (stewardship) – we also must see the point of the teaching in the fullness of the teaching of Jesus.**

Luke 6 32 “If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! 33 And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! 34 And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return. 35 “Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be

acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. 36 You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate. 37 “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

39 Then Jesus gave the following illustration: “Can one blind person lead another? Won’t they both fall into a ditch? 40 Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher.

- The entire context is that of a Christ follower and their way of life!**
- We are to love EVERYONE unconditionally, not show favoritism, but model the compassion and forgiveness of the Father!**

- **The pressed down shaken giving that Jesus refers to is to teach that of giving grace & compassion!**
- **The same way you give that grace & compassion is the way your Father will give it to you!**
- **As Jesus is teaching us the life of a disciple He gives the illustration:**

39...“Can one blind person lead another? Won’t they both fall in the ditch?” 40 Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher.

- **Students/disciples WILL become like the teacher...**
- **The Church has been making disciples for decades – therefore, we have replicated ourselves & way to frequently the Christ followers we have taught have ended up in the ditch!**
- **IF we are disciples of Christ - should we not be Christ like in our daily lives & those we are discipling should be becoming Christ-like as well?!**
- **The grace & compassion should be flowing over!**

- **Jesus is making a strong point here and as we continue to examine this teaching in context:**

Luke 6 41 “And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? 42 How can you think of saying, ‘Friend, let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.

- **It is obvious the teaching of this entire section is focused on how we are living the Christian life and how we are interacting with others around us**
- **Self-examination is required to see what kind of Christ follower I am ... am I living Christ like? Am I offering grace and compassion to those who don't deserve it? Am I quick to see the faults in the lives of those around me and "assist them" with their issues? Am I treating my finances as Christs? What are those I'm discipling going to look like?**

Action Steps

- **Am I a Christ follower?**
- **Does my life model my claim?**
- **Is there someone that I have not modeled compassion and grace to?**
- **Have I been seeing the issues (specs) in the life of others while ignoring my own issues (logs)?**
- **Am I in the ditch? Are others their because of me? Forgiveness & restoration are God's specialty!**
- **Live the life of a disciple—live as a Christ follower!**