

From Pastor Shaun

Dear Community Care Group Leader; I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

## Discipleship = How long will you falter between two options?

1. You have a choice to respond to the Calling or to reject the Calling
  - Psalm 91:15 He will call upon you, will you answer Him.
  - 1 Sam. 3:8 If you hear the God calling you, will you respond immediately or will you still ask the Lord "is it you"?
  - Acts 17:30 The First Call to all men everywhere is to repent.
2. You are called to be a Disciple of Christ and to make Disciples
  - Matthew 28:19-20 You must obey the Command of the Great Commission to make disciples.
  - Mark 16:15 The Command given to the Church is to first "Go" and then to "Make" -its work!
  - John 15:16 God chose you and Appointed you so that you may go and bear fruit (personally and also through serving others (Discipling)
  - Matthew 4:19 -20 Come, fellow Me; Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.
3. A Disciple of Christ is less busy with the Affairs of the World and more busy with the things in kingdom of God
  - 1 John 2:15 We are warned not to love the world or anything in the world.
  - Rom.12:2 We must not be conformed to the patterns of this world, its standards and its ways.
  - Titus 2:11-12 The Word teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to be self-controlled, upright and live godly in this present age.
  - John 16:33 In this world you will have many trouble. Many suffer because of disobedience, worldly lust and worldly passions
  - Mark 8:36 There is nothing good in gaining the whole world, the world's fortune and fame, yet forfeit, lose your soul.
4. Learn from Eutychus – Bored – to – Death
  - We cannot be in Christ and have nothing moving us to Worship Him in total obedience, spirit and in truth. The enemy of boredom is death. Boredom must not catch you. You need to be careful.
  - Eutychus raised from the dead at Troas Acts 20:7-12
  - 7 On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. 8 There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. 9 Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third storey and was picked up dead. 10 Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms round him. 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'He's alive!' 11 Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. 12 The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.
5. It's time to wake up
  - Ephesians 5:14 This is the Calling to awake and arise from the dead. (reference to the story of Eutychus).
  - Romans 13:11 Encourages us to do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us.

### Discovery question

1. What did you learn from Sunday's message?
2. What does the story of Eutychus teach you?
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the things that stop your spiritual growth?
4. Think about five things that you can do to help you grow stronger in the Lord?
5. What plans are you going to make to reach someone and to disciple that person?

Each one invite at least 2 people to the Sunday service weekly.

Have a Supernatural week

God bless

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