July: Purposeful Discipleship

Week One:

As a part of the body of Christ we have been called to be growing in maturity in our relationships with God and one another. This month we will be spending time praying that we would be growing in purposeful discipleship in our relationships. At the beginning of each year we have been issued the challenge to be intentional to be praying over 5 people, to be seeking to share the gospel with 3 people, and to be pouring into at least one person in discipleship with our 5-3-1 cards.

Spend time evaluating how you have sought to be faithful in prayer and making discipleship a priority over the last 6 months. Ask God to help you confess areas where you need to grow. Pray that He would give you boldness and compassion in sharing the gospel and coming alongside others as you grow in the Lord together. Pray that you would grow in eagerness and humility in following Jesus and inviting others to follow Him as well.

"While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him."
--Matthew 4:18-20

Week Two:

This week we have the incredible privilege to pour into and serve kindergarten through 5th grade students at High Five. Pray that God would equip the leaders and volunteers to speak the truth into the students' lives that they are working with this week.

Pray that the Gospel would be clearly proclaimed and that God would be working in the heart of each student who comes. Pray for wisdom, endurance, and patience for the leaders. Pray that seeds would be planted and that God would be at work in the coming weeks to stir the students' hearts to know and respond to the gospel.

Verses to pray through: Romans 3:23; Acts 17:26; 1 John 4:11-14

Week Three:

God has given us the opportunity in our various ministries to be building relationships and pouring into one another. Pray that as we serve together we would be growing in unity in fulfilling the mission that God has given us. Pray that we would seek to glorify God in each of our ministries. Pray that we would be marked by a heart of serving one another rather than self across our church body. Ask the Lord to give you wisdom and humility in fully deploying yourself to serve the body with the gifts he has given you.

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, -- Philippians 2:1–5

Week Four:

In **John 13:31-35** we see that the people of God are to be a testimony to the world because of their love for one another. When we are adopted into the family of God we are set apart and brought into the family of faith. We are united by what Jesus has done for us at the cross and the new life we now have in Him. Pray that as a church we would be growing in tangible love for one another that is a testimony to our neighbors and community of Jesus' love and work in us. Pray that we would be passionate about meeting together and building one another up, to the glory of God. Pray that our church would be a refuge amidst the storms of life and the brokenness in our world. May we be a place people come to find help and healing in their time of need.

"And since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."--Hebrews 10:21-25