

Gospel-Based Discipleship : July 4, 2021



We begin in the larger Group:

Welcome, announcements and land acknowledgment.

Bell x 3

The Gathering Prayer

A volunteer is chosen to read, or we read together:

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gospel Based Discipleship Rule of Life

is read by a volunteer or together.

Creator God, we acknowledge and give thanks that:

In Jesus we know we belong to a Sacred Circle with the Gospel and Baptismal Covenant in the centre.

In this Sacred Circle:

We are all related;

We live a compassionate and generous life;

We respect all life, traditions, and resources.

We commit ourselves to spiritual growth, discipleship, and consensus.

We break into smaller Groups (breakout of 4-5 people).

A Psalm *may be read by a volunteer, if desired.*

Psalm 48 *Magnus Dominus*

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised;
in whose city is the holy hill of God.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion,
the very centre of the world and the city of the great sovereign.

God is in its citadels and is known to be its sure refuge.

Behold, the rulers of the earth assembled and marched forward
together.

They looked and were astounded; they retreated and fled in
terror.

Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in
childbirth,

like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of
hosts, in the city of our God; God has established it for ever.

We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the world's end;
your hand is full of justice.

Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements.

Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about it;
count the number of its towers.

Consider well its bulwarks; examine its strongholds;
that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God for ever and ever, who shall be our guide for
evermore.

Reading the Gospel

1. A volunteer reads the Gospel of the day:

Mark 6: 1-13: Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples
followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the
synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said,
"Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has
been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his
hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of
James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters

here with us?" And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Silence. Sharing: What word(s), idea(s), or phrase(s) stand out for you?

2. Another volunteer reads the Gospel of the day (above)

Silence. Sharing: What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you?

3. Another volunteer reads the Gospel of the day (above)

Silence. Sharing. What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do? (share)

Prayer

Individual and Group Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS) may be offered by anyone in the group.

Collecting Prayer (Collect)

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

We regather into the large group.

Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...*We say together:* **Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.**

A period of silence is kept.

As beloved children of a loving parent, we say together:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

Take, bless, break, share.

The communion is given by coming forward for bread. All are welcome at Jesus' table.

Post-Communion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Blessing and/or Sending

The almighty and merciful Lord, Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

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