

Belonging

Five Keys to Unlocking your Potential as a Disciple

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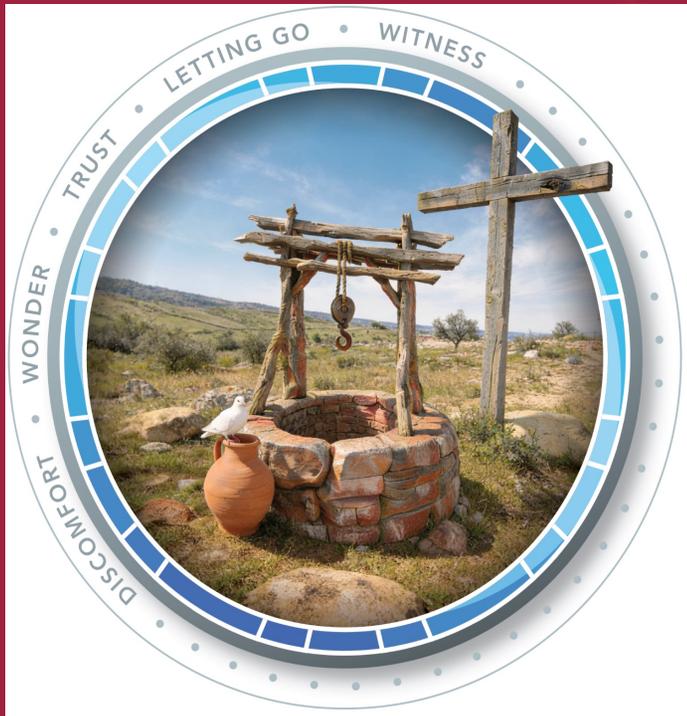


Table Talk

Who do you trust?

What happens when someone breaks your trust and when you break the trust of another.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

While we still were sinners, Christ died for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God promises to heal us and forgive us. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours,
and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships,
and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

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For jealousies that divide families and nations,
and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

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For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God,
and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

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For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:
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For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ,
and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace Abounding

Grace abounding, love surrounding all God's children far and near.
Praises flowing, tributes growing, singing anthems loud and clear.
Every nation in God's creation feels elation and celebration.
God has come to conquer sin! God has come to conquer sin!

Christ victorious, kingdom glorious, here on Earth to save us all.
God all-knowing, grace bestowing, we, his children, here his call.
Wrongs confessing, sins recanted, ours the blessing, mercy granted.
Jesus Christ is Lord of all! Jesus Christ is Lord of all!

General Themes in John



Rebirth/New Creation

Jesus' Identity as Messiah/Christ

Relationship

Witness

Abundance

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Key 3: Trust

John 4:16-24

Jesus said to [the woman], “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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Jesus’ “prophetic” truth-telling builds trust for “God questions”.

“You will worship ... neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem” (4:21)

Jesus trusts the woman with added self-disclosure: God resides in him.

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Insightful. Quotes

“When someone spews something hurtful, don’t pick it up and hold it and rub it into your heart and snuggle with it and carry it around for a long time. Don’t even put energy into kicking it to the curb. You gotta see it and step over it or go around it and keep going. (Brene Brown)

“Sometimes you just need to talk about something, not to get sympathy or help, but just to kill its power by allowing the truth of things to hit the air.” (Karen Salmansohn)

“What loneliness is more lonely than distrust?” (George Eliot)

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Respond

Has the Bible been used to hurt you or someone you love?

What difference does it make that Jesus knows truths you'd rather hide?

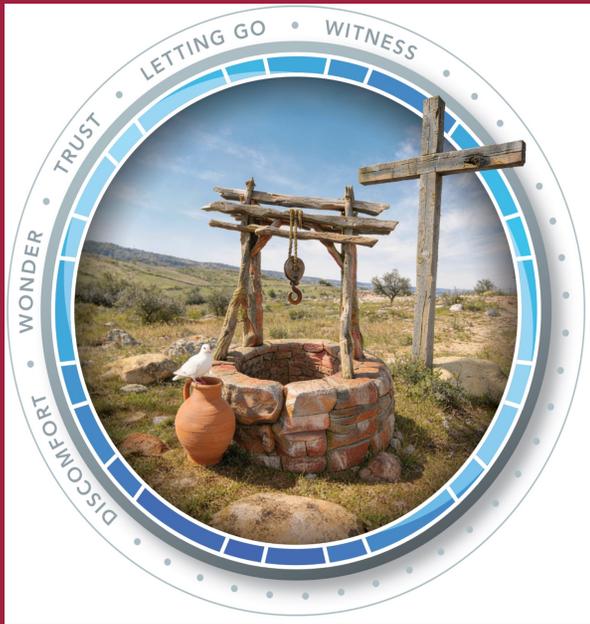
How do you live differently?

How does your trust in Jesus grow?

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Five Keys to Discipleship



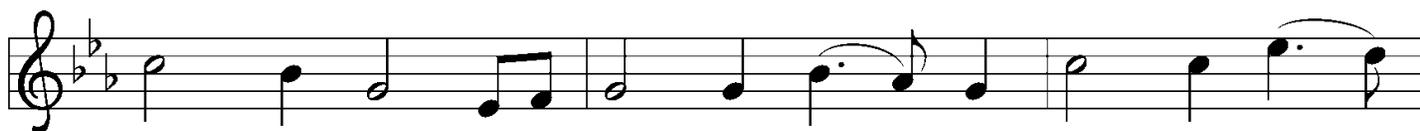
Expect **DISCOMFORT**

WONDER freely

Value **TRUST**



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Prayer Practice

Week 1 – Give Me a Word

Week 2 – Breath Prayer

Week 3 – Prayer of Examen

<https://youtu.be/tDZJ75kPclc?si=0tohpnl7iuiSkgRE>

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The Daily Replay

Reflecting and rewinding through your day

Become aware of **God's presence**

Review the day with **gratitude**

Pay attention to your **emotions**

Forgive and ask for forgiveness

Look ahead to tomorrow



The Daily Replay Video from Fuller Youth Institute

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*Lord's Prayer
And
Dismissal*
