

Application notes May 2nd 2021

Discipleship and Community

Matthew 28.16 – 20 *“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain that Jesus had instructed them.”*

Jesus had taken them back to where they began to follow Him and had become His disciples. The Son of God, Jesus, had come to reach out to the lost sheep of Israel and to form a band of disciples.

Jesus from His birth to His death set out the cost of true discipleship. It cost the Son of God everything; Philippians 2.6-7. He laid aside his glory as the Son of God and became fully human. John 17.5.

Jesus poured Himself into fulfilling the Fathers plan and purpose, in doing so He modelled true discipleship. The eleven disciples obeyed Jesus and went to Galilee following His instructions. But Jesus did not walk with them. He met them at the mountain He had instructed them to go. For forty days from his resurrection He prepared this small band of men to disciple others.

It took the out pouring of the Holy Spirit into His followers so that they could teach and instruct others to become disciples, followers of Jesus Christ. Acts 4.42.

Pete brought this challenge to us, are we prepared to follow Jesus in this current age? Our we prepared to work out our discipleship in Community with one another.

Pete looked at the three headings of; Show up, Shape up, Don't Give up. We must look at our hearts, and listen to what the Holy Spirit tells us.

Revelation 3.23 *“Know that I, I AM He who searches mind and heart.”*

Revelation 3.29 *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”*

Q.1.... Am I honestly prepared to show my true desire to be involved in the Together Church community? Acts 2.42; Hebrews 10.19-25

We may need to encourage each other in doing church together in some different ways. For some it may be more difficult than others to get involved, but loving Christ and his church will open us to change for Him, and move us to find ways to include all His members. Ephesians 4.14-21

Q2.... Am I prepared to see my life shaped and changed to become more like Christ Jesus?

This is what the Holy Spirit desires to do in our lives. 2 Corinthians 3.17-18.

The Spirit may use others to do this shaping of our attitudes and ideas. Colossians 3.12-17; Ephesians 4.15-16

Do not give up if things get tough, rather let Christ change us through his Holy Spirit who knows us intimately. We are each one built into the body of Christ, the family of God, *“to be a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”* Ephesians 2.22

May I encourage you to pray that we may know the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so that Together Church will increasingly desire and display the love and glory of Christ in all He asks us to do.

Please include our brothers and sisters in India in this as they go through a very tough and costly period.