## Disciple 201 – Chpt 02

Having Faith

Opening prayer and comments on inspiration since last session.

Many years ago, I heard a missionary giving testimony of work God was doing overseas. He made a comment that I will always remember; "The kingdom of God moves forward on a carpet of prayer."

If Jesus needed to pray, then we need to pray. We need to be given in prayer if we seek to serve God.

God's kingdom moves forward through us acting out of obedience in faith.

I believe prayer is a part of the exercising of our faith. Comment on the importance this aspect of your faith. How important is it in you accomplishing what God has for you.?

Once again each person is going state something important to them they are trusting God for in their growth in him. This should be written down by the leader and prayed for throughout the series.

Ephesians 4"11 – 13, And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

God has made a spiritual structure for his kingdom. We can only see this by his Spirit. The mandate of the Holy Spirit is to grow his body through his leadership structure. The Holy Spirit brings the body (all) to maturity through this structure.

Now spend time praying for the establishing and strengthening of his Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers and Evangelists and the characteristics needed to be in that role.

Use the Prayer Guides for this. (download from website – foundationchurchbuilding.ca)

Group prayer for Leadership Ministry to be built up

After praying through for these offices of ministry, discuss what you feel the importance of this is.

You have heard teaching many times on financial giving. You understand that sacrificing from your physical need of finances will give you spiritual and financial blessings. Do you believe that your sacrifice of time, energy and faith in praying for his kingdom to be built will result in blessings?

Pray for each other to be stirred with a greater heart and passion for prayer as well as his guidance.

God has shown me that those who pray for the building of his kingdom will be blessed in accordance with their calling and faith. Comment on this statement.

Take time to pray in closing of meeting.