Disciple 201 – Chpt 6

Increasing Stature in Christ

Opening prayer and testimony of any inspiration at this point in study.

Romans 4: 7 - 8, "Blessed are they whose lawless acts are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him."

We walk in grace and forgiveness of sin. King David of the Old Testament understood that we stood by grace before God. We will not impress God by adhering to outward form. He knows us. God esteems those who are obedient by faith because that's the system he has put in place.

1 Corinthians 3: 12 – 15, If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, 13 his workmanship will be evident, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will prove the quality of each man's work. 14 If what he has built survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, he will suffer loss. He himself will be saved, but only as if through the flames.

The works of the Spirit are what builds God's kingdom. We have no ability to build his Kingdom. The work of the Spirit as you allow it to build you, and the work of the Spirit through you affecting other people is what you are credited with. In everything else you are covered by grace with the exception of what you do against others. Comment on these concepts.

Mark 4: 18 - 20, Others are like the seeds sown among the thorns. They hear the word, 19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. Still others are like the seeds sown on good soil. They hear the word, receive it, and produce a crop—thirtyfold, sixtyfold, or a hundredfold."

Have someone lead and agree in prayer as a group to take out of your mind and heart the desires and reliance on the things of the world and yet having all of your needs met in the world.

Jesus said that we must come to him as a child to receive the kingdom. We must have that same attitude to receive anything in the kingdom. We will have a ministry prayer time now. You will pray for one person at a time. The others gather around and lay on hands or not as you are comfortable. You will pray for; 1) restoration of childlike attributes of trust and ability to receive and believe while still having maturity of age. 2) that important thing that each person is trusting God for. 3) integrity of heart. 4) discernment of motives of heart of those ministering to. 5) grace and patience for others. 6) ability to see the best in people. 7) greater faith and decisiveness to act in faith. 8) gentleness and compassion. 9) greater love for God. 10) greater ability for intimacy in relationships.

After finishing with that you may take turns praying through the Prayer Guide for raising up healing ministry teams.

You may close in prayer after that.