

**A Discipling Church**  
**The Importance of Church – Part 4**  
**Life Church St. Louis – February 26, 2017**  
**Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker**

*Matthew 28:19-20a (NIV) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

*Psalms 119:11 (NIV) I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

**1. Spend time \_\_\_\_\_ with God**

*Psalms 119:147 (NIV) I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in your word.*

**1A. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word**

*2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,*

**1B. \_\_\_\_\_ and listen to God**

*Psalms 5:3 (NIV) In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.*

**1C. \_\_\_\_\_ God's commands**

*James 1:22 (NIV) Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ to God regularly**

*Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV) Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.*

**2A. Give your \_\_\_\_\_ to God's church**

*Malachi 3:8-10 (NIV) "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a*

*curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*

**2B. Give your \_\_\_\_\_ to God**

*1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV) On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.*

*Luke 6:38 (NIV) Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

**3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to serve God**

*Hebrews 13:17 (NIV) Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.*

**3A. Learn from church \_\_\_\_\_**

*Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up*

**3B. Learn from church \_\_\_\_\_**

*2 Peter 2:1a (NIV) But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you.*

**Action Plan for This Week**

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.  
 Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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# A Discipling Church Study Guide

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Intro. According to Matthew 28:19-20a, what are disciples of Jesus to be taught?

What is the difference between knowing God's Word and obeying God's Word? Why is obedience essential?

What is a purpose of hiding God's Word in your heart (Psalm 119:11)?  
What is the difference between sins of commission and sins of omission?

What would you say to the 61% of Americans who wished they read the Bible more but are too busy to do it (Matthew 4:4)?

1A. Why is it important to daily spend time with God (Psalm 119:147, Matthew 6:11)?

1B. What are the purposes of studying God's Word according to 2 Timothy 3:16?

1C. In what ways is true prayer two-way communication (Psalm 5:3)?

1D. Why is it essential to put God's Word into practice (James 1:22)? What is the result if you read God's Word but do nothing about it?

1E. What are the advantages of having your daily quiet time with God in the morning?

2A. What is the significance of giving God the firstfruits of your income (Proverbs 3:9-10)?

2B. Why does God promise to bless those who tithe (give 10% of their income) to their church (Malachi 3:8-10)? What is the result of not putting God first with your giving of tithes (Haggai 1:9)?

2C. What is the difference between tithes and offerings (1 Corinthians 16:2)?

2D. What is God's promise to those who give to Him (Luke 6:38)?

2E. What would you say to someone who says they can't tithe?

3A. What does it mean to submit to the authority of a church leader (Hebrews 13:17)?

3B. What is one of the main purposes of a church leader (Ephesians 4:11-12)?

3C. How do church leaders protect the church from false teachers (2 Peter 2:1)?