

ANNOUNCEMENTS - June 12, 2024

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WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm

April 24 – June 12 (Wednesdays) 12:10pm WOW Series: “Organic Discipleship”

Based on the Book:

Organic Disciples: Seven Ways to Grow Spiritually & Naturally Share Jesus

by Kevin G. Harney & Sherry Harney

April 24: Foundations

May 1: Bible Engagement

May 8: Passionate Prayer

May 15: Wholehearted Worship

May 22: Humble Service

May 29: Joyful Generosity

June 5: Consistent Community

June 12: Organic Outreach

Notes on Today’s Service Theme: “Organic Outreach:

Love as I Have Loved You”

Key Scripture Verses:

Matthew 5:14-16 *English Standard Version ESV*

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 28:18-20 *ESV*

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Luke 9:1-6 *ESV*

And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. ³ And he said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. ⁴ And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. ⁵ And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” ⁶ And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

John 3:16 *ESV*

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Excerpts from Organic Disciples (pp 233-265):

The first one to reach out is always God. He so loved the world that he gave his only Son. When Jesus walked on this earth, he extended grace to every person he met. We who follow Jesus are to love people as he does. Every disciple carries the best news in human history. Our calling is to share the love and gospel of Jesus freely, in the power of the Spirit. As we partner with the Savior, he draws people to himself, and he alone receives the glory.

The Evangelist of All Evangelists

Jesus had a clear mission. (Luke 19:9-10; John 1:14; Luke 2:8-12, 29-32))

Who Was This Jesus?

The Messiah (John 4:26)

The Bread of Heaven (John 6:48-58)

The Living Water (John 7:37)

The Light of the World (John 1:12-13)

The Lamb of God (John 1:29)

The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)

The Gate (John 10:7-10)

The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25, 38-44)

Why Did Jesus Come?

Jesus came to reveal the love and grace of God. (John 3:16)

Jesus came to preach and bring the good news of the kingdom (Matt. 4:17, 6:33, 19:14; Luke 12:32; John 3:3; Luke 4:18-19)

Jesus came to call people to repentance (Matt. 4:17)

Jesus came to save sinners (Romans 3:23; Matt. 9:9-13; Luke 5:17-26; Luke 7:36-50; John 4:1-26)

Jesus came to suffer and die (Isaiah 53:4-6)

Jesus came to conquer sin, death, hell, and the enemy (1 Cor. 15:55, 57)

Jesus came to call disciples (Matt 16:24-25)

Jesus Called His Followers to Share His Good News (Luke 9:1-6, 10:2,3)

Jesus Painted Powerful Pictures of Who We Are

You are a fisher of people. (Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20)

You offer living water. (John 4:13-14)

You are light in this world (Matt 5:14-16)

You are the salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13)

I Can Do This!

We are to scatter the seed of the gospel. (Matt. 13:1-23)

We are to join Jesus in finding lost sheep (Matt. 18:10-14)

We are to love our neighbors. (Matt. 22:39)

Organic outreach is all about sharing the faith in a way that is natural for us. It should also feel comfortable to the people to whom we are speaking. Sharing the message of Jesus should not freak us out or drive spiritual seekers away. Every encounter is unique, and we can love, listen, pray, and share in a way that fits the person and the situation.

Closing Thoughts:

Nothing is more meaningful and joy filled than drawing close to the God who made us and loves us. When the fruit of the Spirit is growing in us and forming our character, we become more like Jesus. As we join in the great procession of Christians through history and lock hands with people in front of us and behind us, we become true disciples. We learn from those who are more mature. We take consistent steps of growth. We help others go deeper in faith. And we teach them to take the hand of the next generation and do the same. This is the pathway to organic disciples.

Each day, our journey is upward toward God as worshippers, inward toward his family in community, and outward to the world with the gospel. Every one of the markers of spiritual maturity connects us to God, makes us more like Jesus, and propels us out to love the lost sheep Jesus came to save.

LOOKING AHEAD:

***** WOW will NOT be held on June 19 due to the Juneteenth Holiday *****

A Pre-Recorded Service of Word & Prayer and Bulletin will be available on Zion's website.

WOW RESUMES ON JUNE 26

Mini-Series on the Psalms: June 26 – July 17

Psalms 113, 69:1-16, 27, 40:1-10

Ruth Cheng, Missionary serving in Romania, at Zion on Sunday, June 23

9:00-9:45am Sunday School Presentation

10:15am Preacher at Worship Service

Weekly Schedule

Sunday (Communion & Healing Prayer on 1st and 3rd Sundays and Festivals)

9:00am Sunday School (in-person only); 9:45am Fellowship (in-person only)

10:15am Worship Service (in-person & online)

Wednesday (Communion on the 1st Wednesday)

12:10pm WOW, Worship On Wednesday (in-person & online); 12:35pm Lunch Fellowship