

## WHAT'S HOLDING US UP?

Week 3: Making Disciples  
Matthew 28.16-20, Luke 9.23

There are a few essentials that are holding us up, supporting us as a church. If they are not there, we are missing a critical part of who we are called to be as the people of God. These essentials can be found in Jesus' teachings in Matthew 22 and 28. At Beaver Dam, we call these our Four (4) Pillars.

Pillar #1: AUTHENTIC WORSHIP

Pillar #2: BUILDING COMMUNITY

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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.**"* Matthew 28.18-20

A. Pillar #3: MAKING DISCIPLES

- A disciple is a LEARNER of the WAYS of Jesus.  
Ephesians 4.11-16
- A disciple is someone who puts Jesus FIRST IN THEIR LIFE.  
*Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."* Luke 9.23

B. Facts about becoming a disciple:

- It's not AUTOMATIC  
*In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!...Therefore let us **move beyond the elemental teachings about Christ** and be taken forward to maturity...*  
Hebrews 5.12-6.1
- It's a PROCESS  
*But **grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*  
2 Peter 3.18
- It takes DISCIPLINE ...train yourself to be godly. 1 Timothy 4.7

C. How do you become a disciple? Develop DISCIPLE HABITS.

## 6 Important Disciple Habits

1. Daily BIBLE READING and PRAYER  
*To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples."* John 8.31
2. Weekly WORSHIP  
*He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, **as was his custom.*** Luke 4.16  
  
*...not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* Hebrews 10.25
3. FELLOWSHIP with other believers  
*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**"* John 13.34-35
4. SERVING OTHERS  
*...Not so with you. Instead, **whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...*** Mark 10.44-45
5. GIVING GENEROUSLY  
*The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.* Deuteronomy 14.23 LB
6. Sharing your STORY  
*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have...* 1 Peter 3.15

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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