**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. June 20, 2021**

**The Disciples Short-Term Mission Trip**

Mark 6:7-13

**Key Truth:** Christian ministry can be joyful, exhausting, and often opposed, yet it is the greatest privilege we ever receive from Jesus.

**Unpacking The Story:**

1. In this story we see, discipleship, evangelism, and

 multiplication.

2. The disciples were to be an extension of Jesus’ ministry in the

 community.

3. Jesus was teaching the disciples to put their total trust in

 His provision for them.

4. They were to walk in humility and practice hospitality.

5. They were to lovely proclaim the gospel and all its

 implications.

**Truths For Living:**

1. We are all called to full-time ministry. **1 Corinthians 12:27,**

 **Ephesians 4:14-16, 2 Corinthians 5:20, Colossians 3:17, 1 Peter 2:9**

2. Christian ministry is not an individual journey.

3. Disciples are best made in the context of relationships.

4. We are not called to kick down doors, we are called to walk

 through open doors.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Pray that the Lord will open doors for us within our own “community” to share the gospel with others. Ask the Lord to raise up leaders within our congregation.

**Food For Thought**

How could we re-focus on making disciples of others in our lives? Perhaps you could commit to trying to help someone understand the gospel better this week by modeling it and talking to that person about it.

When we think about being in full-time ministry, we can usually come up with a lot of reasons why we aren’t qualified or equipped enough to do what we think it takes. Moses was a lot like us in this regard. When you read about his call to ministry, you see him trying hard to get out of his God-given mission. Read the following passages and list each of Moses’ excuses along with God’s response.

Exodus 3:11-12

Exodus 4:1-5

Exodus 4:10-11

Considering our calling to be “salt & light” to the world around us as part of our ministry, can you relate with any of Moses’ excuses?

How could God’s responses to Moses give someone who has similar doubts, hope or courage in their calling to ministry?

Read 2 Timothy 1:5-7: Being a Christian parent is a full-time ministry. How did the ministry of Lois and Eunice impact Timothy’s ministry?

Have you ever gotten into a debate with someone hostile to the gospel? Pray this week that God would give us discernment on when to speak more and when to walk away.