

Dear Families of Gilead Bible Church,

January, 2013

The theme for 2013 is **'Discipleship: To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known.'**

The key verse is Matt. 28:19-20, "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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Our goals are as follows:

A. As Jesus' disciple, I want to know him:

1. By reading his word daily
2. By having a daily time of prayer
3. By knowing what I believe (we'll memorize the Apostle's Creed)

B. As Jesus' disciple, I want to make him known by:

1. By being familiar with using one gospel tract
2. By intentionally sharing Christ with one person
3. By living a lifestyle that testifies that we are Christians

C. Keys:

1. Personal practice
2. Corporate accountability



What is a disciple? The word 'disciple' in the Greek is *mathētēs*. It means to be a learner or pupil. We are to be learners and pupils of Jesus Christ

Heed the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945). He was a Protestant Lutheran pastor, theologian, and active in the German resistance to the policies of Hitler and Nazism. For his opposition to the Nazi regime, Bonhoeffer was ultimately arrested and executed at Flossian concentration camp, during the last month of the war. He wrote: ¹

"But discipleship never consists in this or that specific action: It is always a decision, either for or against Jesus Christ...Christ speaks to us exactly as he spoke to them. It was not as though they first recognized him as the Christ and then received his command. They believed his word and command and recognized him as the Christ--in that order."

God Bless, Pastor and Helen Moy

¹ Excerpted from <http://www.biographyonline.net/spiritual/dietrich-bonhoeffer.html>

親愛的基列聖經教會家庭成員，

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2013年主題是 '作主的門徒：認識基督，傳揚我主'

關鍵的經文來自馬太福音28章19 至20節：'所以你們要去、使萬民作我的門徒、奉父子聖靈的名、給他們施洗、凡我所吩咐你們的、都教訓他們遵守我就常與你們同在、直到世界的末了。'

我們的目標如下：

A. 作耶穌的門徒，我要認識祂：

1. 透過每日讀祂的話語
2. 透過每日祈禱
3. 認識我所相信的(我們會研誦使徒信經)



B. 作耶穌的門徒，我要傳揚祂：

1. 熟練地使用一份福音單張
2. 刻意去跟一個人分享基督
3. 以生活和生命見證我們是基督徒

C. 關鍵

1. 個人實踐
2. 對整體團隊負責

甚麼是門徒？“門徒”這個詞，在希臘文是學習者，學生的意思。我們作基督耶穌的學生和學習者。霍費爾 (Bonhoeffer 1906-1945) 是一個路德會的牧師和神學家，他反對納粹政權並在德國活躍地抵抗希特勒和納粹主義的政策。霍費爾最終被捕並在戰爭結束的前一個月被處決於科士連集中營，請留意他所寫的：

“但作門徒並不包含在作某些事或特別的行動：而是一個常存的決定，就是反對或支持基督....基督對我們說的，與對別人說的總是一樣。這不是先承認祂是基督，然後接受祂的差派。這一順序是他們是先相信祂的話，才承認祂是基督。”

願神保守你，

梅牧師和師母

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